

# Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2023, via Zoom

## Meeting agenda – via consensus

* Approved

## Welcome New Members – Liz Pearson, President

* **Welcome new members: Brian Ombongi, Danica Robson, Kelly Wilke, Soo Han, Mitchell Hoeg, Ashlyn Stenberg, Chue Alegria, Gina DeMike, Tara Hjelmberg, Andrea Thielke, Kerwin McKay, Alie Xiong, and Laura Strait!**
* 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: 937 Members, 321 potential members, 74.48% membership rate!** [Join MAPE today!](https://mape.org/join-mape)

## Contract Negotiations – Liz Pearson on behalf of Christine Retkwa

* **April 11th – 12th were the first meetings between MAPE and MMB! Governor Walz was at the table and heard the proposals from both sides.**
* If you provided your mobile number when you signed up on the bargaining platform, you will receive a text at the end of day on April 12th. An email from MAPE will go out by April 14th with the same updates. You can visit the [MAPE 2023-2025 Contract Negotiations page](https://mape.org/bargaining?utm_source=Minnesota+Association+of+Professional+Employees+%28MAPE%29&utm_campaign=01ffa369e3-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_11_10_10_06_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ae22298d2e-01ffa369e3-13336031) for updates.
* Show solidarity by changing your background in your meetings to the MAPE background. **(instructions and image included)**
* **April 24, 11:30 am -1:30 pm** (CST) join the virtual meeting to hear the discussion on the supplemental contract for DHS employees. This discussion will focus on creating stronger and clearer **telework rights in our contract. Meeting invite attached!**
* **April 26, 12-12:45 pm** (CST) **Negotiations Townhall.** Negotiations Team members will cover key topics including how did we get here, what happens next and how you can get involved. We will have time to answer questions live, so bring your questions when you join us. **Meeting invite attached!**

## MAPE Community Outreach – Chris Smith, chris.j.smith@state.mn.us

* 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.
	+ It sounds like the second half of the legislative session will include Health Care expansion and improvement. The idea that has the most traction currently is making MinnesotaCare a public buy-in option.
* MAPE at Twin Ports May Day! Sunday April 30th, 12:30 – 3 pm. <https://www.facebook.com/events/140557525639015/>
	+ If you would like to help staff out booth, contact Chris Smith.

## MAPE Stewards – Cassie Stewart cassandra.stewart@state.mn.us

* Introducing our new head steward, Cassie Stewart!
* Cassie introduced herself and provided some of her history at DHS and why she became a steward.
* Basic Steward Training is April 28th
* Advance Steward Training is June 9th

## Member Concerns and Other Announcements

* **MAPE 101: Join us Tuesday April 25 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 Anne Jones and Ken Engelhart will talk about Health Care for All.**
* We are looking for someone who can serve as co-host at our monthly MAPE 101.
* At our monthly meetings we draw four member’s names for $20 gift cards. This month’s winners are **Trillian Patneau, Christine Renville, Sandy Zuhlsdorf, and Cheryl Newgren.** Congratulations!

## Upcoming meetings

Next Officers’ meeting: May 4, 12:30-1 pm, via Teams

Next General Meeting: May 9, 12-1 pm, via Zoom