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**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**January 8, 2021**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

**Present:** Chair Cathleen **Cotter**, Vice-Chair John **Ferrara**, Secretary Amanda **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**, Nicole **Juan**, Monica **Weber**, Jason **Broberg**, Chet **Bodin**, MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**, MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce**

**Absent:** (excused)

**Business:**

1. Welcome
2. Back-up notetaking rotation (**Hemmingsen-Jaeger**)
   1. January-Weber
   2. February-Bodin
   3. March-Juan
   4. April-Weber
   5. May-Bodin
3. Reflection on Retreat (**Ferrara**)
4. Next Steps on Legislative Plan (**Solo**)
   1. Geographical areas of focus
   2. Days on the Hill: Agency specific, Building, One overall day
   3. Will be requesting help from Regional Directors for their respective agency/region
   4. Assist or work with Negotiations Team?
5. **Motion (Ferrara):** Pay for lost time for members participating in agency day on the hill
   1. Second (**Juan**)
   2. Passed
   3. Cotter, Ferrera, and Juan will work out details and criteria
6. Executive Session entered at 11:17 AM and ended at 11:35 AM
   1. Consensus reached that in-person meetings will occur when members and attending staff are vaccinated
7. COVID-19 Vaccines
   1. Support statement from Executive committee
   2. Feedback to include language that MAPE supports best practices, evidence-based research, guidelines/recommendations from MDH, and members working on the frontlines
8. Discussion about lawsuit to remove contractual salary raises
9. Looking ahead to potential joint meeting with PAC and Political Fund
   1. Meeting will center on where political infrastructure is, resources, and mapping out future political work within MAPE
10. **Motion (Ferrara):** Thank you, Jason, for your outstanding service to the Political Council!
    1. Second (**Juan**)
    2. Passed

**Next meeting: Friday, February 12th at 9:00 AM**

**Adjourned at 1:40 PM**