**Thursday, January 26, 2023 (Noon – 1pm)**

Virtual combined 1501-1502 meeting

1. Officer Reports
	1. President
		1. Officers
			1. Membership Secretary
				1. Still open- Special Election
			2. Special Elections
				1. For odd numbered Locals (including us)
				2. Nominations close Jan 25-Feb 8

Online voting will take place in March

* + - * 1. For all Officer positions and Delegates Assembly
		1. Executive committee meeting
			1. Two (motions) action items
				1. Limit the holiday party to members
				2. Increase the Local checkbook balance limit from $1,000 to $4,000
		2. Holiday Party at BSU Hockey Game (Dec. 3)
			1. Madeline recaps during Treasurer report
			2. 63 in attendance
		3. Building membership
			1. Would like to invest more in building membership
				1. Open to more ideas on how we can do that
		4. In-person meetings
			1. Local 1501 only meetings will be held the 4th Wednesday of even numbered months (in person-Bemidji Luekens).
			2. Combined meetings with Local 1502 will be held virtually and scheduled separately (likely odd numbered months)
				1. Combined virtual meetings in Park Rapids (Mar), Baudette (May) and Walker (November)

Tried to avoid heavy times (mostly DNR employees)

Could use the help of a local to help us coordinate

* 1. Vice-President (Jaime Thibodeaux)
		1. No report
	2. Treasurer (Madeline Turnquist)
		1. Increased local checkbook balance limit from $1,000 to $4,000
		2. Submitted 2023 budget ($17K for the year)
		3. Currently: $49K carry over from 2022, $55k for 2023)
		4. If we stay within budget, we should be able to carry over approximately $17K into 2024.
		5. We will remove Katherine Kingsland from Affinity Plus account and add TJ Melcher.
	3. Secretary
		1. No report
	4. Membership Secretary (vacant)
		1. Currently sit at 66% as active members (176 active, 92 inactive)
			1. Slight decrease in active members, and increase in inactive members
			2. Encourage your fellow members to officially join MAPE.
		2. Special Elections
			1. <https://mape.org/resources/mape-documents/mape-internal-election-information>
			2. 1/25 Nominations open
			3. 2/8 Nominations close
			4. 3/13-3/23 voting
1. Negotiations Update (Val Dorff)
	1. Contract Process
		1. Currently sending proposals from team. Next meeting 1/27.
		2. Met with chairs of meet and confers
	2. Bargaining Platform
		1. <https://mape.org/platform>
		2. Next blitz- January through March
		3. Members should go online and endorse the platform
	3. Rapid Response Notification System
		1. Communicate directly with our members during negotiations.
		2. Members provide cell phone number to join RRNS.
		3. Sign up with your phone number here: <https://mape.org/platform>
	4. Membership
		1. Currently at 75% membership statewide
		2. Continue working to increase membership
		3. Contract Action Team (CAT): encourages non-members to join
			1. Join CAT team by contacting Val: vdorff@mape.org
2. MAPE Political Council (Chet Bodin)
	1. No report
3. Region 15 Director’s Report (Bryan Kotta)
	1. Possible lack of membership may be due to people retiring and those fulfilling those positions have been difficult to contact.
	2. Board of Directors will call non-members
	3. Negotiations
		1. March 23- Day on the Hill
			1. Need 5 members to join
			2. Hotel included
			3. Talk to legislators and help advocate for contract
			4. Contact Bryan if interested
4. Chief Steward Update (Gary Wass)
	1. Steward training
		1. January 27
		2. Advanced- March 10
		3. Both trainings in twin cities
	2. Steward Retreat: March 25
		1. Hotel is covered for Friday night
		2. Friday: Social hour with games/activities
		3. Daycare for children Friday night
5. MAPE Business Agent Updates (Alex Erickson- 1501, Britton Mikkelson- 1502)
	1. Legislative Session
		1. 2023 The One Minnesota Budget (talking points)
		2. Solidarity Saturday- February 25
6. Member Questions, Comments & Concerns

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**MAPE Local 1501 2023 meeting schedule (12 p.m. – 1 p.m.)**
Jan 26th- Combined Local 1501/1502, virtual, Microsoft Teams

Feb 22nd- Local 1501, in person, Lueken’s North, 1171 Paul Bunyan Dr NW, Bemidji

Mar \_\_- TBD, Park Rapids

Apr 26th- Local 1501, in person, Lueken’s North

May \_\_- TBD, Baudette

June 28th- Local 1501, in person, Lueken’s North
Aug 28th- Local 1501, in person, Lueken’s North
Oct 25th- Local 1501, in person, Lueken’s North

Nov \_\_- TBD, Walker

Dec 27th- Local 1501, in person, Lueken’s North

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You can also find a complete listing of our officers and minutes on our Local 1501 [webpage](https://www.mape.org/my-mape/locals/1501).

Meeting adjourned- 12:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: Feb 22 at Lueken’s North, Bemidji