**MAPE Local 1402 Meeting 3/12/24**

**Ariel Johnson, Nate Beckman, and Carson Gorecki**

Introduced themselves and explained what the roles of the local executive team and stewards are.

**Pete Marincel**

Introduced himself and explained his support role with the union.

**Steward update**

Updated folks on our in person regional meeting last week on March 17th. Pointed members to the MAPE website if they need to find out who their local stewards are. We are attempting to diversify our stewards to more agencies and encouraged people to get involved if they can.

A steward is the front-line contacts for members and work with members to resolve issues in the workplace.

They are trained and mentored and serve as a guide and resource to other members.

Stewards can represent members in a wide range of situations such as:

* Investigations
* ADA accommodations
* Telework
* Loudermills
* Performance review appeal
* Non-certfications
* Reallocation appeals
* Respectful workplace policy

Upcoming Events

* Lobby Day at the Capitol: March 19th
* Advanced steward training: March 22nd
* Basic steward training: April 26th
* Next local 1402 meeting: April 4th

**Question:** What is the difference between local stewards and utilizing people in our individual agencies?

**Answer:** Stewards are equal to management when acting as a steward. This offers greater protection.

**Ways to get involved:**

* Membership secretary position is currently open
* Become a steward or take the training to gain a greater understanding of what they do
* Host an informal meet an greet at your office
* Reach out to one of us with any questions, ideas, or concerns

Recommended get together soon at a park to save on costs and still be able to get together in larger groups to connect. Several members recommended utilizing one of the many State Parks in the area. Using a park will also be better for flexibility. Tentatively May 18th from 11am-1pm for our first outing.