



Political Council Meeting

November 8, 2019

Minutes

Chair Cotter called the meeting to order at 09:01am

Roll Call: A Quorum was established

Present: Chair Cathleen **Cotter**; Vice Chair John **Ferrara**; Secretary Megan **Dayton**; Jason **Broberg**; Nicole **Juan**; Monica **Weber**; MAPE Staff Devin **Bruce**; MAPE Staff Leah **Solo**; Statewide President Chet **Jorgenson**; Organizing Council Kirsten **Peterson** (1:20pm-2:30pm); MAPE Staff Debbie **Prokopf** (2:41pm-2:47pm), MAPE Staff Lina **Jamoul** (2:47pm-3:07pm)

Absent: Jessica **Garcia** (excused)

I. Council Business

- a. In-district Meetings
 - i. Next in-district meeting will be held on November 19th at the Blue Earth Public Library. Senator Nick Frentz (19), Representative Jeff Brand (19A), and Representative Jack Considine (19B) have all committed to attend.
 - ii. Others to schedule are SD14, SD36, and SD42.
- b. Listening sessions
 - i. **Ferrara** will be planning and moderating 2001
- c. Council retreat will take place on December 12th at the State Capitol.
- d. Council documents (Charter, Bylaws, and policies)
 - i. The Charter will define the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. **Broberg**, **Dayton**, and **Juan** will have a draft for the Council retreat (12/12).
 - ii. Bylaws will define removal processes and ensure meetings can be held electronically and votes are legitimate. The Council expressed interest in having a member present at Organizing Council meetings and a member seat on Negotiations Committee. Chair **Cotter** will have a draft for the Council retreat (12/12).
- e. Goals of the Political Council
 - i. Strategic goals include creating a statewide political infrastructure, defeating the toxic narrative around politics within MAPE, and building MAPE's political power and competence.

- ii. Measurable work plan includes passing the contract, flipping the Senate, holding the House, increasing member engagement, building allies in the community, creating a formal political statewide infrastructure, tying electoral/legislative/contract work in narrative at MAPE, strategically encourage more MAPE members to run for office, pack specific hearings with members, facilitate and train members on talking with their legislators.
- f. Political social gathering brainstorming
 - i. **Dayton** proposed the Council planning, facilitating, and sponsoring a political engagement gathering for MAPE members. The initial pilot will be extended to statewide officers, local officers, and regional directors on the evening of December 12th (**Weber** will book location TBD) and topic will cover the difference between the inherent nature of politics for State employees versus partisanship. **Dayton** will create flyer and feedback form.
- g. Council will be transitioning to Microsoft Teams in order to share calendars and jointly edit documents.

II. General MAPE business

- a. Executive Committee Update
 - i. The most recent meeting covered military dues for active-duty, MAPE scholarships for 2020, staffing and hiring two open MAPE staff positions, Greene vs. DHS case, MOU from MMB regarding a potential federal government shutdown was approved, strategic goals and plans for 2020, Steward Summit debrief, renewal of the IAF contract, and the formation of a new local 1001/1002 for Roseville Department of Education.
- b. Field Services Summit debrief
 - i. Once a budget has been established and a vote has taken place, the Political Council will follow up on whether or not lost time will be covered for members meeting with legislators.
- c. Insulin for all
 - i. **Broberg** will invite Nicole Smith-Holt to our December 13th meeting

Next Political Council meeting (retreat) November 12th

Adjourn 3:07pm