

Meeting Minutes
MAPE Region 19, Local 1902
When: May 8, 2024
Location: Hybrid – Jake's Pizza & Zoom

1. Call to Order at 12:09 p.m.
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting passed
 - i. Approved
 - b. Motion to approve the agenda for this meeting passed
 - i. Approved
2. Officer Reports
 - a. President's Report – Matt Potocnik
 - i. Note in the additional items on the agenda the link for the MAPE restructure survey. People are highly encouraged to fill that out. It can be done anonymously. Many people are stating that the plan is unclear. Put that down in the comments. There are even some people who are no longer members who were frustrated with the lack of transparency.
 - ii. Also – Steward trainings have been canceled for the foreseeable future. However, there is a training called Organizing as a steward which is still scheduled. The first one is May 10th. There are two more that you can register for. Sept 13th, and November 1st.
 - iii. Thank you Sheenah Jewison for stepping in as Interim membership secretary. And thank you to Bryan Johnson for accepting the position permanently. We will arrange an early transition, since Bryan ran uncontested.
 - iv. Also thank you to Randy Gjerde for representing us at the last negotiations. There is a person from Local 1901 who has accepted a nomination for the coming negotiations cycle.
 - b. Vice President's Report – Jocelyn Crist
 - i. There will be negotiations coming up for disability and life insurance rates. They apparently haven't been negotiated in quite a while. There is a survey on the website if you would like to provide feedback on what's important to you. <https://mape.org/news/provide-your-feedback-life-and-disability-benefits-mape-members>
 - ii. There is an opening at MAPE central for a field director. Information is online.
 - iii. Jocelyn has put her name in for going to delegate assembly.
 - c. Treasurer's Report – John Putnam
 - i. For the month ending March 31, Dues income \$530. No expenses.
 - ii. YTD Balance: \$8,770.02
 - d. Membership Secretary Report – Sheena Jewison online
 - i. 310 People represented. 212 members, 98 non-members
 - ii. 68% Membership
 - iii. Four new hires as well as two signed up for membership.
 - iv. Reminder that people who sign up for membership receive a Kwik Trip gas card, as does the person who signed them up.
 - e. Regional Director – Nicole Emerson (nicole.emerson@southcentral.edu)
 - i. Board meeting on April 26th.

1. Discussion around Labor Notes conference in Chicago. Topics included PERB board?, state funding, legislation, and our CATS? Rights. Effective communications tools to inform out members better.
2. Presentation by Union historian, Peter Ratcliff. He's available to come to our meeting for a presentation.
3. There were many member comments at this board meeting. Mostly they were vocal about wanting MAPE to sign a petition to divest in companies that fund Israel.

- Comments copied and pasted from the chat feed -
- What is the purpose of mentioning the protesting? Are we being encouraged to do so??
- Our retirement is in investments that fund military companies to the Israeli government
- Should that be up to the individuals to individually move their investments?
- So we can't individually move our investments?
- Our pension investments are controlled by the State Board of Investments <https://msbi.us/>
- My question is where does the special interest end? It feels like a Pandora's box, and a potential slippery slope.

- Question from the audience – Are there people on the other side of this issue in support of Israel? Answer: There are some board members have the opposite perspective, but they are in the minority. Most of the members who spoke are Jewish.
- Comments from Matt Potocnik – He wants to be respectful of peoples opinions on the Palestine/Israel situation. It is a very charged issue. However, Matt wants to focus on what unites us as a local. It's important in our local meetings to stick to the issues that are pertinent to our local. If you have questions, comments, or concerns that you want to share with MAPE contact Nicole or MAPE central directly.
- Nicole adds that there are a lot of people asking MAPE to make a statement, but the central office has not made that decision yet.
- Also, come to a monthly board meeting. There is always time set aside for member comments. It is a finite amount of time. So if you would like to make comments contact Nicole a couple of weeks beforehand so you can get on the agenda. Otherwise you may not get a chance. You can also call in to the board meetings to comment. You don't need to be there in person.

4. A colleague support network is being created – This program is geared primarily toward support of our members in the Department of Corrections as well as some Department of Human Services members who have very high stress jobs. They are in the implementation stage of this program. More to come. There is an 85-page document available. You can contact Nicole if you would like to see it.
 5. The ERC presented at this meeting. They won't be doing Steward training days at headquarters any more. They want to come to the locals. Question - Are there any specifics coming out about how the steward training will be coordinated? Answer: There should be something coming in the newsletter.
- f. Other – Matt Potocnik
- i. Jocelyn will be our delegate this year. There were no other nominees.
 - ii. We will have a contract negotiations representative from local 1901 who ran uncontested.
 - iii. Nicole Emerson is our Meet & Confer chair for Minnstate. She ran uncontested.
 - iv. Matt doesn't have any information about the other Meet & Confers.
 - v. Bryan Johnson from MNSU will be our local membership secretary.
 - vi. Two people are running for the Regional Director position. Voting will open on June 3rd. Watch for personal statements from the candidates.
 - vii. The 18th Annual Frontline Conference is coming up May 22 and 23.
 - viii. We will be planning some summer social events starting next month. Communications will go out as those events are established.
3. Member Drawings
- a. 5 x \$20 gift cards to Jake's Stadium Pizza for online attendees
 - b. Winners randomly drawn from online attendee list using a Number Picker Wheel
 - c. Must be present at the time of drawing
 - i. Winners:
 1. Bridget Johnson
 2. Randy Meyer
 3. Jerrad Aspelund
 4. Katherine Glogowski
 5. Hannah Vogel
 - ii. Gift cards will be mailed. Winners should send their name and mailing address to jerryander@myyahoo.com
 - d. 1 x Rolling Prize (Current: \$25)
 - i. Starts at \$10 and increases by \$5 each month there is no prize claimed. Resets once prize has been claimed. Maxes out at \$100.
 - ii. Winner randomly drawn from the current membership update list from MAPE Central using a Number Picker Wheel
 - iii. Must be present (either in-person or online) & be a member to win
 1. If a non-member is drawn and is present at the meeting, they can sign up for membership that day to claim the prize
 - iv. Winner: Michael Slotemaker: Member was not present.
 - v. Prize increases to \$30 for June, 2024
4. Call for Meeting Closure

a. Meeting adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Local 1902 Officer List

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- President – Matt Potocnik, matthew.potocnik@mnsu.edu
- Vice President – Jocelyn Crist, jocelyn.crist@southcentral.edu
- Secretary – Emma Baumann, emma.baumann@southcentral.edu
- Treasurer – John Putnam, john.putnam@mnsu.edu
- Membership Secretary – Susan Mucha, susan.mucha@southcentral.edu
- Local Steward Coordinator – Jerry Anderson, gerald.anderson@mnsu.edu
- Negotiations Rep – Randy Gjerde
- Regional Director – Nicole Emerson
- Business Agent – Janaya Arellano
- At Large (previous President) - Michael McLaughlin, michael.mclaughlin@mnsu.edu