

A nod to the past; eyes on the future

MPO President Steve Petroff

As I begin my tenure as MPO president, I want to thank my family for raising me in a strong MPO family, my MPO family for their friendship and mentoring me and my fellow Central Committee of Trustee members who have worked diligently together to make the MPO the fine organization it is today. It was with determination that I ran for the presidency and I accept the office with humility. I am indebted to all of you who have made me a better leader.

As President, I will preside over the meetings and act as the final authority on MPO matters. I will gather the leadership and together we will create a plan of action of what we want to accomplish over the year. Certain goals I will be sharing with them are:

The MPO Standing Committees have already experienced one change. In the past, the same members would sit on the same committee for years. Now the committees are better balanced by having seasoned members and new members appointed to them. The committees have members who come from more than one chapter to broaden their prospective. New committee members will have the opportunity to learn how the committees work and how to be a team member.

MPO chapters are the lifeblood of the organization and we need to communicate with them on a regular basis. It is important that they are involved at all levels throughout the year. There will be calls to chapters to help them put together an action plan and

offer assistance on membership recruitment, retention and fundraising.

In 2021 the MPO will celebrate its 100th Convention in Chicago and in 2022 the 100th Anniversary of its' founding in Fort Wayne. At such milestones its natural to look with pride at our past, but more importantly, we need to look to our future. If you have any ideas to enhance the MPO, please send them to the MPO Office.

For the 2012 convention, Jordan Lebamoff came up with the expression, "We're 90 years young, and we're not done yet!" Let's keep the momentum going!

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