**MAPE Local 601 Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2020 Noon—12:45 Metro Square Building** **Auditorium – Lower Level**

1. **Standing items Beginning 12:05 pm**

1. **Welcome – Jason Bonnett, President**

Lee Knutson is the election lead and will be in charge of the Gmail account listed below.

1. **Statewide, Regional and Local elections**
	* Nominations opened on February 10, 2020 for the MAPE 2020 statewide, regional, local, agency-specific and selected local special elections. Nominations close on April 10, 2020.
	* The elections will be held via online balloting between May 13, 2020 and May 27, 2020. A link will be sent via e-mail to access the online voting on May 13, 2020.

The following positions are open for nomination:

Jurisdiction Position

Statewide President

Statewide Treasurer

Statewide Three Organizing Council Positions

Statewide Two Political Council Positions

Statewide One Trustee Position

Statewide Meet & Confer Chairs

Region Regional Negotiations Team Representatives

Region Regional Director – (Even-numbered regions only)

                Joan will not be running again.

Local Delegates & Alternates for Delegate Assembly

Note: Due to scheduling conflicts we need to have a list of delegate and alternates.

Local 601 should submit all nominations to the following email address: mapelocal601electioncommittee@gmail.com

**additional agenda topics**

**Student Loan Survey update:**

Sharrilyn Helgertz –we had a 60% response rate and 81% had borrowed money for school

                **Organization Council** **Upcoming Opportunities:**

         Sara Evans

1. Labor Notes Conference in Chicago: 4/17 -19
* Apply on MAPE website by March 4th
1. Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarship Dinner 3/19; 6:30pm, Bloomington
* Application on MAPE website soon
* Dinner recognizes Nellie Stone Johnson, a civil rights activist and labor organizer, 1st black elected official in MPLS
* Scholarships (up to $2,500) for union members or children/grandchildren/ spouses currently enrolled in an accepted program at MN State College/ University
1. **MAPE Strategic Planning Presentation – Lina Jamoul, Executive Director**

Visiting locals to determine strategic planning for coming

* + **2 years ago**

Faced three major threats

* + 1. Janice – removal of fair-share fee
		2. Elections – loss of Governor Dayton
		3. Contract was voted down unexpectedly

                                What we accomplished

1.) Improve economic security and conditions for work for our members

2.) Organize diverse professionals to build power (parental leave)

3.) Develop the skills, talents and creativity of our members (MMB will start a limited assignment – career advancement opportunity)

* Small Group discussions
1. What is the work of your local that you are proud of?

                                        Increase of membership and engagement with new hires

                                        Increase in vacation accrual for years of experience outside of public sector

1. What does success look like for the next two years?

Environmentally friendly options in our investments

Better ways to assist people with disabilities to be successful

Better way to communicate with other members outside of own agency

1. **Adjourn 12:50 pm**

**NOTE:** *If you have filed a respectful workplace complaint, or are dealing with respectful workplace issues, and if you wish to share your story with a steward, please contact Stephen Kelly at stephen.kelly@minnstate.edu. General questions about the respectful workplace policy are also welcome.*

**Next Meeting:** Noon-12:45 p.m., Wednesday, **April 1**, 2020 at Metro Square Building, Auditorium - Lower Level Room

**Appendix 1:  MAPE Rules for Candidate Personal Statements**

The deadline for submission of Personal Statements is stated in the Election Timetable.

All candidates whose names are to appear on the ballot must have timely submitted a personal statement. If a candidate is otherwise eligible to run for a position, and there is more than one eligible candidate, a candidate who fails to submit a personal statement will be declared ineligible and the candidate’s name will not appear on the ballot.

If you are running for a Statewide, Regional or local office, please prepare your personal statement as follows:

1. No photographs, graphics, or artwork.

2. No references to other candidates. Write only about yourself.

3. It is helpful to voters to include the following information:

• Name

• Department

• Work City

• Years of state service

• Years as a MAPE member

4. Word limit:

• Statewide Officer (including a Trustee or council member) 300 words

• Regional Director: 200 words

• Local President: 150 words

• Delegate: 100 words

• Other Local officers: 100 words

5. The text needs to be in Word or similar format, no pdf format.

Sample of a personal statement from Delegate candidate:

*My name is Jane Doe. I work for the Department of Revenue in Alexandria. I have been a State employee for five years, and a MAPE member for one year. I was picket captain for my building. I have always been interested in unions and see this as a way to get acquainted with MAPE and with members from around the state. What is most important to me is seeing that members’ voices are heard in MAPE. If I am elected, I will work hard to solicit opinions from other members in my Local.*

*Please email the final copy to swelect@mape.org . If you have any questions, please contact Sierra Plunkett at 651-287-8763.*