**Organizing Council (OC) Meeting**

**March 12, 2021**

Chair Sarah Evans called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM

**Roll call:** a quorum was established.

**Present:** Chair Sarah Evans; Vice-chair Lauren Siegel; Kirsten Peterson; Bobbie Miller-Thomas, Zac Echola, Sarah Weiss. MAPE staff Mike Asmus. Second half of meeting was with the statewide Political Council.

1. Two seats are up for election on the Organizing Council. Only one person has been nominated so OC members should work to recruit additional candidates.
	1. **Lauren** will reach out to the NEO planning committee.
2. Next steps for the membership recruitment initiative.
	1. Setting up two lunch hour membership recruitment events to occur in April. One to occur on 4/1 and the other on 4/20.
	2. Each OC member will recruit for leaders to join a planning committee for those events. The planning committee will meet on 3/22. **Lauren** will send out an invite that can be forwarded.
3. Book club - **Zac** proposed reading “How to Jumpstart your Union”. He will work on a proposal that can be used to recruit participants which will then suggest how many copies of the book to order.
4. Sarah E provided an overview of the EDIC’s proposed RFP.
5. The Organizing council met with the Political council from 1:00-2:30pm.
	1. John Ferrara brought a proposed bylaw change for board of director workgroups, which the councils discussed. The councils approved a motion for the Organizing and Political councils to support the draft to change the Board Workgroup Rules, and seek out other MAPE committees to present at the Board of Directors meeting in June.
		1. Nicole Juan from the Political council will reach out to Whitney Terrill about Meet and Confer’s thoughts on the proposal.
	2. The councils discussed a development zones proposal as a way to develop leaders in a sustainable way in certain parts of the state. Can be applied to initiatives of the Political and Organizing Councils.
	3. The councils discussed a proposal for members of the two councils after the summer elections to complete and discuss the StrengthsFinder assessment.
		1. The councils discussed the value of having a regular way to build relationships across the councils, but it not necessarily being the StrengthsFinder.
		2. Members of the two councils will develop proposals and bring them to a 30 minute lunch hour discussion to occur in May. Proposal should include the purpose, tool, cost, and helpful information.
			1. **Nicole Juan and Zac** will coordinate the date of the lunch hour meeting.
6. Sarah Evans adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm