



Political Council Meeting

October 11, 2019

Minutes

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 9:04am

Roll Call: A Quorum was established

Present: Chair Cathleen **Cotter**; Vice Chair John **Ferrara**; Secretary Megan **Dayton**; Jason **Broberg**; Nicole **Juan**; MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce**; Statewide President Chet **Jorgensen** (10:30am-11:45am); Statewide Treasurer Todd **Maki** (11:30am-2:30pm)
Absent: Monica **Weber** (excused); Jessica **Garcia** (excused)

I. Council Business

a. Debrief of Delegate Assembly 2019

- i. Political Council's breakout session showed our need to:
 1. Separate ourselves from the PAC and
 2. Develop a cohesive message as a Council

b. In-District Meetings

- i. District 7 – Duluth was rescheduled and the new date is this coming Monday, October 14th at 5:30pm. Broberg, Dayton, and Bruce are planning to be in attendance along with RSVPs from eight (8) members and three (3) spouses. The same legislators are attending (Rep. Olson(7B), Sen. Simonson(7), and Rep. Schultz(7A)).
- ii. District 37A – Coon Rapids with Rep. Koegel(37A) scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at 5:30pm.
- iii. District 19 – scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th.
- iv. **M(Broberg) S(Ferrara) P to allocate up to \$175 on the District 7 session; A(Ferrara) S(Juan) P to allocate up to \$200 per in-district session for all in-district sessions**
 1. **Roll Call Vote:** none opposed

c. Listening Sessions

- i. Local 2101 – DHS at Anderson on Tuesday, October 15th at 12noon with ten (10) accepted RSVPs.
- ii. Local 201 – DHS at Lafayette on Thursday, October 17th at 12noon with four (4) accepted RSVPs.

iii. M(Cotter) S(Ferrara) P to allocate up to \$200 per listening session for Local 2101 and Local 201

1. Roll Call Vote: none opposed

- iv. Juan debriefed on *Slice of Autumn* event at DHS on discussions had regarding labor history and our two new Councils (Political and Organizing). Also discussed were AFCSME's current projects. Juan notes that it was well attended.

- d. GoToMeeting
 - i. Meetings and votes can happen virtually so the Council discussed the option of purchasing a license. This is tabled and carried over to the November meeting.

- e. A general email for the Political Council will be set up for members and others to contact the Council and to ensure a smooth transition of revolving terms.

- f. Talking to your legislator update
 - i. Council will develop a toolkit to include standard communication and training materials.

- g. Policy on use of state resources review
 - i. We are allowed to advocate for and send communication regarding Political Council listening sessions and in-district meetings through state email. The Council will create a flyer based on HR/LR Policy #1423 and Administrative Procedure 32.

- h. Day on the Hill
 - i. Member support for the action is minimal and declining. Council members would prefer to focus more on local and in-district listening sessions or focusing on particular issues (e.g. developing/identifying an action team, Field Services Summit on November 1st, DHS restructure, Paid Family Leave, temporary unclassified appointments, bonding measures, etc.).

- i. Political Council Summit
 - i. The two Councils have identified some leaders. In order to mobilize this infrastructure to be a significant contributor in the 2020 election, the Political Council will begin planning a Summit for January or February 2020, bringing in someone to facilitate the training. MAPE HQ is the desired location with a comfortable capacity of about 50 attendees, representative of MAPE's geographical and demographic diversity.

- j. Political Council Charter, Bylaws, and Policies
 - i. Juan, Dayton, and Broberg will develop a refined Charter with a draft to present at next Political Council meeting (November 8th).
 - ii. Chair Cotter will draft refined Bylaws to present at next Political Council meeting (November 8th).

- iii. Weber and Garcia (notified by Chair Cotter since both Weber and Garcia absent at this meeting) will draft refined policies to present at next Political Council meeting (November 8th). This will include items of budget, reference to general MAPE policies and code of conduct, conflict of interest, social media, approved fonts and colors, use of state resources, data practices policy, reimbursement forms, member attendance, offenses, explanation of revolving terms, and general expectations.

1. M(Dayton) S(Broberg) P to allocate up to \$200 per Council member on Council branding as soon as logo is approved

- a. **Roll Call Vote:** none opposed

II. Staff Update

- i. Identified the start date of October 28th for the new Communications and Public Affairs Director and that other vacant positions would be posted soon.
- ii. Board of Directors update included the Board's phone call meeting from last week (Ferrara attended), climate study being done by Todd Cole, and the meeting of the Executive Committee.

III. Subcommittee on Employee Relations

- a. Sen. Isaacson(42), Rep. Lillie(43B), and Rep. Hortman(36B) are confirmed to attend and vote in favor. The subcommittee has agreed to video-broadcast the hearing. We discussed ways of collecting contact information of MAPE employees in attendance.

IV. Statewide Treasurer (Maki) Update on Council Finances

- a. The Council has spent 10.5% of its CY 2019 funds. With remaining CY2019 funds, the Council would like to explore the option of ISALAH, IAF, AFL-CIO, and Re:Power (formerly Wellstone Action) trainings.
- b. Council will develop a budget while refining the Charter and Bylaws documents.

Next Political Council meeting November 8th

Adjourn 3:13pm