



## RESOLUTION 17

SUBMITTED TO THE MARCH 2023 MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: Opportunity for Discussion at the March 2023 MNGA: Qualifications for MNBC Board Candidates  
Legislation Affected: n/a  
Submitted by: *Electoral Act* Committee  
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk  
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### WHEREAS

1. The Electoral Act Committee was created to provide input on elections and the *Electoral Act*.
2. The MNGA may wish to discuss matters relating to the qualifications of Board members.

### BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- A. In order to inform the work of the *Electoral Act* Committee regarding potential legislation, the MNGA engage in a discussion regarding pre-qualifications for MNBC Board candidates beyond what is currently included in Sections 8.3 to 8.5 of the *Electoral Act*, an extract of which is attached as Appendix 1.

## Appendix 1

### Extract: Sections 8.3 to 8.5 of the *Electoral Act*

- 8.3 Any Métis Citizen is eligible to be nominated as a Candidate if, on the day their nomination papers are filed:
- a. They are an ordinarily resident in British Columbia
  - b. Is 18 years of age or older; with the exception of the MYBC;
  - c. Any Métis citizen who is between fifteen (15) years of age and thirty (30) years of age may seek elected office within the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
  - d. Any female Métis citizen who is eighteen (18) years of age or older may seek elected office within the Métis Women of British Columbia.
  - e. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia they have been a resident of the Métis Community in British Columbia for not less than one year;
  - f. If they are seeking to be nominated as a Candidate for a Regional Director, or Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, or Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia has been a resident of the Métis Community of the Region they are seeking nomination for not less than 6 months;
  - g. If, they are a salaried employee of MNBC:
    - i. Have provided a written notice of intention to stand as a candidate to the CEO of MNBC no later than fifteen (15) days before the close of nominations;
    - ii. At the close of nomination, has provided written notice of a leave of absence to the CEO of MNBC:
      - i. *MNBC will grant the leave of absence for the salaried position;*
      - ii. *The Citizen, if they receive employment benefits as part of their employment with MNBC, is entitled to all their employee benefits while they are a candidate, save for pay.*
    - iii. If the Citizen is elected, they must resign their position with MNBC within thirty (30) days of the date of the election, and before being sworn into office.
  - h. If, they are currently serving as an independent contractor with MNBC, they have submitted notice of termination of all current contracts at the close of nominations.
  - i. At the close of nomination has provided a letter of resignation to the CEO for any salaried (contractor or employment) position held within the MNBC;
  - j. In accordance with *Article 23.7* of the *MNBC Constitution*, has provided a criminal record check satisfactory to the Chief Electoral Officer in accordance with *Articles 45* and *23.7* of the *MNBC Constitution*; and
  - k. Is registered with the Métis Nation British Columbia Central registry pursuant to the *Métis Nation British Columbia Citizenship Act*.
- 8.4 All nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall include the follow:

- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;
- b. A minimum of twenty (20) original signatures of Electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the position of President and Vice President;
- c. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the Métis Youth of British Columbia;
- d. A minimum of ten (10) original signatures of female electors who reside in the Province of British Columbia, who are not signatories of another Candidate's nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate seeks to be nominated for the chairperson of the Métis Women of British Columbia;

8.5 All nominations for Regional Directors, Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia shall include the following:

- a. Written acceptance of the nomination by the Candidate;
- b. A minimum of ten (10) signatures of Electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidate's Nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate for Regional Director seeks to be nominated;
- c. A minimum of three (3) signatures of electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate for the Regional Youth Representative of the Métis Youth of British Columbia seeks to be nominated.
- d. A minimum of five (5) signatures of female electors who reside in the region for which the Candidate seeks to be nominated, who are not signatories of another Candidates nomination papers for the same position and who are eligible to vote in the Election at which the Candidate for the Regional Women's Representative of the Métis Women of British Columbia.