**August 3,** **2022 -** [https://meet.goto.com/mapeLocal0601](https://meet.goto.com/mapeLocal0601" \t "_blank) United States: [+1 (646) 749-3122](tel:+18722403212)  Access Code: 279-379-573

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***Meeting Summary***

Date, Time & Location: Wednesday, August 3, 2022 – [[https://meet.goto.com/mapeLocal0601](https://www.gotomeet.me/MAPELocal601" \t "_blank)](https://meet.goto.com/mapeLocal0601)

Next Meeting Date, Time & Location: Noon-1:00 p.m., Wednesday, **September 7, 2022**, online via Go to Meeting.

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| **Topic** | **Key Points Raised** | **Decision/Action** |
| Welcome – Jason Bonnett, President | Welcome  Glad you’re all here. We have a little business to conduct. Want to quickly report out for negotiations. Survey should be coming out on 8th. Should be open for about a month. Sent out for fall of negotiation cycle. Starting early to get out as soon as we can. Should be scheduling listening sessions around the week of August 22nd. Those sessions as well instead of one large session. Members will get notified, so watch for those sessions as well.  Still have vacant Regional Director position. MAPE Central will be sending emails until we have vacant director position filled because we still need representation. We also still have vacancies for delegate spots for Delegate Assembly which is being held virtually on Saturday, September 8th. Let him know if you’re interested in either the Regional Director position or in being a delegate. He can appoint people to vacation positions.  That’s all he has. | No action |
| Charitable Contributions – Rose Nordin | For this year only, we are moving everything back a month. Normally, we’d distribute the nomination forms in June and July for a vote in the August monthly meeting. However, I missed the June form and policy distribution. So, we are distributing the forms in July and August for a final vote in the September monthly meeting.  Per the November 2019 policy, these are the main points (the policy was included with this month’s local 601 agenda from MAPE central):   * The Local 601 2022 annual budget for charitable contributions is $1000. Requests do not carry over to the next year. * The maximum distribution per organization of $100.00. * There is only one nomination period in which to nominate an organization to receive a charitable contribution from local 601. * All requests are to be submitted to Jason Bonnett, our local 601 President, for distribution to the committee. * The deadline to submit requests is the end of business day (5:00 pm) on Wednesday, August 24th, which is two weeks prior to the September 7th meeting. That is when we will be holding the vote for approval.   As always:   * The requestor must be a MAPE member; nonmembers may not submit requests. * Requests must include the organization’s EIN number and must be submitted using the official form. Failure to use the form or exclusion of EIN number may delay requests. * Only requests for 501(c)3 qualified organizations will be considered. To determine if your organization qualifies, use the research links included on the 2nd page of the e-form. * A final summarized list will be provided with the September 7th meeting agenda before we vote at that meeting. Those who nominated each charity will be given an opportunity to speak about their organization if they choose. * The Charitable contributions policy and nomination request e-form will be distributed from MAPE central along with the meeting agenda for the July and August meetings. * Note that forms are typically distributed in June and July for an August vote – for this year it is July and August for the September vote.   Membership Assistance and Charitable Contributions Committee members:   * Beth Brostrom ([beth.brostrom@state.mn.us](mailto:beth.brostrom@state.mn.us)) * Nathan Hierlmaier (<mailto:nathan.hierlmaier@state.mn.us>) * Sheldon Klugman (<mailto:sheldon.klugman@state.mn.us>) * Rose Nordin (<mailto:rose.nordin@minnstate.edu>) * at least one vacancy - if interested, submit name to Jason Bonnet - committee members are appointed by the President   Contact a committee member or Jason Bonnett ([jason.bonnett@state.mn.us](mailto:jason.bonnett@state.mn.us)) with questions. | No action |
| Public Service Loan Forgiveness Presentation – Dee & Heather | [PSLF presentation](https://transcripts.gotomeeting.com/#/s/9a603991f3a1f1e777d549853c0da4e7bbbd64a593183af46c7930728cb0ec14) was recorded (link is available until October 31, 2022). <https://mn.gov/mmb/segip/>  Public Student Loan Forgiveness and the temporary waiver that is going on right now. What happens when forbearance ends and how to prepare for that. It is scheduled to end on August 31, 2022.  Suspended payments from March 13th, 2020 to August 31, 2022 count toward PSLF for everyone that meeting the other program requirements.  After August 31st, payments and interest will resume,  Forbearance of 12 consecutive months  Q & A:   * Q: Is there any type of taxation? * A: There is no tax on public service loan. * Q: So, ANY payment type counts right now? Jason: I know your presentation talked about FFEL and those went back toward counting toward your program. * A: Since federal loans are in forbearance, if you have other types of loan that aren’t federal loans, those don’t count toward forbearance. * Q: For that to count, do you have to apply to PSLF program… even though you aren’t making payments right now, do you have to apply by the deadline? * A: Yes, you have to submit and that will trigger the account. * Q: Can we have the PowerPoint? * A: Yes, watch emails? * Q: Should I request my entire payment history before consolidating my loans and applying? * A: Yes - it wouldn’t hurt.   There’s a Facebook group helping to dedicate the process – there’s a link in the chat.  Jason: I’m always worried about a Facebook group.  Heather: Dee and I checked out the Facebook group and it was a little much. It wasn’t a good fit for us to monitor. You should always make sure the advice makes sense.   * Q: Can we reach out to you in the future? * A: Yes – emails in slide. Very responsive. * Q: Who do we contact in state to complete forms? * A: Your own supervisor or your own HR. Start with local supervisor/HR.   Jason: he went to his own HR and they were helpful, if you do that and they aren’t helpful, reach out.   * Q: as someone who started working briefly, did not have time to recertify income, do I need to recertify before or wait. * A: You can wait * Q: Jason: Am I correct that you can reach out and if someone hasn’t received notices that they should check? * A: Dee: Yes – make sure to check. * Heather – this last question was about certifying income – this is the only thing you should wait for. I’m applying for PSLF. Those are the only things you should wait for. * Q: When I filed for PSLF, I never really got a record of everything that is on forbearance, I never really got a payment amount, because I have FFEL, once this ends, sometime in the future, I will be asked to recertify whatever my monthly payment amount is. Will everything be considered an on-time payment amount from my servicer, or am I missing something? * A: We’ve never done this administrative forbearance. I will warn you that if someone missed their annual certification, there was a default to go to a 10-year amount. If you’ve never given a 10-year amount, I might reach out to my service to see where you’re at; For someone who doesn’t have it, I worry that they might put you in a higher payment. Reach out to the service to clarify. Typically, when we chat with servicer, it’s good to find out who they are it’s good to have a record. * Q: I have FFEL loans, do I apply for PSLF, or do I consolidate? * A: You do have to consolidate to a Federal Direct loan first. If you haven’t heard ask about consolidation and it’s getting close to October 1st deadline, go ahead and apply. * Q: How much do you charge for your time if you get close to the deadline? * A: We are still free. We are happy to help people. Our organization is just there to help people with the process. We feel an obligation to help the community at large. We are motivated to help the community to learn about this * Q: Is there a checklist on things you need to do to apply to get things done in time? * A: The PowerPoint presentation itself is a checklist. * Q: Am I eligible now? * A: It’s taking a while. We do know that if you have applied for PSLF then you would have been eligible. However, if you’re still being charged payments while your application is pending. then you’re eligible for a refund for payments that you would have been charged. * Q: How do you initiate payments? * A: When you go online, there should be a link to consolidate online, the easiest is to consolidate online. There is only one servicer for the type of loans that qualify once you do that process. For people that are pursuing SELF loans, then you’ll go to the one servicer. For Direct loans, there are a number of servicers. From a borrower perspective, it’s hard to know if you have a PSLF loan.   Contact Lisa Slaikeu ([lisa.slaikeu@state.mn.us](mailto:lisa.slaikeu@state.mn.us)) or Jason Bonnett ([jason.bonnett@state.mn.us](mailto:jason.bonnett@state.mn.us)) with questions. | No action |
| Business Agent Report – Alex Erickson | Work is in full swing MAPE.org/PAC – contact him for a list of door knocks. Roughly 3 months before elections. There are some real concerns. Anti-worker legislation concerns; Not be able to negotiate; House, senate, and governor; We will see much in the way of “Right to Work” of legislation – where we will lose some of our abilities. We need to take these elections seriously – for MAPE-endorsed candidates. For agencies… budgets are set, which matters quite a bit. mitigations in fuller swing for renewed interest. Cost of health insurance. Making bargaining mature contracts more challenging. We need to show our power. |  |
| Adjourn | Your Negotiation team needs you! We need members to participate in their regional Contract Action Team (CAT). A CAT is the structure used to organize members to win the best possible contract. The contract actions taken by locals and agencies support the work negotiators are doing at the bargaining table. Joining a CAT is an important way to stay in communications with negotiators and to make sure your issues are being discussed. Join the Region 6 Contract Action Team by contacting either Jason or Alex at their email below.  Next Meeting: Noon-1:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 7, 2022, online via Go to Meeting |  |

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