



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	MNGA Governance Committee		
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, January 19, 2023	Time:	5:04 PM
Minutes Prepared By:	Nicole Ludwig	Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Attendance			
<p>Participating Members: David Allard, Carmen Carriere, Patrick Harriott, Jamie Keith (arrived at 5:20 pm), Trish Paulson (arrived at 5:25 pm), Pixie Wells</p> <p>Staff: John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer; Nicole Ludwig, Manager of Governance</p>			
1. Welcome			
<p>John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer, welcomed all members to the first meeting of the MNGA Governance Committee, and called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.</p> <p>Members and staff introduced themselves.</p>			
1.1 Election of Chair			
<p>Mr. Bieker advised that the election of chair could be postponed until the next meeting if the Committee so wished. In discussion, members expressed the desire for rotating chairs. Mr. Bieker advised that this is possible, however it would be ideal to establish a Chairs' Schedule at the next meeting.</p> <p>Committee members agreed to have Mr. Bieker remain in the Chair for this meeting.</p>			
2. Review and Approval of Terms of Reference			
<p><i>i. Review of Purpose</i></p> <p>David Allard proposed that the last sentence in the Purpose section of the Terms of Reference be struck and the following inserted in its place:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The Committee will recommend changes (if any) to concerns of legislation, regulations, rules, policies and any other areas that have a bearing on governance and decision-making structures. These recommendations will be made to the appropriate individual(s) and/or representative bodies, including but not limited to the MNGA and the AGM.</p> <p>Committee members expressed support for the change, and consented unanimously to this change in the Terms of Reference.</p> <p><i>ii. Reporting</i></p> <p>Trish Paulson requested that draft meeting minutes be distributed to members within a week of the meeting. Nicole Ludwig, Manager of Governance, advised that this is possible, however might be better as an office procedure or policy, rather than being embedded in the terms of reference, in case of any extenuating circumstances that may arise.</p> <p>Committee members agreed to this process. Mr. Bieker indicated a policy would be created to this end.</p>			



3. Suggested Dates for MNGA

Mr. Bieker provided context for this item, noting that the Committee should provide dates for the MNGA for future meetings. He noted that in this case, the Committee would be providing dates for the remaining virtual MNGAs for 2023 and the first MNGA in 2024.

Ms. Ludwig provided a series of proposed dates, and Committee members unanimously consented to recommend the following dates to the MNGA for the remaining virtual meetings in 2023, and the in-person meeting in 2024:

- June 3 to 4, 2023; and
- December 2 to 3, 2023; and
- March 1 to 3, 2024.

4. Committee Priorities

Committee members and staff discussed the following as priorities:

- Revising the MNGA act to allow for scheduling MNGA meetings on an annual basis, with wording appropriate to allow for some flexibility in scheduling;
- Examine the structure from an Indigenous perspective, and move away from existing colonial structures;
- Describe the requirements for a Director;
- Recognition that rural communities often have fewer resources than more urban areas;
- Clarification of the difference between governance and operations, more clarity about the differences between MWBC, MYBC and the Board of Directors;
- Expanding dialogue so that Citizens have more and better access to having their voices heard on big issues, and generally more reciprocal dialogue between electeds and the people they represent;
- More participatory representation and information on resources available;
- Clarification on responsibility for Charter Agreements;
- Deciding on how the Nation wants to govern, and how decision-making processes reflect those goals;
- Transparency around who voted for issues;
- Examine the overall structure of representation as it was created 20 years ago and has not changed.

Mr. Bieker agreed to follow up on funding and resourcing issues, and to provide some guidance on meeting procedures at the next meeting.

5. Future Meetings

The Committee agreed to meet on February 23, 2023, at 5:30 PM. Ms. Ludwig agreed to send out the meeting invitation the next day.

6. Adjournment

The Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2023 - Confirmed