

Local 1001 President nominees

Kent Barnard

My name is Kent Barnard. I work for the Department of Transportation as a communication and media specialist in Roseville. I have been a state employee for nearly 30 years and a career-long MAPE member. I have served on meet and confer committees, as a delegate or alternate to the Delegate Assembly and as a steward for the past 15 years. I became president of Local 1001 last September upon retirement of our president.

With the continued onslaught against unions, it's more important than ever to increase union membership while maintaining current membership. I also will strive for increased participation of members and to motivate and encourage inactive members to become involved. I will continue to work toward increased diversity of leadership within our local.

If elected, I will listen to the concerns and ideas of all members and provide transparent leadership at the local and state levels.

Maurice Wilson

I'm honored to be nominated as a candidate for local 1001 president. I've been a MAPE member for the past seven years that I've been with the Department of Education. Perhaps we've met at a 1001 meeting, a contract action, or through my work as a steward and member of Education's Professional Development committee, Meet and Confer, and Supplemental Bargaining teams. I believe that our strength as a local depends on authentic engagement, inclusive practices, transparency, and consistent leadership. As 1001's president I will put these values in action to continue building our power. Solidarity, Maurice Wilson.

Local 1001 Secretary nominees

John Gimpl

I am John Gimpl and I've served Minnesota at the Department of Education and as a MAPE member for over 11 years. I've held the office of Local 1001 Recording Secretary for 10 years – came to lunch one day and gained the position a few months later. Having a strong union is critical, and I will work toward that purpose no matter what role I fill.

Mike Schultz

My name is Mike Schultz and I work at the Minnesota Department of Education in Roseville. I have worked for the State for approximately 20 months, and have been a MAPE member for just about as long. I am hoping to return to the fold after taking a break from union activity. My vision for MAPE is for the union to transition from being transaction-focused to transformation-focused. Through the power of our union, I believe we have the opportunity and responsibility to not only improve our own places of work, but the lives of the people and communities we serve.

Local 1001 Membership Secretary nominees

Jeff Plaman

My name is Jeff Plaman and I serve students and families as the Online and Digital Learning Specialist at MDE in Roseville. I'm running to serve MAPE members as our membership secretary. As your secretary, I look forward to providing a warm welcome to new employees. By working together with MAPE members closest to each new employee, we can help them understand the benefits of joining the union as voting members. We can work together as advocates for our union to strengthen our membership among eligible employees and ensure that all voices are being heard.

Mathias Dall

My name is Mathias Dall and I work for MnDOT at Waters Edge. I'd like you to know that I am running for membership secretary in MAPE Local 1001. Our union is very important and I appreciate the hard work from our fellow and previous members. Their hard work and our collective bargaining with other unions helps increase and maintain our standards of living. By serving in this position if you elect me, I will try with my best effort to keep us united and ensure our interests are represented. Thank you for considering me.