

# Local 2101 Delegate

## **Aron Buchanan**

My name is Aron Buchanan, and I'm asking to be nominated as an alternate to the delegate assembly. I've worked in public service my entire life, the last six years of which have been at the MN Department of Human Services. I've been a dues paying member throughout my career, and I'm dedicated to the work the union does in preserving and strengthening worker's rights. Please consider sending me as an alternate to the delegate assembly to set a course for us to continue to improve the conditions we all work under. Thank you for your consideration. In solidarity.

## **Hari Lamitarey**

My name is Hari Lamitarey and I am running for MAPE's 2019 Delegate Assembly. I have been a state of Minnesota employee and MAPE member for about three years. My primary work is at HRQ. I analyze MHCP data for programs that helps in better decision making. I like to learn and make a valuable contribution as being a 2019 Delegate Assembly.

Thank you

## **Jennifer Walsh**

Hello, my name is Jennifer Walsh. My state service and MAPE membership began in October 2018 in the Financial Operations Division at DHS in St. Paul. I'm looking forward to being a part of this process and would be honored to represent Local 2101 at the Delegate Assembly in September. I welcome, and will respectfully consider, any input you would like to share concerning voting decisions on proposed resolutions to MAPE's Bylaws. I'll do my best to promote the welfare of the membership, and advance the interests of all governmental employees. Thank you for your consideration. Have a great day!

## **Lauren Siegel**

My name is Lauren Siegel and I am running for MAPE's 2019 Delegate Assembly. I have been a state of Minnesota employee and MAPE member for five years. I serve as local 2101's membership secretary and was a delegate in both 2017 and 2018. Both of these Delegate Assemblies were critical for MAPE, given the Janus versus AFSCME Supreme Court decision and its impact on MAPE's future. I believe that my daily commitment to building membership and membership engagement, plus my previous DA experience will be valuable for the important decisions to be made at the 2019 Delegate Assembly.

## **Lauren Yates**

Hi, I am Lauren Yates. I have been a public servant for the majority of legal career. Currently I work as a Senior Compliance Analyst on the Federal Relations Team in the Dept. of Human Services Healthcare division. I have accepted the nomination to be a

delegate or alternate to more visibility promote equity and diversity in MAPE at all levels and documents. As a black Latina and member of the Strategic Plan and HCA's Equity Committees, I will strive to promote well-informed conversations and solutions to the work of my Local and MAPE at large.

### **Marcia Bierschenk**

My name is Marcia Bierschenk. I work for the Department of Human Services in Saint Paul. I have been a MAPE member since I started at the state in May of 2014. I have worked hard as a leader in MAPE, former Statewide Secretary, and currently local 2101 Regional Director, Statewide Membership Committee member and Steward. I have represented our local at Delegate Assembly in the past and I would love the opportunity to represent you again. I am passionate about supporting, educating, fighting for our rights, and doing what I can so all members have a voice.

### **Michael Murray**

My name is Michael Murray. I have worked for the Department of Human Service for 5 years. Joining MAPE in 2015, I have served as a new member welcome contact person, volunteered for MAPE contract rally's and was an alternate delegate for last year's Delegate Assembly. We are at a pivotal point in history where we must stand together and united to protect our values and rights to maintain control of our future collective bargaining rights. I will be honored serve as a delegate this year to insure your voice is heard to preserve MAPE and all of our members.

### **Nancy Schultz**

Hi, I am Nancy Schultz. I have worked at DHS at Andersen for nearly five years and have been a MAPE member since I started at DHS. Before, I was an AFSCME member county financial worker.

I work in Continuing Care for Moving Home. I partner with lead agencies and providers to move people to the most integrated setting. It improves lives, saves money and brings re-balancing money back to Minnesota.

I am interested in upholding the integrity, equity and fairness MAPE stands for. If elected, I am willing to insure members' needs are represented at delegate assembly.

### **Nicole Juan**

My name is Nicole Juan and I'm a Community Relations Specialist at the Department of Human Services. I worked in health policy at MDH, and have been active in MAPE since 2015. I believe strongly in the power of organized people to make change. Growing up in a Wisconsin union family, I saw what happens when non labor-friendly folks are elected. In 2011, I fought back when public unions were under attack. That experience instilled a passion to maintain and advance worker protections in Minnesota. I serve as Vice

President/Steward, Local 2101; MAPE PAC, and chair the Government Relations Committee.

**Reggie Wardoku**

My name is Reggie Wardoku and I am running to serve as a delegate for local 2101. I am a research scientist for the Encounter Data Quality Unit. This is my first year working for DHS and my first year as a MAPE employee, and I am eager to get involved with our union and grapple with the issues that affect us. I love dealing with technical contract language. And in my free time, I am a volunteer with a nonprofit helping people with low incomes prepare their taxes. I hope you'll allow me to represent you!

**Sylvia Kidder**

I am Dr. Sylvia Kidder, the Treasurer and Good & Welfare Coordinator for Local 2101. I joined MAPE when I was hired to work in Healthcare Research & Quality at DHS 1.5 years ago. Coming from a non-unionized organization, I was impressed by all that MAPE has achieved for its members and wanted to do my part to further our common goals. As a local delegate, you can count on me to vote thoughtfully and stand up for the best interests of our local members. If you have an idea or opinion, I want to hear from you.

**Vanessa Vogl**

My name is Vanessa Vogl. I became a MAPE member just a few days after I started working for the Department of Human Services in Saint Paul almost 5 years ago. I am currently the Secretary for my local in the Elmer L. Andersen building. I want members of my local to understand the importance of having bylaws and policies that reflect the values and priorities of MAPE members. If elected, I will work to deepen that understanding and encourage members to voice their concerns so the delegates can bring them to the table. We are the union!