

MSCF Minute



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Mark Your Calendar

by Kevin Lindstrom, MSCF President

Although spring semester is just starting, it will be over before we know it. Sure, the next Snownami is forecast for this week, but we'll soon be talking about spring break and then graduation. Between now and the end of this semester, a good deal is going to happen. Now would be a good time to mark your calendar with the following:

January 22-26 – During this time we'll be celebrating our collective accomplishments in the yellow card membership campaign. While the effort continues to move forward, it's also important to recognize all that has been accomplished, thank those who have contributed, and welcome new members. To do so, a series of events will be held around the state. Information regarding these has been sent to chapter leaders for distribution. [Please join us for these events](#), and keep up the great work on the yellow card campaign!

January 22-23 – Our next bargaining sessions are scheduled for these days. As the latest hotline (651-767-1276) message indicates, the bargaining sessions originally scheduled for January 3-4 were rescheduled at the request of the employer. As

the message also indicates, the last two bargaining sessions have ended with the MSCF team putting a comprehensive settlement proposal on the table. Every bargaining cycle seems to have a point where things are either going to get done, or they're going to take a turn for the worse. We're at that point in this process. The settlement offers we've made are more than reasonable (some might suggest we've gone too far), a clear indication that the MSCF team wants to get this wrapped up. We are not, however, going to take a bad deal.

February 26 – The Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the Janus v AFSCME case on this day. The best place to keep up-to-date on the status of the case is the [SCOTUS blog](#). We've been talking about this case and similar ones for several years now. We've attempted to describe the potential impacts and prepare for them. I suspect some of our members are thinking, "Enough already, you've talked this thing to death." I suspect others, once the ruling comes down and its impacts are felt over time, will say, "Why didn't you tell us this was what was going to

happen?" Whatever the case, the Supreme Court decision will be delivered no later than June 30. The day the decision comes out we enter a new reality.

April 6 – Our annual delegate assembly will be held this day. In anticipation of the Janus ruling, you can expect to see some proposed constitution and bylaw amendments designed to prepare for a new reality. Between now and April 6, you can expect to hear more from the executive committee regarding our discussions and the process we used to craft the constitution and bylaw amendments we will be offering. As always, amendments are welcomed from the general membership. Delegates should expect a full, heavy-lifting day on April 6. Board members should expect some very substantive budget discussions at the board meeting that follows the delegate assembly. Now is the time to start discussions on your campus about what the priorities for MSCF should be and how you can contribute to bringing those about.

Please look to the Minute for updates on these and other important events. Have a great spring semester!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Benjamin Lowe, Anoka Ramsey
Heather Holcombe, Anoka Ramsey
Jenna Kowalski, Anoka Ramsey
Mary Satre, Anoka Ramsey
James Rutledge, Central Lakes
Paul Aberasturi, Century
Sean Tipping, Century
Abdiwali Daud, Hennepin Tech
Steven Dickson, Hibbing
Saul Acevedo, Inver Hills
Jennifer Derrick, Lake Superior
Matthew Swanson, Lake Superior
Sheri Henry, Lake Superior
Thomas Janicki, Lake Superior
Amanda Thormodson, M State
Sarah Olek, M State
Brian Grandison, Minneapolis
Charles Watson, Minneapolis
Clyde Brotherson, Minneapolis
Emily Hoffmann, Minneapolis
Judine Pattinson, Minneapolis
Megan Mitchell, Minneapolis
Rebecca March, Minneapolis
Todd Mulliken, Minneapolis
Joanne Petersen, MN West
Chad Kuyper, Normandale
David Vrieze Daniels, Normandale
Mary Hammerbeck, Normandale
Michael Couinard, Normandale
Michael Rybak, Normandale
Susan Kasahara, Normandale
Sarah Sponholz, North Hennepin
Erin Stresow, Pine
Greg Ryder, Ridgewater
John Ferranti, Ridgewater
Michelle Gauer, Ridgewater
Robert Lea, Ridgewater
Tammy Jablonski, Ridgewater
Heidi Vreeland, St. Cloud
Kimberly Sobieck-Behrens, St. Cloud
Jason Ross, St. Paul
Pierre Rabbia, St. Paul
Viki Viertel, St. Paul