

# MWCA Update



## Minneapolis Workforce Council Meeting

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# Minnesota Workforce Council Association

- 48 Voting Members
  - Chief Local Elected Official
  - Workforce Council (WIB) Chair
  - Workforce Service Area Director

(MWCA events are open to non-voting participants and partners)



# MWCA's Mission

***It is the mission of the Minnesota Workforce Council Association to provide Minnesota with a skilled and competitive workforce through engaged and proactive local elected officials, workforce boards, and staff.***



# How is MWCA Affiliated with AMC?

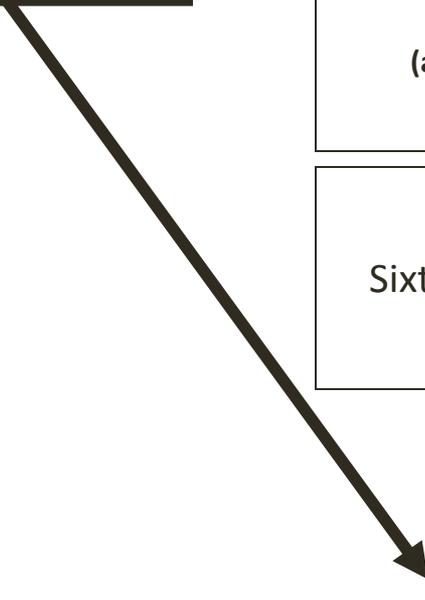


**Minnesota Workforce Council Association**  
48 Voting Members  
16 WSA directors  
Chief Local Elected Official  
Workforce Board Chairs  
Meets: Bi-Annually



**MWCA Ad Hoc Committees**  
  
Includes partner representation:  
DEED  
DHS  
GWDC, etc.  
Meets as needed

**AMC Executive Director**

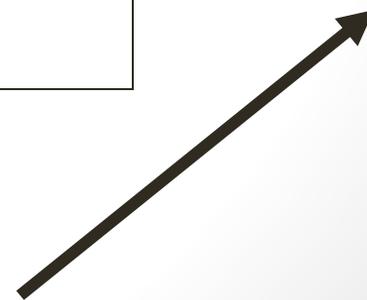


**MWCA Executive Committee**  
8 Members:  
Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer,  
Operations Chair, 4 At Large  
(at least 4 must be either LEO or Board Chairs)  
Meets: At Least Quarterly

**MWCA Operations Committee**  
Sixteen Workforce Service Area Directors  
Meets: Monthly



**MWCA Director**



# Purpose of MWCA



- **Function as the central forum for partners to discuss common workforce interests and issues, develop policy consensus, share successful job training strategies, and share best practices**
- **Maintain lines of communication with state and federal governments and local stakeholders.**
- **Provide for orientation of WIB members**
- **Provide training to WIB members**
- **Intervention through communication**
  - **(Use of discussion, data, and representation of the reality of local needs and issues to foster productive changes with State administrators and partners.)**

# MWCA Committees

- **Standing Committees**
  - Executive Committee
  - Operations Committee
  - Legislative
  
- **Ad Hoc Committees:**
  - Gang of Eight
  - Dislocated Worker/Adult Services (including UI)
  - Youth Program Work Group
  - Business Services/Economic Development
  - MFIP
  - Sustainability/Funding
  - Marketing/Communications

# MWCA Activities/Projects

- **National Conferences: NAWB, NWA, etc.**
- **Legislative Activities**
- **Mystery Shopper**
- **Annual Meetings**
- **Co-sponsorship of state-wide and local events**
- **Support travel for members to regional and national events**
- **Best Practices**



# Federal Affairs

*Where We Are, and What's Ahead*



# Pre-Election.....



Washington, DC effectively closed for business.

Total focus on the November Elections

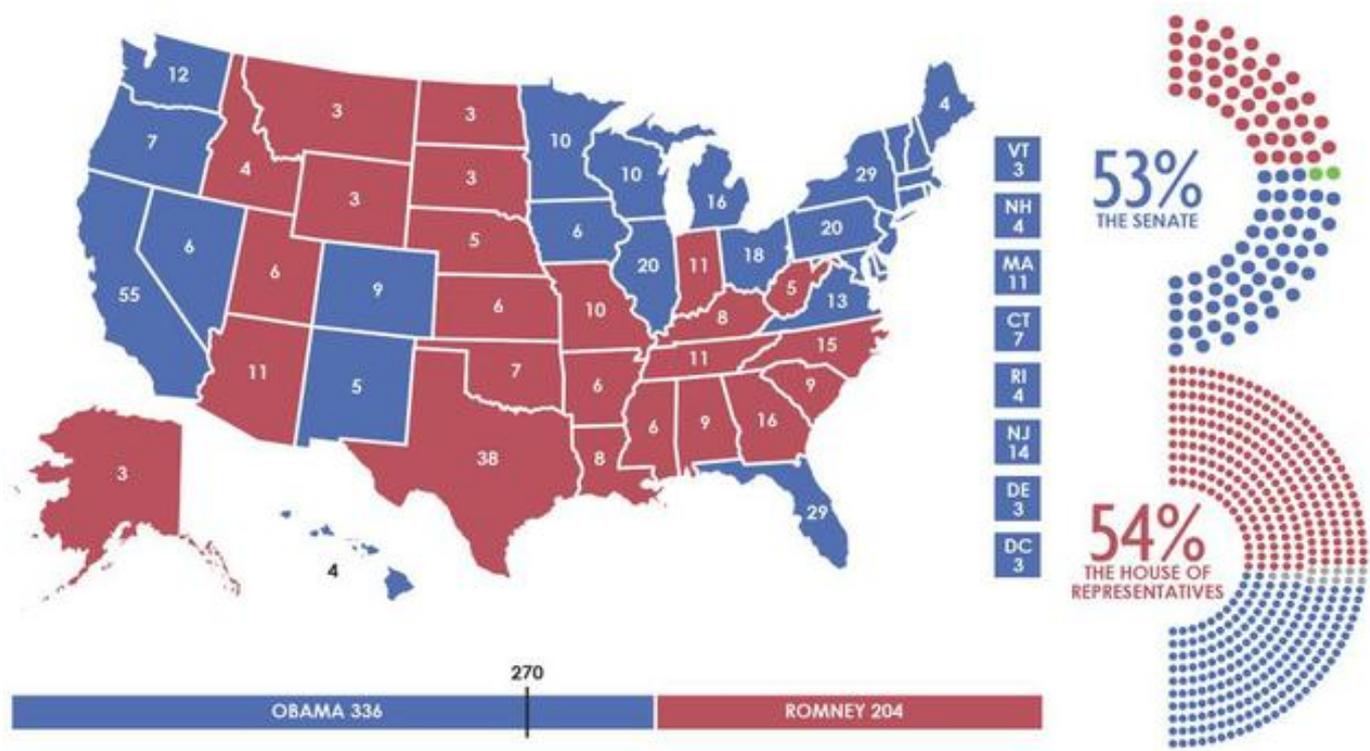
One to-do: Pass Continuing Resolution

All other work pushed to post-election session of Congress



# Federal Election Update

- President Obama reelected
- No change in control of House or Senate

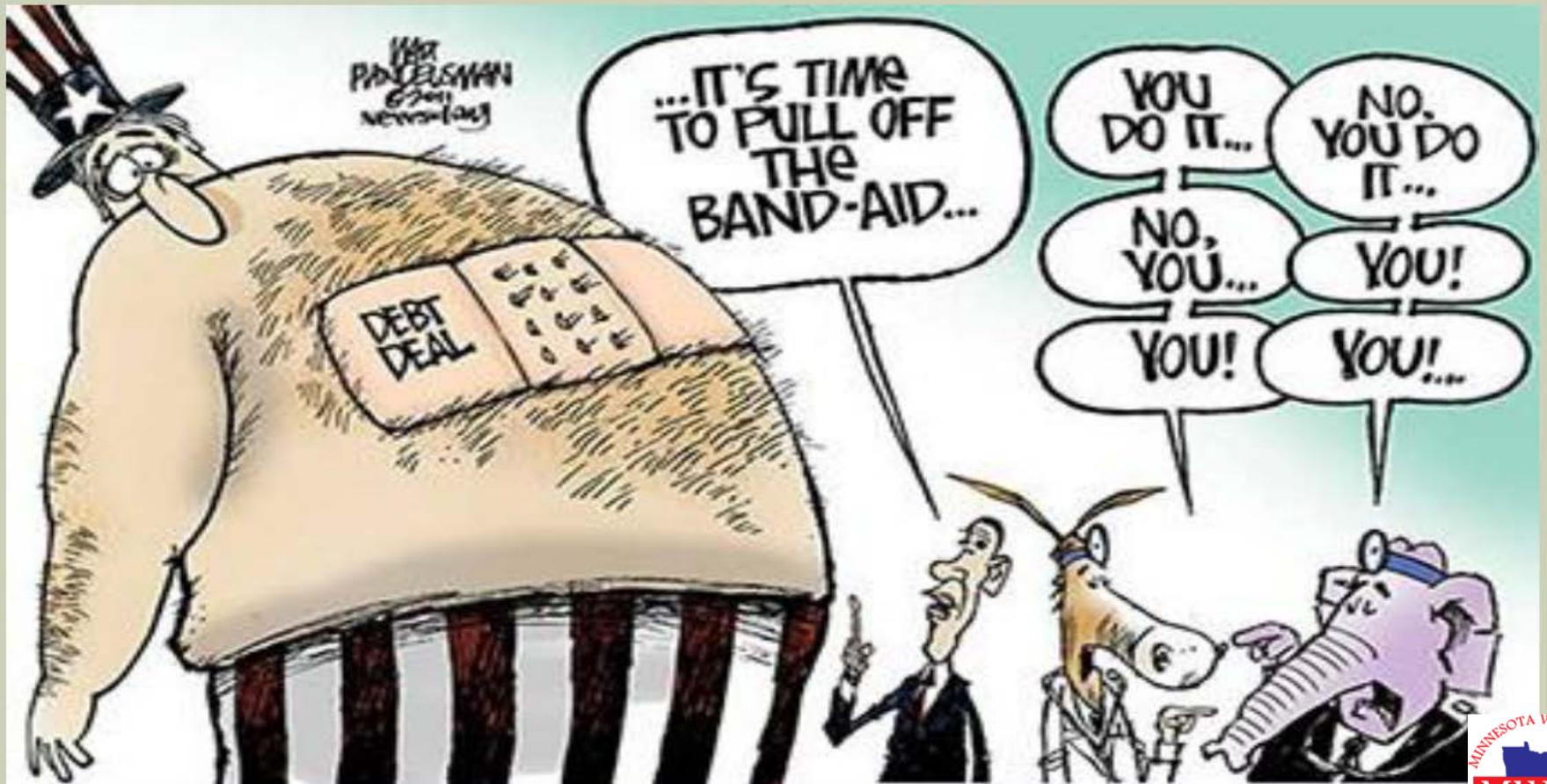


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# THE LAME DUCK



# THE FISCAL CLIFF



# What They Came Up With....

## Bought more time...

Future cuts split evenly between Domestic and Defense

**\$12 billion total:**

**\$4 billion in remaining 2013**

**\$8 billion in 2014**

**Effect on WIA: ?????**

**Effect on TANF: \$0**



# Budget Negotiations....

- CR through March 31<sup>st</sup> at current funding levels
- House and Senate will need to conference all 2013 Appropriations bills
- \$18 billion gap between House and Senate Funding levels
- \$27 billion gap between funding levels for domestic programs



**At what level will the Labor-HHS conference?**

- \$8.8 billion gap between House and Senate Labor-HHS Appropriations bill funding levels

# WIA Reauthorization?



- **Winter: “This is the year”**
- **Spring: “Not Representative Kline’s Primary Priority”**
- **Summer: “WIA Garnering Attention in House, Senate”**
- **Fall: “WIA reauthorization is dead.”**

# The State of Affairs

*Minnesota State Recap and What's Ahead*

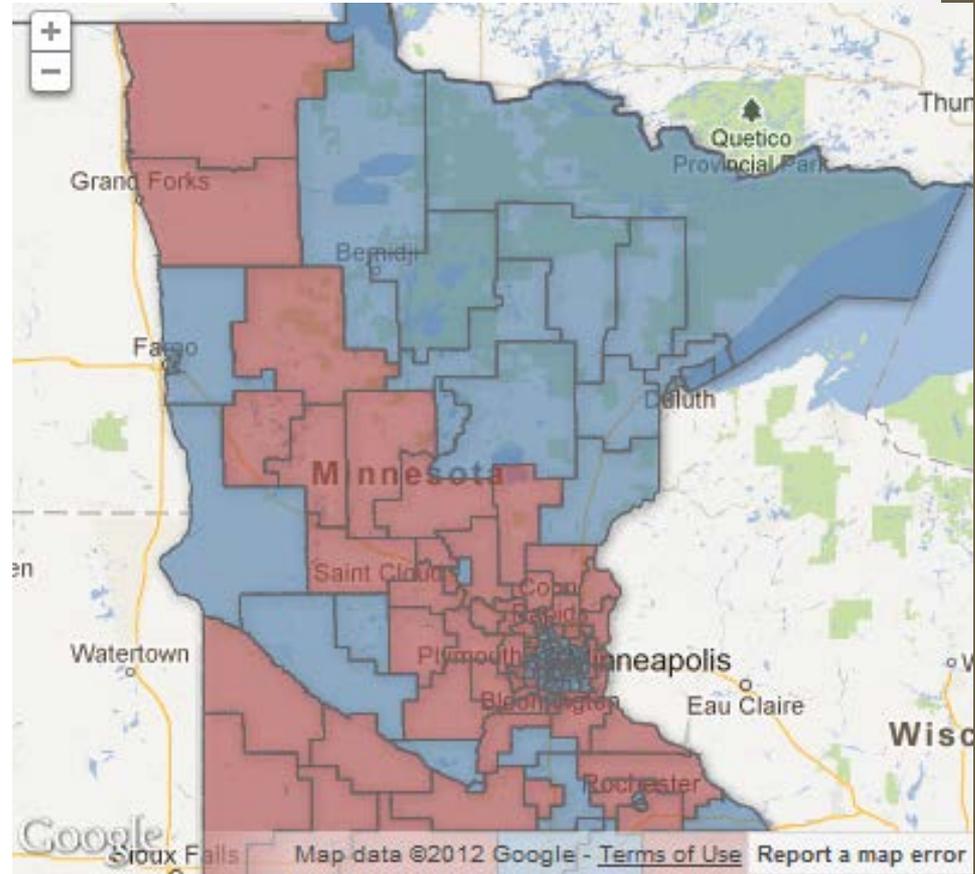


# The Highlights – The Numbers

- A record number of votes were cast in 2012.
- From 2002 to 2012 (6 election cycles) 4 of them have seen greater than 25% turnover in the legislature. From 1982 to 2002 there was 1 cycle with greater than 25% turnover.
- From 2002 to 2012 (6 election cycles) 3 of them have seen greater than 25% NEW members who have never served in the legislature. Prior to 2002 you have to go to 1974 to find 25% new members.

# Minnesota House

- Majority flipped in 2012, now controlled by the Democrats
- Went from 72 Republicans and 62 DFL to **73 DFL and 61 Republicans**



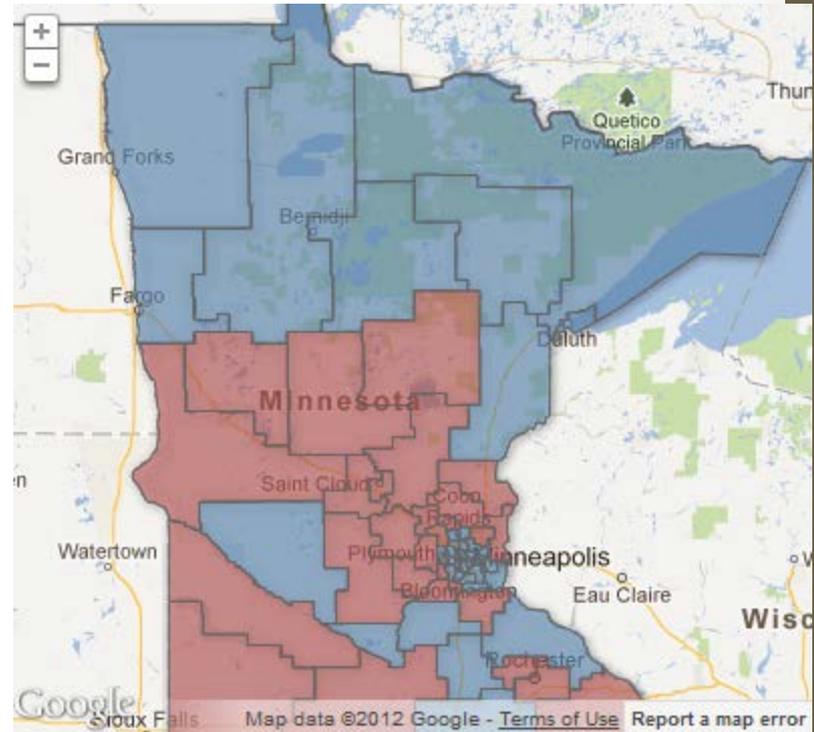
*Map provided by Minnesota Public Radio*

# Minnesota House

- 42 new members (31% new)
- Speaker of the House Paul Thissen (D – Minneapolis)
- Majority Leader Erin Murphy (D – St. Paul)
- Minority Leader Kurt Daudt (R – Crown)
- Leadership picks committee structure and assignments

# Minnesota Senate

- Majority flipped in 2012, now controlled by the Democrats
- Went from 37 Republicans and 30 DFL to **39 DFL** and **28** Republicans

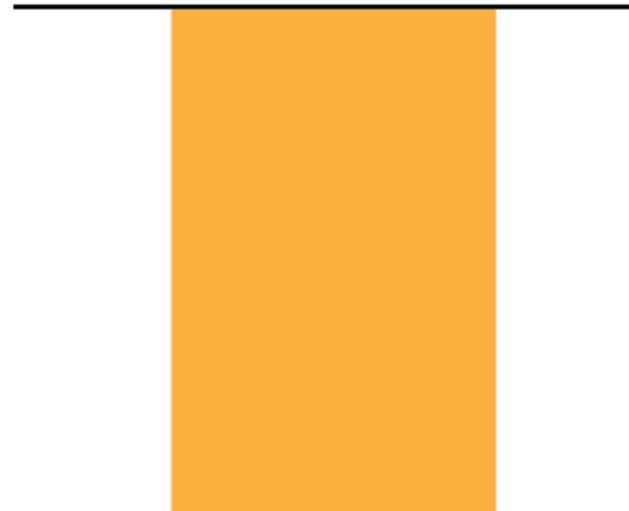


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# The Budget Situation

In 2011,  
Minnesota's  
historic budget  
deficit resulted in  
the longest state  
government  
shutdown in recent  
U.S. history.

**2012-13  
FORECASTED DEFICIT**



**\$5.0 Billion**

# Budget Forecast 2013

## 2012-13 BUDGET AGREEMENT

To solve Minnesota's historic deficit and end the shutdown, the Governor and Legislature agreed to use a significant amount of one-time budget fixes.



**\$5.0 Billion**

# The Result?

The result of this budget agreement?

## MINNESOTA'S BUDGET CHALLENGE REMAINS



**-\$1.1 Billion**  
*Forecasted 2014-15  
Budget Deficit*

+

**-\$2.4 Billion**  
*Amount Owed to  
Repay K-12  
Aid Payment/  
Property Tax  
Recognition Shifts*

*\*Does not include projected inflation in state expenditures. Recognizing inflation would increase deficit by \$1.1 billion\*.*

# More recent past....



## **Updated State Budget Forecast Released:**

- Significant surplus in current biennium will allow the state to pay down over half (\$1.3 billion) of the K-12 funding shift.

**\$1.1 Deficit**

**+ \$1.1 Remaining school shift**

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**\$2.2 Billion Structural Deficit**



# February Forecast Uncertainty

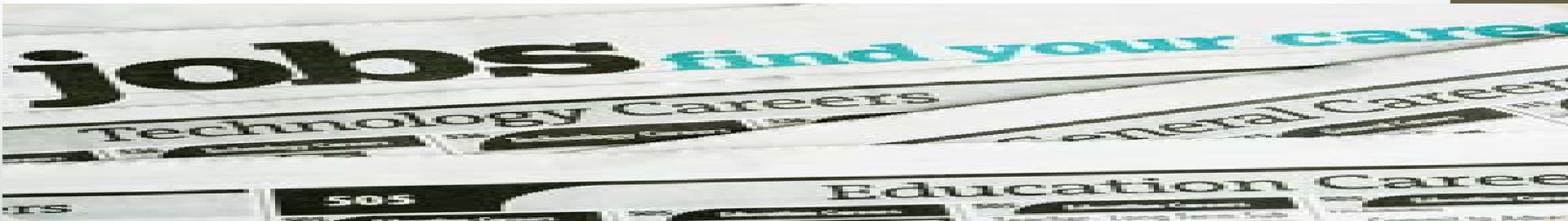
How will  
Federal  
uncertainty  
impact state  
budget  
deadlines?



# Looking Forward:

## Workforce Development

- Increase in Workforce Development Fee?
- Support for OJTs, FastTRAC?
- Youth Program Funding?
- Dayton administration
  - Realigning and repurposing
  - Career pathways?



# Looking Forward: Human Services





QUESTIONS???