



Welcome to the MSU Administrative Professional Association!

My name is Patricia (Pat) Hampton, and I am proud to serve as President of the MSU Administrative Professional Association. Our organization represents nearly 3,400 members, and we are excited to welcome you to our community.

The APA has a strong history of successfully negotiating member rights, with a steadfast commitment to making MSU a great place to work with strong benefits. Many of the reasons you chose MSU—if not most—are connected to the benefits and protections our union has worked diligently to secure and preserve.

### **What is the APA?**

APA is the largest labor union on the MSU campus. Each day, we advocate for strong working conditions for our members while supporting an environment where students can thrive. We work both with and on behalf of our members, collaborating closely with university officials, central administration, campus departments and units, and local and state leaders to protect and advance our profession.

Behind the scenes, many dedicated individuals help carry out this work. APA is supported by elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer), an MEA-assigned UniServ Director, elected Board Members, and Area Representatives. In addition, several committees—including Grievance, Finance, Communications, Elections, Membership Engagement, Legislative, and Constitution and Bylaws—as well as ad hoc committees, play a vital role in supporting our membership. We encourage you to consider getting involved and sharing your experience and expertise!

As a dues-paying member, you will have access to important updates, including information on training opportunities via email (we recommend you provide us with a personal email address). These communications are an essential way to stay informed about issues that affect you and your workplace. I hope that you take opportunities to stay connected!

If you ever have questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out—your union is here to support you.

In solidarity,

Patricia (Pat) Hampton  
President, MSU APA