Fellow MFPE Member,

If you missed the 2022 Annual Conference in Helena last weekend, you missed A LOT!

Our 295 elected delegates had a lot of fun and got a lot of work done. Here's the quick rundown. At our largest and most important meeting of the year, MFPE members...

- Approved a dues policy and budget
- Amended our constitution to place a March 1 deadline for nominees for state office
- Adopted a legislative program
- Adopted a new business item to create the MFPE Medal of Valor for public safety members
- Elected Sam Harrington 2nd VP and KaCee Ballou NEA Director
- Re-elected me as President, Eric Matthews 1st VP, and Michelle Wheat Treasurer



- Re-elected a GREAT Board Of Directors and added several new members
 Kris Hursh (District 1), Lissy Shaffer (District 5), and Britt Postma (District 2)
- Hosted a US Congressional Candidate Forum with 7 candidates for federal office
- Hosted labor leaders from AFL and MNA

- Hosted two sitting Supreme Court justices
- Hosted Montana's senior Senator
- Engaged our 29(!) MFPE member legislative candidates as delegates
- Awarded the first ever Eric Feaver Distinguished Leadership Award to Sheri Postma
- Raised over \$45,000 for the new foundation!
- Kicked off our new year-round PAC plan by raising over \$1,000 one-time dollars and over \$2,000 annually for PAC
- Raised over \$21,000 for Montanans Organized for Education (MOFE)'s PAC to reach every voter in school board races in our largest and most at-risk communities



• FINALLY inducted founding president Feaver into our Hall Of Fame, surrounded by honorable guests and family





- Received reports from the amazing staff--you can find Research Director Sarah Piper's slide deck on member benefits, our retired program, student loan forgiveness, pension info and more <u>here</u>
- Launched our prebudget negotiations survey

If you missed it, we missed you! Every local is allowed to elect at least one delegate to the Annual Conference, and I hope you'll join us next year!

And here's a picture of Executive Director Burke playing his trumpet, just for fun.



You're welcome.

In solidarity,

Amanda

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