**Organizing Council (OC) August Meeting**

**August 11, 2023**

**Present:** Chair Lauren Siegel; Vice-chair Sarah Weiss; Bobbie Miller-Thomas; Zac Echola; Mike Samuelson; Lolita Davis Carter. MAPE staff Janaya Arellano

1. **Welcome and community builder**
2. **Organizing training**
	* Next steps
		+ Zac will make a one pager with learning objectives and proposal for this training
		+ Lauren will create a parking lot for people to add activity and content for learning objectives that they are interested in
		+ Mike to develop outline for trainings with MAPE and other unions
3. **Organizing for new local/regional structure**
	* Next steps: Lauren to share ideas with Board about potential surveys or opportunities to discuss local structural options. Questions include:
		+ what are the current organizing challenges?
		+ What are the pros and cons of each structure?
		+ Where can we go from here?
4. **OC budget and training opportunities for OC members**
	* The OC approved for Lolita to attend Minnesota Union Leadership Program
	* Lauren and Zac will look into how Lolita’s participation in MULP will be funded (OC budget or training budget)
	* Lauren and Zac will identify a training budget for OC members and organizing leaders
	* Bobbie will bring a proposal for her to attend Net Roots conference next July
5. **Elections and appointments**
	* Chair - Lauren will continue to serve as chair
	* Vice-chair - Sarah will remain vice-chair
	* Secretary - Mike will be secretary (Zac will look into calendar and share with Mike to manage)
	* Treasurer - Zac voted to remain as Treasurer
	* Liaisons
		+ Local president’s committee: Lolita
		+ Political Council: Zac
		+ Meet and Confer: Bobbie
		+ ERC: Zac
	* Janaya/Lauren to work with President Dayton and MAPE staff on appointment process and upcoming open seats
6. **Organizing around dues restructure**
	* Director Blagsvedt shared that the Board of Directors recently approved a proposal to adjust dues structure
	* OC will have a follow up discussion on dues on 8/25. Potential union-wide session on dues restructuring in September