

## Local 2001 Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022 @ noon

Via ZOOM

### 1) Standing Officer Reports

- Secretary Report: <https://mape.org/locals/2001> click on minutes tab. The minutes are typically posted on this site about a week after the meeting.
- Chief Steward Report: Position currently vacant—election coming up.
- Treasurer Report: Miguel was unable to attend today. We currently have \$30,474.14 in the local treasury.
- Membership Secretary Report: (Attached) Nicole was unable to attend today but reported that Local 2001 currently has 68.25% membership.
- Regional Director Report: (Attached) Kay reminded everyone that Delegate Assembly is coming up on Saturday. The MAPE budget will be voted on as well as 5 resolutions. Remember to vote on November 8<sup>t</sup> Remember that early voting is open right now. Local Senators and representatives are on the ballot as well as the Constitutional officers.
- Regional Negotiations Representative: Rick was unable to attend today. Please contact him with any questions/thoughts on negotiations.
- Business Agent Report: Adam reported that MAPE-tober is in progress. Sign up at this link (<https://mape.org/mape-tober>) and join others in Local 2001 to make a difference.

2) Local Secretary office is vacant. Please reach out to Steven Speltz if you are interested ([steven.speltz@state.mn.us](mailto:steven.speltz@state.mn.us)) in helping us out with this role.

3) Chief Steward Election coming up. Our current Chief Steward resigned last week, and a new Chief Steward will be elected by the current stewards of the region.

4) Topic for October: How your contract and COLA gets funded. John Ferrara explained how our contract gets funded. The budget that has already been approved is funding our current contract...so even if your representative was to deliver a bill asking for our COLA to go up the amount of inflation, the bill couldn't be funded and wouldn't go into effect. Electing labor friendly representatives and senators is the way to increase our COLA.

\*\*How to get involved—Join our Membership committee, become a local officer, Become a steward, door knock for labor friendly legislators, participate in MAPE-tober, etc

5) Feel free to always leave ideas in our digital Suggestion box  
[https://winona.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6lg5IBKF768W1sa](https://winona.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6lg5IBKF768W1sa)

## Sign up for MAPE-tober!

Kay Pedretti  
Acting Secretary

## **2022 Important Dates in MAPE Local 2001**

October 1-31—MAPE-tober  
October 4- Noon: Monthly Meeting Broadcast via ZOOM  
October 8—Statewide MAPE Delegate Assembly via ZOOM  
October 14--8:30-4:30-Basic Steward Training  
November 1- Noon: Monthly Meeting Broadcast via ZOOM  
November 8-Vote Today!  
December 6- Noon: Monthly Meeting Broadcast via ZOOM  
December 9--8:30-4:30-Advanced Steward Training



### **October Regional Director Report**

***Member comments: If you ever want to address the board about a topic, please know that every third Friday of the month at 11:30am the Board of Directors dedicates time to listen to members. E-mail me at [kpedretti@mape.org](mailto:kpedretti@mape.org) for the ZOOM link.***

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On September 16th I attended the August Board of Directors meeting via ZOOM. A new opportunity 'MAPE-tober' was discussed. Planning for this event is progressing. It is likely to become an annual event with our union. Locals should plan to incorporate this into their yearly activities going forward. This initiative looks at a MAPE member taking off a day or more in October and each day engaging in a different activity. One day could be political engagement, another day an organizing/recruitment event, and another day could be a workplace issue campaign to name a few. Locals could decide to do another month instead of October, although one of the suggested activities is political engagement and the elections are coming up on November 8<sup>th</sup>. For example, I have signed up for October 21 and 26<sup>th</sup> and likely will do membership recruitment one day and something political the other day. I know of another leader in region 20 who has signed up for October 21 and 28<sup>th</sup>—join us those dates or plan on participating other days in October...you won't be alone. You will have support from MAPE staff and local leaders. Sign up at the link below to participate.

### **Sign up for MAPE-tober!**

For the third month in a row, there were not any members to show up to 'Members Comments.' Please know you are always welcome at this portion of the meeting to express ideas, concerns, or compliments, etc. The next members comments will be on October 21 at 11:30am. Delegate Assembly is coming up on October 8th. We will be virtual again this year on ZOOM. Region 20 has a great group of seasoned and new delegates/alternates attending this year. There are 5 resolutions and a budget to approve. The Finance workgroup presented the MAPE budget for 2023. The BOD approved the budget. It now moves onto Delegate Assembly to be approved by the whole assembly. Voting matters. There is a lot at stake on November 8th when we vote on governor and both houses of the Minnesota legislature. The MAPE endorsed candidates can be found at the MAPE website. Early

voting is open already in Minnesota. Consider voting early if you think there is any chance you won't be able to vote on Tuesday, November 8. I am an election judge again this year in a precinct that is not my own, so voting early is necessary for me.

The legislature adjourned in May without fulfilling a deal agreed to and signed by the Governor, House leaders and Senate leaders. There continues to not be a date for a special session, so it is unlikely that deal will be fulfilled due to the Senate pulling out of the deal at the last minute.

The Political Council presented a Supreme Court Discussion Guide to the Board. They also had us role play a phone call with a MAPE member about the governor's race. It was helpful for us to start talking about these issues.

Sincerely,  
Kay Pedretti, [kpedretti@mape.org](mailto:kpedretti@mape.org)  
Regional Director, Region 20



## October Membership Secretary's Report

*Local 2001 Percentages- As of September 20, 2022*

**Including Billable Members, our Local's Membership is at 68.25%**

### Local 2001 Percentages

Person Type	Record Count	Percentage
Billable Member	11	2.27 %
Member	320	65.98 %
Non-Member	154	31.75 %

Have you heard about the statewide [MAPE-tober](#) initiative happening in October? This is a chance for our local to help recruit more people to become members of MAPE, support pro-labor political candidates and jumpstart and strengthen Contract Action Teams as we head into contract negotiations.

Will you join me? To participate, simply decide which weekdays you will take vacation or unpaid leave from your job (you will be paid by MAPE!) to spend the day organizing to build power for our union. This initiative has a ton of flexibility because you can pick the days that work for you, and you will be supported by MAPE staff and statewide leaders so that your time will be well spent, and you will have a great experience.

You can expect to spend the day engaging with fellow state workers, learning what is important to them and then asking them to join you in mutually beneficial actions such as joining MAPE as a member, joining a Contract Action Team or committing to voting in the upcoming mid-term elections.

We need you during this critical time for the health and future of our union.