**MAPE Membership Meeting Minutes – Local 1002**

**Region 10**

*May 16, 2023*

*Zoom*

**Roll call of officers:**

Maurice Wilson, president – present

Rhianon Sargent, vice president – present

Kristine Anderson, treasurer – present

Jon VanOeveren (JVO), membership secretary – present

Mike Schultz, secretary – present

Michael Diedrich, MDE meet and confer chair – present

Axelina Swenson, region 10 negotiations representative – present

Jackie Blagsvedt, region 10 director – present

Dan Engelhart, MAPE business agent for Local 1002, was not present.

**Negotiations Update**

The first four meetings between the MAPE negotiations team and MMB went well. Then last week, MMB said no to most of MAPE’s proposals. MMB and MAPE agreed bereavement/paid parental leave can be used in the event of a stillbirth or child death. MAPE and MMB also agreed to some minor technical changes. MMB has not reviewed economic proposals with MAPE but has with other bargaining units. MMB classified five of our proposals as “economic” and thus would not discuss. We need to start planning escalation. The ultimate escalation is a strike that leads to work stoppage. CAT members are meeting on May 18 – dates will be sent out for rallies, actions, etc. MAPE and MMB may be going into mediation soon. MAPE negotiators are frustrated as the governor committed to supporting fair negotiations and wages in front of MAPE and MMB negotiators. Our ask is for you to sign the MAPE platform, join rapid texting, send ideas to Axelina, email Commissioner Schowalter, and email Governor Walz. The MAPE contract expires June 30. The contract has evergreen language, meaning that the language in the contract continues until a new agreement is approved.

**Meet and Confer Update**

MDE meet and confer is supplemental bargaining on four proposals. The MDE 1002 petition signed by members was shared with management. We have been working with Stephanie Graff and Tammy Funk. Our proposals are landing well with them. An MMB representative is present at the meetings. MMB has final signoff on agreements. MMB has turned down our agreements in the past. In the current round of bargaining, MMB said no to everything except updating classifications. The proposal on proactive promotion may have a conflict with statute; we are working to resolve with updated language. The proposal on telework is considered to have an “enterprise-wide impact” by MMB and thus is turning it down – this has been consistent across other meet and confer teams that have proposed telework language for their supplemental agreements. Stephanie moved up the chain at MMB and also received a “no”. The MAPE rally at the Capitol two years ago broke the logjam at the main table.

**Board of Directors Update**

After the last Delegate Assembly a new elections calendar was approved. Elections will be happening this fall moving forward. This past year has been an anomaly as a result. The board approved automatically nominating those who served last year, with a special election to occur this summer. You would still have to accept the nomination if nominated in order to run.

At the board retreat, the primary topic of conversation was the progressive dues structure.

**Raffle Winners**

Brittany Rawson-Haeg

John Ford

**Next Meeting**

June 20, 2023

11:30-12:30

Zoom

*Questions or comments? Please reach out at* *mapelocal1002@gmail.com**.*