

Local 0301 Delegate nominees

Chakong Thao

My name is Chakong (Cha) Thao. I work for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in the Municipal Stormwater Program. I have worked under a classified status for only seven months. However, prior to this position, I worked as an unclassified, temporary employee during which I was a part-time MAPE member. I am glad to be part of a Union that is passionate about doing what's right for State employees. At Delegate Assembly, I plan to build relationships and expand my MAPE network with those in attendance in order to foster productive discussions about MAPE policies. Thank you.

Hannah Field

My name is Hannah Field. I have been a State employee at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in St. Paul since last November. I have been a member of Local 301 since my first week on the job. I have long held a great appreciation for unions and have been especially thrilled to be a part of MAPE because of the enduring commitment and passion of our members. As your delegate I look forward to continuing to get to know our and other Locals better while working with the rest of the Assembly to justly represent your voice and concerns.

Jason Ewert

My name is Jason Ewert and I'd like to represent you at Delegate Assembly. I work for MN.IT at the Pollution Control Agency in St. Paul. I have been a State employee for 14 years. I have seen this Union work for me and others over the course of my career. If I am elected, I will work hard to solicit opinions from other members in Local 301.

Jen Crea

My name is Jen Crea. I work for MN.IT Services at the Pollution Control Agency in St Paul. I have worked for the State for 21 years, and have been a MAPE member for 4 years. I became a steward so that my MN.IT coworkers would have a union representative to talk to about issues particular to our situation. Being part of two agencies at the same time, as MN.IT and the agency we serve at, presents unique issues. If elected, I hope to work with other Union members to build our voice.

Kristen Kirchoff

My name is Kristin Kirchoff, and I work for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. I've been a State employee for 12 years, and a MAPE member for 3 years. I currently serve as a Steward for Local 301, and I enjoy that work. I'm interested in being a delegate to the Delegate Assembly to get more involved in MAPE. If I am elected, I will work hard and represent Local 301 to the best of my ability.

Kristin Mroz

Hello, my name is Kristin Mroz. I work at the Environmental Quality Board. I have worked at the state for 2 years and became a member of MAPE right away. I value the work that the union does and want to see continued success. I was an alternate delegate in 2017 and look forward to the opportunity to play an active role in MAPE organization this year. It's important that members are heard, represented, and respected at the assembly and I will bring Local 301 perspective to the table. Thanks!

Mark Snyder

My name is Mark Snyder and I am the Pollution Prevention Coordinator for MPCA. I have been a state employee and MAPE member for 21 years and Local 301's treasurer for almost two years. I have participated as a delegate for the past six years and look forward to continuing to represent Local 301 if I am chosen to do so.

Paul Pestano

My name is Paul Pestano, and I work for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in St. Paul. I have been a state employee for one year, and a MAPE member for ten months. I value the important work of MAPE and wish to become more involved in its governance through the Delegate Assembly. If elected, I intend to represent local 301 to the best of my abilities, and ensure that its members have a strong voice in MAPE.

Summer Streets

My name is Summer Streets. I work for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in St. Paul. I have been a state employee since 2007 and a MAPE member since 2013. I joined MAPE for two reasons: 1) I wanted to be able to vote on our contract, and 2) unions improve working conditions for everyone, whether they're in a union or not. Let's work together to make the State of Minnesota the best place to work and live.