**MAPE Membership Meeting Minutes – Local 1002**

**Region 10**

*October 17, 2023*

*Zoom*

**Roll call of officers:**

Maurice Wilson, president – present

Jon VanOeveren (JVO), vice president – present

Kristine Anderson, treasurer – present

Holly Andersen, membership secretary – present

Mike Schultz, secretary – present

Michael Diedrich, MDE meet and confer chair – present

Axelina Swenson, region 10 negotiations representative – not present

Jackie Blagsvedt, region 10 director – present

Dan Engelhart, MAPE business agent for Local 1002, was also present.

**MAPE Elections Update**

Election information is available at the MAPE website: [MAPE Internal Election Information](https://mape.org/resources/mape-documents/mape-internal-election-information). This includes the list of [nominations and contested positions](https://mape.org/media/3958) by local and the [elections timeline](https://mape.org/sites/default/files/files/timetable_for_fall_2023_elections.xlsx). Voting starts December 5 and closes December 15. Results with be announced December 21. Statewide races include vice president, secretary, trustees, and organizing and political council members. Elected individuals will be seated by January 2024.

**Business Agent Update**

If you are interested in learning about how to be a steward, you are encouraged to sign up for the basic steward training. Currently region 10 is without a chief steward.

**Meet and Confer Update**

The meet and confer team’s next meeting with the commissioner is October 27. Topics for discussion include: travel and reimbursements for in the field work and team meetings in the office; the transition to the new Department of Children, Youth, and Families; and timeliness of guidance in response to 2023 legislative session. On this last topic in particular we would like to hear your experiences – have your divisions been able to publish guidance/resources or otherwise communicate with stakeholders?

We are cautiously optimistic about the classification study that is currently being conducted.

Lastly, we plan on requesting data on vacancies and turnover. Are there trends in teams/divisions? In length of service with state? In age? In demographics?

**Good & Welfare**

Jennifer Fleckner moved to approve funds be provided to Deb Rose to support her and her daughter (following the death of Deb’s husband Rick). The motion was seconded by Michael Diedrich. In discussion, it was noted MAPE rules allow for up to $125. A call for consensus was made, and the motion passed with no objections.

**Membership Update**

Three new members joined since the last meeting. We are looking for representatives across the agency for the membership committee. Representatives serve as friendly faces to new hires. Contact Holly if you are interested.

**Dues Update Proposal and Discussion**

The final budget forum before Delegate Assembly will be October 24 at noon. MAPE produced a dues analysis report, examining various dues structures. The criteria for selecting a structure to bring forward were that it be simple, fair, and provide for a sustainable budget. Members added questions and comments to a [Jamboard](https://jamboard.google.com/d/1Tn3OUCe_Zb9DVysK8GAIFrCecqvpfVV_UQ_digfYg7k/viewer?f=0), which were discussed in the meeting. One topic of conversation was whether delegates know where 1002 membership stood on the proposed dues structure. A poll was held for those in the meeting, with the results being 86% in favor of the dues proposal as presented, and 14% against.

**Raffle Winners**

Doug Gray

Jake Stark

Sarah Fenske

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**Next Meeting**

November 21, 2023

11:30-12:30

Zoom

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