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**POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING/RETREAT**

**December 17, 2020**

**Minutes**

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 8:34 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 President Megan **Dayton**, MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**, MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce**

**Business:**

1. **Welcome**
2. **Motion (Juan):** Approve all previous meeting minutes that have not been approved yet.
   1. Second (**Weber**)
   2. Passed
3. **Motion (Ferrara):** Reaffirm decision to purchase additional Slack licenses
   1. Second (**Weber**)
   2. Passed
4. **Updates**
5. **Reflections on 2020**
6. **Announcements**
   1. Congratulations on election to board, Jason! Last meeting with Political Council will be in January.
7. **“Our View of Politics”** (Laura Johnson-Faith in Minnesota)
   1. Electoral politics and the legislative session
   2. Messaging
8. **Planning Session 1 – Long Term Planning**
9. **Professional Development Activity** (“The Drawbridge Exercise”)
10. **Planning Session 2 – 2021 Political Council Planning**
    1. **Motion (Ferrara):** Approve MAPE legislative priorities and platform (with understanding that the platform section may undergo formatting edits; no substantive changes)
       1. Second (**Weber**)
       2. Passed
11. **2021 Political Council Communication and Engagement Strategies**

**Next meeting: January 8, 2021 at 8:30 AM**

**Adjourned at 4:02 PM**