**MAPE Region 14 Meeting Notes 2-8-24**

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**John Ferrara**

Gave an overview of Lobby Day this year which will be on March 19th. To sign up please visit the MAPE website, registration closes on March 8th. This year will focus on student loan forgiveness, staffing levels, cyber security, etc. Sign up for the training at <https://mape.org/news/lobby-day-training> . Dress should be business casual and vouchers are available for lunch. Time lost and hotels will be reimbursed by MAPE. Also save parking receipts for reimbursement.

Local officer pilot program is in the works with a target date of late February for the next course. Email John Ferrara at: jferrara@mape.org if interested in becoming a local officer.

**Ann Adkisson**

Went through the various options available to take time off to go to union activities and how reimbursement works.

No update from the board of directors.

Regional meetings will be on the first Thursday of every even month.

Odd number months we will try to do on site meetings or a local meeting. Reach out to Ann Adkisson: aadkisson@mape.org if you would like to have an in-person chat.

Shared some information on upcoming events. To view a full list: <https://mape.org/events>

**Homebuyers Seminar February 27, 2024**

**Regional Steward Retreat March 7, 2024**

**MAPE Capitol Lobby Day March 19, 2024**

**Advanced Steward Training March 22, 2024**

**Region 14 Meeting April 4, 2024**

**Basic Steward Training April 26, 2024**

**Ariel Johnson**

Next local 1402 meeting is March 12th at noon on teams.

1401 will not be having a meeting next month.

Get together at Blackwood’s Event Center was a success.

Gave some information on the upcoming steward retreat in Virginia, MN. Encouraged people to bring foreword issues to their stewards so they can stay informed on issues and work to resolve them.

**Ann Adkisson**

1401 Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President positions are currently vacant.

Both 1401 and 1402 are looking for Political Role Officers and Membership Secretaries.

Encouraged others to step up and help.

Asked for suggestions for what we could do for future meetings and made some suggestions of possibilities.

Recommendation to go through some of the terms and definitions we commonly use in MAPE as part of meetings to help improve understanding.