



MNGA March 2023: Explanation Chart for Resolutions 11 to 13 and 15

Resolution title	Resolved #	Rationale
11. Increasing Opportunities for Voting NOTE: the motion is intended for MNGA members to choose option A <u>or</u> Options B to E.	A – Option: replaces article 5.6	Submitted by a member at the 2022 AGM and referred to the <i>Electoral Act</i> Committee. Minor wording changes (i.e. changing “will” to “shall” to make it consistent with the rest of the <i>Act</i>) have been applied.
	B – Option: alternate option to A	Requires Chief Electoral Officer to offer elections by mail in ballot. It also allows a Community to request a ballot box and outlines responsibility for the box and any ballots cast using the ballot box.
	C – new definition	Adds the concept of a Mobile Polling Station to allow the Chief Electoral Officer to arrange for a form of advance poll that would travel from community to community to allow electors to deposit ballots they received by mail, or receive a ballot if needed.
	D – advance poll hours	Requires advance polls to be open for at least four consecutive hours.
	E – replaces article 26	Requires Chief Electoral Officer to establish advance polls in the form of a ballot box sent to Community, or a mobile polling station or both in order to reach as many electors as possible, and to publish the dates and times. Remainder of the recommendation allows electors to deposit mail ballots at an advance poll, receive a ballot at an advance poll, or receive a replacement ballot at an advance poll in the Region or Community they normally live in.
12. Elector Outreach and Education	A – replacement of “may” with “shall”	This change requires the Chief Electoral Officer to engage in voter education and outreach activities for elections. This is optional in the current version of the <i>Electoral Act</i> .
	B – additional wording	Inserts a list of possible education and outreach activities the Chief Electoral Officer can engage in without limiting the types of activities.
	C – positions available	Requires the Chief Electoral Officer to widely distribute information about positions available for elections.
	D – addition to notice of election	Requires Chief Electoral Officer to include positions available for election, along with responsibilities and time commitments, as part of the initial mail out to all electors and posting on the MNBC website.
13. MNBC Electoral Act: Housekeeping Amendments	A – delete and insert new words	“Returning Clerk” is not a definition in the <i>Act</i> . This recommendation fixes section 14.1f so that it is consistent with the existing definition.
	B – reorganize an article	Article 14.1 is currently unclear; renumber parts c to f clarifies that those categories are included in the list of people who may not serve as a Returning Officer or Poll Clerk.
	C – replacement of a word	Clarifies the meaning of Article 31.2
15. Regulatory Authority for Elections	A – addition to <i>Electoral Act</i>	Allows for the MNGA to make temporary election rules if required for an election to allow the Chief Electoral Officer to deal with emergent situations and not require a Special General Meeting to consider requests.
	B – Addition to <i>MNGA Act</i>	Adds the same as A to the <i>MNGA Act</i>