Local 1601

Date: 8/24/21

Time: 12PM-1PM

Zoom

1) Local 1601 President, Laura Czech called the meeting to order.

2) May, June & July 2021 minutes were approved.

3) Introductions

4) Kevin Martini presented Treasurer’s update. We continue to be in good financial standing.

5) Chief Stewards, Tracey Bartkowitz and Jesse O’ Connor were not present. Regional Director, Darren Hage reported there is a grievance on MMB for stewards to be able to use work time for investigations and other union duties.

6) 1601 Membership Secretary, Susan Sunde was not present. President Laura Czech provided a membership update: We currently have 245 members (72.27%) and 94 non-members (27.73%).

7) Regional Director’s Report: Darren Hage gave updates on the following topics:

* The MAPE contract is being reviewed and contract language was approved by the board.
* MAPE Board approved entering a contract for strategic planning with M State Partners.
* Covid- 19: MAPE members hold a variety of beliefs regarding Covid policies. MAPE has not taken a stance on the vaccine mandate, however, we are concerned that the state rushed a policy forward without negotiating terms, as required by law. MAPE strives to represent all members. MAPE was not involved with MMB on vaccine policies and the mandate.
* MAPE Board approved a contract extension for Community Consulting Group, the consultant to the Board Governance workgroup.
* Board restructuring will not occur at this time.
* Delegate Assembly: MAPE Board approved the DA Planning Taskforce Charter. MAPE Board approved the budget as prepared by the Board Finance Workgroup to be presented to Delegate Assembly for final approval.
* MAPE Board approved charters for two taskforces: DOC Taskforce to support DOC Statewide Meet & Confer and Essential Worker Taskforce. The IAF Workgroup has been dissolved.

8) Tracey Bartkowitz stepped down as co-chief steward. Leilani Hauge (from 1602) accepted the position as co-chief steward. Darren Hage asked if someone would be able to assist with duties in 1602. Jane Brinks volunteered to assist with this.

9) No updates from Organizing Business agent, Daniel Englehart.

10) No political council updates at this time.

11) Old business: In-person meetings for MAPE 1601 are currently on hold due to rising Covid cases. Meetings will continue to be held via ZOOM until further notice.

12) Good & Welfare: Julie Blanchard (1601 steward) has passed away. If anyone has information on where we can send a card, please contact Laura Czech. Jane Brink volunteered to work on this.

13) New Business: Return to the Workplace Taskforce is working on guidelines for COVID. Questions can be brought Laura Czech. Leonard Skillings reported that starting in September, the state has mandated non-vaccinated workers to complete weekly Covid testing. MAPE has asked MMB to be included or informed of updates prior to announcing it to the public. The Pfizer vaccine was approved by the FDA. There are no additional mandates at this time.

14) Gift Card: Jeannette Austin won gift card drawing.

15) Next meeting will be held 9/28/21 at 12PM via Zoom

16) Meeting adjourned.