



## **POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**March 12, 2021**

### **Minutes**

Vice-Chair Ferrara called the meeting to order at 9:08 A.M.

**Roll Call:** A quorum was established

**Present:** Vice-Chair John **Ferrara**, Secretary Amanda **Hemmingsen-Jaeger**, Nicole **Juan**, Rebeca **Sedarski**, Chet **Bodin**, MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**, MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce**

**Absent:** Chair Cathleen **Cotter**, Monica **Weber** (excused)

**Abbreviations:** Political Council (PC), Political Action Committee (PAC), Organizing Council (OC)

#### **Business:**

- Welcome
  
- Legislative Updates (**Solo**)
  - Over 1,000 participants for Zoom Summit with Governor between Zoom meeting and YouTube.
  - YouTube video has had over 500 views
  - Revised budget forecast released
  - Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) update
    - Expires March 31, 2021
  - Paid Family/Medical Leave (PFL) bill
    - Has not been heard in the Senate, but traveling through the House
  - Private prison ban bill

- Pre-sentence Investigative report (PSI) bill
- **Motion (Juan):** Approve February Political Council minutes
  - Second (Sedarski)
  - Passed
- Political Council Webpage update (**Solo**)
  - PC web page updates include charter/bylaws; platform and minutes coming soon  
<https://mape.org/committees/political-council>  
<https://mape.org/legislative-session-2021>
- One on One report outs (**all**)
  - Juan: four in the last month, two scheduled for next week. Conversations focused on equity work within agency (DHS), legislative and budget updates, and membership
  - Ferrara: monthly 1:1 with regional director, meeting with members in local and other greater MN locals, OC Chair Sarah Evans
  - Sedarski: Was in Mexico most of the last month (excused)
  - Bodin: Meetings for DOH recruitment; outreach to locals (Alexandria, Brainerd, Duluth, etc) to participate in legislative meetings
  - Hemmingsen-Jaeger: working through steward issues and membership; working on meeting with and activating folks for DOC/DPS/BCA DOH
- Brief convo on telework anticipated timelines and policies
- Day on the Hill Updates and Discussion (**Solo**)
  - Brief conversation on recruitment; working with OC, regional directors Meet and Confers, etc.
  - Monday March 15: DHS, MNSure, MDH
    - Reviewed agenda
  - March 24: DOC/DPS/BCA
    - Able to sign up in portal; more folks expected for the full
  - Others upcoming:
    - MN State
    - All call (possibly)
- Joint PC/PAC/Political Fund Conversation (**Solo/Ferrara**)
  - Looking to schedule around the end April or June (post negotiations)?
    - Trying on Friday of April (23rd)
    - Leah reaching out to PAC and Political fund to confirm date
  - Topics include gathering information and guidance on legalities on working together, strategy, and any changes if necessary
  - Also: Two PAC openings

- Negotiations
  - Should be a standing PC agenda item
  - Invite co-chairs to next PC meeting for update and discussion on collaboration
  - For next month's PC meeting, Nicole will invite:
    - Adam Novotny & Carolyn Murphy
  - All PC members should try to have a 1:1 with their regional negotiations rep in the next month.
  
- **Motion (Juan):** Give \$100 each to Rebeca and Cathleen in memorial of their fathers
  - Second (Bodin)
  - Passed
  
- Joint Meeting with Organizing Council
  - Members present: Zac Echola, Sarah Weiss, Co-Chair Lauren Siegel, Kirsten Peterson, Bobbie Miller Thomas, Co-Chair Sarah Evans
  - Discussion about a Joint Resolution to update Board of Directors Workgroups
    - **Motion (Ferrara):** Members of Organizing and Political Councils support the draft to change the Board Workgroup Rules, and seek out other MAPE committees to present at Board of Directors meeting in June
      - Second (Miller Thomas)
      - Passed
  - Organizing in Development Zones
    - Rochester
    - St. Cloud
    - Maple Grove
    - Stillwater
    - White Bear Lake
    - Ely
    - Brainerd/Bemidji
    - Discussion of work for reaching out to members, and informing and engaging members into their local political process
  - Strengthsfinder assessment
    - Utilizing a consultant to conduct for OC/PC during a summer joint meeting
    - Council members can submit proposals and ideas for discussion at check-in meeting to take place in the second half of May
      - Proposals should include: Consultant/group name, why, estimated cost, and estimated lead time
  - PAC Update (**Juan**)

**Next meeting:** Friday, April 9th at 9:00 AM

**Adjourned at 2:27 PM**

**Back-up Note-Taking Rotation:**

April - Monica  
May - Chet  
June - Nicole