**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