**Local 301 Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday April 14th, 12-1pm**, **Skype**

**Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm by President Nagle**

**Attendees: 136**

**Welcome/Announcements, Brett Nagle, Local President**

* Local 301 will donate its average monthly lunch expense ($900) to [The Sheridan Story](https://www.thesheridanstory.org/) until we resume in-person meetings. The Sheridan Story operates throughout the metro to provide reliable access to food, such as free and reduced meal programs at school. President Nagle made a motion to vote on this. Kristin Kirchoff-Franklin seconded motion. No one opposed the motion. The motion passed.
* President Nagle expressed gratitude to all the folks and leaders at MAPE working hard on our behalf. MAPE leaders have been in constant contact since COVID-19 impacts started.
* See the [MAPE COVID-19](https://mape.org/covid-19) page for more information.
* Dave Kamper, MAPE Business Agent discussed how the governor and all commissioners have agreed to a 10% pay cut and acknowledged President Nagle for doing an excellent job representing us all.
* If you have new employees in you work group make sure you reach out to them and tell them about MAPE and our meetings, and encourage them to join. Membership committee tries to meet w/ new folks w/in the first month and have switched over to using Skype for meetings and are sending emails.
* Nominations for local and state MAPE positions are in. Membership voting will be open from May 13th to May 27th. We will have time to discuss and possibly hear from candidates at our next meeting on May 11th.
* We have nominations for all open positions for our local. President Nagle thanked folks who nominated people, and thanked those who were nominated and accepted nominations.

**Megan Dayton: 2020 Census / MAPE Political Council**

* President Nagle introduced Megan Dayton. She is a senior demographer with the Department of Administration in the State Demographic office.
* Megan’s primary role is to monitor and analyze demographic trends throughout the state (migration/births/deaths). Migration data comes from census bureau.
* They also work on projecting trends for the future.
* Every 10 years we participate in the census. The census started in 1790, this is the 26th decennial census.
* There are about 330 million people in the country, and Minnesota has about 5.6 million people.
* They are working on mobilizing to get a complete count and working with committees and local groups to reach out to people in their communities to talk about the census.
* Many people have distrust in the government.
* The census data determines how much money the state receives from the federal government. Currently, $2,796 dollars per person is allocated by federal government to Minnesota.
* We want to make sure we have accurate data to make smart decisions and have equal representation and fair distribution of resources.
* In 1960, Minnesota had nine congressional seat. We lost one seat in 2010, and have had eight seats since 1960.
* In 2010, we held on to our eighth seat by 7,000 people, which is very small margin. We are doing everything we can do to hold on to the eighth congressional seat. If we were to go down to seven, each congressional district would be diluted and districts would be less representative of each voter that lives there.
* Minnesota has the best response rate (57.5%) of responding to the census of any other state in the country. You can respond to the census online. All households have received an invitation in the mail.
* The federal government has pushed back field operations due to COVID-19. They usually start going out in the field in May, but they are not sure when they will go out this year.
* The Census Bureau has asked congress to push back the date of when the census data is due.
* Historically the census misses young children, people of color, indigenous communities, and low-income households. These groups are disproportionately missed in urban and rural parts of Minnesota.
* See https://mn.gov/admin/2020-census/ for more information. The website has resources in different languages. If you have any questions email [megan.dayton@state.mn.us](mailto:megan.dayton@state.mn.us)
* Question: Does your work involve drawing the district lines? We support work that involves drawing district lines and provide liaison assistance for this work.
* Question: Is it possible to gain our ninth congressional seat back? It is always possible, but it won’t happen for the 2020 census. Maybe we’ll get our seat back in 2030.
* Question: How do we know that ICE won’t use info to deport people? The federal government has put things in place to protect people. No other agency (IRS, white house) can access personally identifiable census information. The census people that go out to talk to people are sworn to secrecy for life. In the event that they report, they could face five years in prison and a fine. There are also technology barriers in place so people can’t hack the information.
* Megan is also on the **MAPE Political Council**. The purpose of the council is to help define legislative priorities, educate members and encourage members to engage in the legislative/political process. See [MAPE Political Council page](https://mape.org/committees/political-council) for more info.
* Currently the council is working on insulin supply issues. If someone has less than a seven day supply of insulin, they could get a 30 day supply for only $30. The council expects this to pass overwhelmingly.
* The council had a lot of plans for different agency specific day on the hills. The Department of Corrections did this and it was very successful. Unfortunately, other events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19.
* The council is pushing forward on insulin bills, and will have to wait until next session for most things. They want to focus on a joint effort with the MAPE Organizing Council. The two councils met jointly last week to do outreach with members.
* Question: Are Political Council notes posted on website? They are posted to a slack channel. MAPE is currently down a few employees and have recently hired a new person, so we hope to get the minutes up as soon as possible.
* Dave Kamper thanked Kristin Kirchoff-Franklin and Megan for helping with a challenging case involving a member.

**Chief Stewards, Kristin Kirchoff-Franklin, Bill Dunn, Telework in the time of COVID-19**

* Kristin discussed how this is a great opportunity to show that we can telework effectively, we need to show we can be reliable, and follow the rules. Please do the tracking as you are required to. Please submit all the requested data and prove that it can be effective and efficient.
* Kristin is going to look into the daily tracking we are now required to do for flex days, vacation, sick, etc.
* Kristin will become chief steward of Local 301 on May 1st.

**Meeting Adjourned by President Nagle at 1 pm**

**Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 12th**