

**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 11, 2022**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 12:35 P.M.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

**Present (PC):** Chair Cathleen **Cotter,** Vice-Chair John **Ferrara**, Secretary Amanda **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**, Kristin **Kirchoff-Franklin**, Nicole **Juan,** Chet **Bodin,**

**Present (Staff and Executive):** Devin **Bruce,** Leah **Solo**

**Absent:** Tess **Flom** (excused)

**Abbreviations:** Political Council (PC), Political Action Committee (PAC)

**Business:**

* Welcome
* Approve February 11th and March 3rd minutes
  + **Motion (Bodin):** Approve minutes from February 11th and March 3rd meetings
    - Second (**Juan**)
    - Passed by consensus
* Bylaws review (**Ferrara**)
  + Review and amend with updates
  + Attendance (Article 6)
    - Expected that PC would reach out to member prior to pursuing action
  + Meetings and Voting (Article 7)
  + Topics for future discussion (potentially July)
    - Excused vs. unexcused in a future discussion
    - Suspensions, removal, and judicial process
* Lobby Week debrief
  + Reactions from members
  + Continue to increase engagement and bring in new people
  + Follow-up with legislators: <https://mape.org/contact-your-legislators>
  + Additional follow-up coming
* Next steps after lobby week on development zones
  + How did it go with targeted districts?
  + Did we identify new leaders?
  + Plans to get more folks to write emails to legislators
  + Future dates:

1. May Rally (?)
2. Summer Door knock and social thing
3. Fall Door knocks

* TBA: Trainings in June?
* PAC Listening Session (**Juan**)
  + March 15th and 16th
  + Keep focused on contract, negotiations, MAPE related concerns/issues
* PC Operations Lead
  + **Ferrara** stepping down
  + Responsibilities: Onboarding new members (including ensuring new e-mail, Association Leave letter), Slack Administrator
* Statewide Elections
  + Nominations due March 17th
  + **Juan** running for re-election
  + **Hemmingsen-Jaeger** not running for re-election
  + Discussed goals and responsibilities for supporting MAPE endorsed candidates
    - Currently, PC members need 5 shifts (~2 hours) prior to election, and 3 during GOTV
    - Personal and development zone goals?
    - Future standing agenda item to report on progress
    - Training
    - Future meeting(s) set goals and plan
    - Summer meetings may include business and shift work
  + Reviewed development zone arc

**Next meeting:** Friday, April 8th at 9:00 AM (Zoom)

**Adjourned at 3:10 PM**