MAPE Local 101 meeting 06-2021

Dave: welcome, return to work update

Harland negotiations update

* Push week delayed until mid-July
* Negotiators currently trying to schedule meeting with Walz
* Modest increases in healthcare premiums possible
* Proposal to increase percentage of premiums paid by individuals/families from 5-7%/15-17%, negotiators expect to reject this
* MMA has entered mediation, this is unprecedented
* Dave asks for actions ahead of push week – none planned yet, Harland asks members to monitor weekly messages from MAPE Central

Devin Bruce, MAPE public affairs coordinator

* No real explanation for all of MMB’s anti-union proposals
  + Discussion in chat – Nell suggests members contact any pro-labor reps
* Members mostly left out of conversations at the Capitol
* 3 bills coming out: Commerce, higher ed, Legacy – signals some movement on DNR projects
* Workgroups have missed two deadlines so far, for spreadsheets and policy language
* June 14 special session will probably last a week or longer, may run close to June 30 deadline
* Dave asks for next steps over short and long term
  + Short: full government shutdown is unlikely, a short partial shutdown is possible; legislators’ long term strategy is redistricting, which is likely to involve a court case
* Clarifying question about enviro bills: not much detail available; raiding Clean Water Fund to fund the agency is on the table

Dan BA update

* Petition to pass contract delivered to Walz with 5200 signatures – less than half of members, but this is the best turnout for a mass ask in recent memory
* Repeats Nell’s suggestion to contact reps
* Since last shutdown Supreme Court has less leeway on determining critical positions
* [MAPE update on layoff notices available here](https://mape.org/news/state-employees-receive-layoff-notices)
* Current contract stays in effect for as long as bargaining continues; if open enrollment starts before bargaining is over, existing healthcare may stay in effect for another year
* Contract vote, then to MMB, then to SER, which has 30 days to vote; goes into effect pending full legislative approval; interim effect if SER does not vote
* Members will be asked to keep pressure on in coming weeks

Dave speaks briefly on telework, sends [this video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R238tyTDZw0&feature=youtu.be)

Darci board update

* Working on new board members orientation
* Finance WG working on budget for next biennium, which goes to DA
* DA is Sat, Sept 18, online; still looking for delegates
* Resolution writing seminar coming up soon
* Listening sessions on resolutions to follow
* Listening session for proposed MAPE budget

Jed steward update

* No changes to grievances since last meeting
* Meet & Confer @ DNR – no progress in supplemental bargaining, but discussion was a positive development; presented MAPE telework survey results; transit subsidy not ruled out but won’t be determined before new telework policies
* Virgin Pulse points for COVID vaccine can drop member deductible to $70

Dave opens discussion

* Nell comments on MOU – last shutdown, state continued health insurance contributions; disappointed that there was no ask for input on the MOU this time
  + Darci responds – Pres Dayton asked for guidance from MAPE staff and exec team; there wasn’t time for a membership vote before the exec team voted to approve; [MOU is now up on the website](https://mape.org/media/1958), summarized in [this update](https://mape.org/news/state-employees-receive-layoff-notices); this issue will be discussed next board meeting

Dave picks raffle winners – Lunds & Byerlys gift cards to Yengmy and Deborah