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 webpage 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
  • Ferarra: 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