**MAPE Political Council Meeting**

**7-14-23**

**Minutes**

**Meeting commenced at 9:16 am**

**Attendees:** Chet, Liz, John F, Kyle, Nicole

**Ice Breaker**

**Approval of Minutes from June:**

Nicole Moved to approve and Kyle seconded

**Contract Reflection:**

Reports from council members’ local meetings. A mix of responses. Disappointment with MMB and Walz. Discussed our responsibilities as a Council to hold Walz accountable. General consensus is that we got everything we could but everything we wanted.

**Personnel Updates:**

We discussed changes in MAPE’s staffing and council membership.

**Reports**

* + Exec Team/BOD Update
		1. The BOD received updates like certain buildings being eliminated by MMB.
	+ Negotiations Update
		1. July 26th MAPE Town Hall Meeting will be held to cover the TA. Once the vote occurs the PC can have a role in promoting the talking points. Discussed doing a member survey on workload with budget changes coming. The council will incorporate questions into the main MAPE yearly questionnaire.
	+ PAC Update
		1. Nicole reported that the PAC distributed some donations recently.

**Recessed for break**

**Reconvened**

**Review of Legislative Platform/Priorities (Legislative scoring will be an August PC Agenda item)**

* + Items for Consolidation/Edit for Clarity
		1. Kyle created a comprehensive list of passed items in 2023 and priorities for 2024. Discussed breaking it into two documents and giving it to the BOD.
	+ Fossil Fuel Divestment Group Follow-up (John F)
		1. This group wants MAPE to endorse their initiative. John F will send it to the Council for review.

**Community Engagement Officer (John F)**

* + Council review of Draft Proposal for BOD Endorsement. John asked council members to review from One drive by Monday morning.

**Review Legislative Engagement Reports to Members (Liz, Kyle and John F)**

* + Make Assignments to Meet with Locals and M&C Teams
		- Report on Legislative Session
		- Gather Feedback on Legislative Priorities (teach about process)
		- Draw direct connection from election results to session victories.
		- Community Engagement Officer
		- Tease Healthcare and non-partisan caucusing

**Report out to Presidents Committee**

* Nicole will replace Cathleen as the Political Council Representative on the Presidents Committee. Liz will be the alternate.

**Recessed for Lunch at 11:50am**

**Reconvened at 2:16pm**

**Healthcare Retreat:**

**Guests:** Chet J, Ann, Jackie, Lolita, Nate and Chris

**POP:**

* **Purpose:** Addresses issues members are concerned with.
* **Outcome:** Strategy for addressing next steps and creating a one pager for the BOD.
* **Process:** Look at current system, Healthcare for All, 2023 leg. Context and next steps conversation.

**SEGIP Slide Show** (created by MAPE staff, presented by John F)

**Issues Discussed:**

* Members are not receiving benefits that are included in the contract.
* Members can’t access services after company buyouts.
* People aren’t healthy because they can’t get what they need.

**Healthcare for All Campaign Update:**

* Coalition of partners who started it from MNA, retired physician, etc.
* Conclusion of the group was to get a Single Payer Healthcare system in MN within 5 years.

**2023 Legislative Session Update:** (laying the groundwork for future healthcare improvements)

* Public Option discussed (based off of MNsure)
* Studies and analysis were funded, first to be published Feb, 2024.

**Next Steps:**

* Nicole will create a Jam Board to add ideas. Pull them together and assign duties at next PC meeting (August).

**Adjourned**