

# Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2023, via Zoom

## Meeting agenda – via consensus

* Approved

## Welcome New Members – Liz Pearson, President

* Welcome new members: Andrea Orengo, Lindsey Winrick, Kary Van Slyke, David Lutman, Amber Jepperson, Jasmine Grika, Jolynn Carpenter, Melissa Favila, Erin Huldeen, Mollie Dusha, Angela Russell, and Sara Nelson!
* We need a new Membership Secretary!! If you are interested in learning about this vital role, please reach out to one of our MAPE officers.
* **Membership stats: 927 Members, 321 potential members, 74.25% membership rate!** [Join MAPE today!](https://mape.org/join-mape)

## Organizing Council – Lauren Siegel

* Sign up to volunteer for [Solidarity Saturday](https://mape.org/events/solidarity-saturday) April 1st! This is a one-day recruitment event. Sign up to speak to nonmembers in your neighborhood. **We need 20 people in 2101!**

## Political Council – Nicole Juan

* Capitol Lobby Day is March 23rd, this is a day that we meet with our legislators and join other MAPE members for a rally in the Capitol Rotunda! [**Sign**](https://mape.org/capitol-lobby-day) **up to participate on the MAPE Portal.** 
  + **A high engagement is of the utmost importance,** especially when going into contract negotiations. We need to build and support our power.
  + There is Pre-Lobby Day Virtual Training on March 14th and 16th at 12:00 pm and on March 20th at 5:30 pm.
  + You are reimbursed for your time at this event. You have a choice to take vacation and then lost time, or you can take unpaid union leave and then receive lost time. There are forms to fill out at the Capitol.
* Candidate time – MAPE Political Council – Kyle Wilmar

## Local 2101, 2022 Financial Audit Complete – Liz Pearson for Hari Lamitarey

* Our annual financial audit is complete, submitted and approved for 2022. Thank you, Bethany Brickle, Sherray Greene, and Margie Aranda,for volunteering to complete our annual audit!

## MAPE Stewards – Teresa Barnes, Head Steward

* Basic Steward Training is April 28th.
* Advanced Steward Training is June 9th.
* **Meet your Stewards Chris Smith and Bruce Anderson!**
* If you are interested in becoming a union steward, reach out to Theresa Barnes [teresa.barnes@state.mn.us](mailto:teresa.barnes@state.mn.us) and/or Dylan Adams [Dylan.Adams@state.mn.us](mailto:Dylan.Adams@state.mn.us). The stewards meet monthly, and we are always looking to bring on people who are willing to step up and get active.

## MAPE Community Outreach – Chris Smith, Vice-President

* **Rent Control in Minneapolis:** Minneapolis United for Rent Control (MURC) will be having an in-person renter’s assembly on April 15th at 12 pm at the Bryant Square Recreation Center, 3101 Bryant Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55408.
* **Healthcare:** Healthcare is a part of MAPE’s political platform to lobby lawmakers for. There are currently two options being looked at in the legislature: having single payer healthcare through the state of Minnesota or a public buy-in option through MinnesotaCare.

## Contract Planning and Negotiations – Christine Retkwa, Contract Negotiations Rep

* We are less than ONE month from negotiations opening day on April 11th. We are working on an option for members to join on opening day, stay tuned.
* **Action item: Sign our** [**MAPE Bargaining Platform**](file:///\\mn-dhs1.co.dhs\Home\H55\PWGAN29\MAPE\mape.org\platform) **to show your support!** 
  + If you do not sign this platform and be counted as someone who wants an even better contract, then who? Join us! A union is ALL of us!
  + If you aren’t sure if you signed on, please do so again as they will de-duplicate entries.

## Board of Directors Update – Vanessa Vogl

* Vanessa will speak about her role at the July MAPE 101. If you want to learn more about the organization of MAPE and who does what, please join us July 25th.

## Member Concerns and Other Announcements – Liz Pearson

* **Join us for a second MAPE Local 2101 Happy Hour!** 
  + **We have a room reserved on Wed March 15th at Union 32 Craft House in Eagan, 4:45-7pm**  (https://union32crafthouse.com, 2864 Hwy 55, Eagan, MN 55121). We had so much fun at the first happy hour that we’re having another.
  + This is a chance for real, in-person laughing and talking with your co-workers!
* **MAPE 101: Join us Tuesday March 28 from 12-1, via WebEx.** MAPE 101 is an opportunity to take a deeper dive into specific topics with time to answer general questions. An invite is sent to our email list the morning of the meeting, and all are welcome! **This month April McLaughlin will provide a presentation on our** [MSRS retirement funds](https://www.msrs.state.mn.us/)**.**
* We are looking for someone who can serve as co-host at our monthly MAPE 101.
* Voting for the MAPE Statewide Special Election started March 13th. If you are eligible to vote, you will have received a link to access your ballot in your email. **You have until March 23rd to complete your ballot.**
* At our monthly meetings we draw four member’s names for $20 gift cards. This month’s winners are **Brian Ombongi, Darci Steffen, Brandin Barren, and Rebecca Engberg.** Congratulations!

## Upcoming meetings

Next Officers’ meeting: April 6, 12:30-1 pm, via Teams

Next General Meeting: April 11, 12-1 pm, via Zoom