



**MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION
POLITICAL COUNCIL MEETING**

April 9, 2021

Minutes

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Roll Call: A quorum was established

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

Absent (excused): Rebeca **Sedarski**, Monica **Weber**

Business:

- Welcome

- **Motion:** Approve outstanding minutes (March) (**Ferrara**)
 - Second (Hemmingsen-Jaeger)
 - Passed

- Legislative Updates (**Bruce, Solo**)
 - DOC/DPS/BCA Day on the Hill Recap
 - Good turnout from MAPE and Legislature (both parties)
 - Omnibus Bills completed this week
 - House – Almost all operating adjustments included; Senate – Almost none
 - Bills moving to House and Senate next week
 - Discussion of federal funds and American Rescue Plan
 - Hopefully will hear something by May 1st
 - Premium Pay update
 - Private businesses, Tribal governments, Municipalities, etc. eligible
 - Essential frontline workers paid up to \$13/hour (\$25,000/year) for work during the pandemic
 - Cost effects of moving instruction from on-campus to online
 - Cost Winona State \$10 million to move to distance learning

- DHS/MDH Day on the Hill Recap (**Juan**)
 - Successful – Twitter activity, member interest, good turnout from MAPE and Legislature (both parties)
 - Good feedback about training from members
- MMB proposals discussion
 - Reactions to proposal
 - Concerns about lack of equity consideration and teleworking provisions
 - Next steps/Actions
- One on One report outs (**all**)
 - Discussions and reactions from MMB proposal
 - Placement of promotional opportunities
 - Partnering with other unions
 - Questions about MAPE management
 - Supporting Negotiations Team
 - All-Call Day on the Hill?
 - Job classifications
- Request to support legislation
 - Crimes motivated by bias (HF1691)
 - MAPE members requested statement against AAPI hate
 - **Motion (Bodin):** Political Council to support the language in HF1691, and request Board of Directors approval for MAPE support.
 - Second (**Juan**)
 - Passed
- Negotiations Conversation (Guest Adam Novotny-Negotiations Co-Chair)
 - Mixed messaging between Governor/Commissioner conversations and the proposals from MMB
 - Reactions of proposed language
 - Structural racial inequities shown in hiring, retaining, and layoff practices
 - Next steps – identifying engagement and education plans
 - Action for Temporary Unclassified employees– April 22nd
 - Sign-up:
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeV2E3ND36Leycn0zm7ky1157kRsRrW3x5URD1-p4-crhsfGg/viewform>
 - Budget
- MNSTATE Day on the Hill (**Ferrara**)
 - Targeting April 29th
 - Same format at previous
 - Well organized and prepared Meet and Confer

- Issues:
 - MNSTAT funding
 - ISRS (Integrated Student Records System)/NexGen funding
 - Permanent unclassified employees

- All Call Day on the Hill (**Solo**)
 - No tentative date yet
 - Possibly collaborate with another group
 - Going forward with planning
 - Idea for fall session or training to encourage Meet and Confers to proactively get involved prior to the legislative session
 - Agenda item for May meeting: Discuss planning for legislative priorities (call for ideas, timing, outreach, coordinate with Communications)

- Next Steps – Legal Joint Meeting
 - Better understanding of roles and Campaign Finance law
 - Tentatively April 30th
 - Part-day meeting with PAC

Next meeting: Friday, May 14th at 9:00 AM

Adjourned at 1:50 PM

Back-up Note-Taking Rotation:

May - Chet

June - Nicole