



MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	MNGA Governance Committee		
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, February 23, 2023	Time:	5:35 PM
Minutes Prepared By:	Nicole Ludwig	Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendance

Participating Members: David Allard, Carmen Carriere, Patrick Harriott, Pixie Wells, Jesse Gervais

Staff:

John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer; Nicole Ludwig, Manager of Governance

1. Welcome

John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer, welcomed members to the meeting at 5:35 PM. Following discussion, Pixie Wells assumed the Chair, and provided an opening prayer.

1.1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The MNGA Governance Committee meeting agenda for February 23, 2023, was adopted on consent.

1.2 Adoption Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the MNBC Governance Committee meeting of January 19, 2023, were adopted on consent.

2. Meeting and Chair Schedule

John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer, explained the schedule and the intent behind it, and, in response to questions, advised that if a member scheduled for Chairing knows they will be absent, they can approach another member to trade prior to the next meeting.

In discussion, members noted:

- Concerns with the late start for the Committee and uncertainty that there will be enough meetings to get work done;
- Regions 4, 5, and 7 have not sent a representative and work should be undertaken to reach out to them;
- A Committee retreat would be beneficial to sort out a work plan and discussions before the AGM;
- Examining and possibly revising the Community Charter Agreement is one of the most important issues and it may be worthwhile to have a workshop on that at the AGM; and
- A consideration for this Committee may be to have criteria relating to attendance.

In response, Mr. Bieker noted that there may be an opportunity to fit in a meeting at the AGM, and noted he would investigate possible resources for a one-day retreat. Mr. Allard agreed to reach out to Regions 4, 5, and 7 to encourage them to send a representative to the Committee.

Following discussion, the Committee consented to the circulated meeting and chair schedule for 2023 (reproduced at the end of these minutes).

3. Meeting Procedures – Previous Question

Mr. Bieker provided information regarding the procedure “Previous question”, noting:

- Previous Question can only be used by someone who has the floor; they can end their statements by calling the question;



- It needs to have a seconder, is not debatable or amendable, and requires a 2/3 majority to force the end of debate.

In response to additional questions, Mr. Bieker provided the following information:

- A member may intervene with a Point of Order if they feel someone is speaking beyond the time rules in the Standing Rules at the MNGA;
- The Clerk monitors the amount of time someone has spoken and advises when there is 30 seconds left.

In discussion, members decided that the MNGA Governance committee does not need standing rules, but people should stay on track, and the Chair should be mindful of reminding people if they start rambling.

4. Governance Cycle

Mr. Bieker reviewed the rationale for three MNGAs per year and explained the proposed cycle.

Members noted the following during discussion:

- Would like to see discussion items in the summer meeting.
- More guidelines around motions that are permitted would be helpful, and more information on whether it's a request for information or a decision to be made.
- Professional Development is often better done in person.
- Introducing new matters in the summer may be too soon to flesh out completely. John – diagram – jumping off point.
- Special MNGAs have been used to deal with time-sensitive issues in the past.
- Some members may feel ill-equipped to determine what is best going forward and the Committee should receive governance training so that they can provide good advice to the MNGA.
- Regulations may not be enough; policy discussions or think tank sessions with Communities would be helpful in the development of policy and regulations.

In response, Mr. Bieker advised:

- The scope of SMNGAs could be narrowed to limit the items allowed.
- He will provide governance training to the Committee; members should let staff know what they want and need and staff can use governance expertise to make it work;
- With multiple MNGAs, the spring agenda may not be as ambitious and professional development opportunities might be scheduled for then.
- Part of governance will be determining how items not approved at the summer MNGA are dealt with.

5. Committee Priorities: Information Requested, Resources, and Work Plan

Members noted the following:

- There are two resolutions that would be good for referral to the committee: Community Charter agreements and communications.
- Would like to see some information on resources available to get people together, along with a focus on higher-level, policy issues;
- Community Charter agreements should be top of the priority list;
- The role women, youth, and other communities would be a good discussion topic; the Women's Act, for example, identifies MWBC as a governance council, but they do not have a governance role at the MNGA.



6. Adjournment

The Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 PM.

Next Meeting: March 23, 2023 - Confirmed

Action items:

Item	Responsible
Share MNC document on regulations	John Bieker
Send out most recent Community Charter Agreements	
Small group discussion on representation at MNGA	Carmen Carriere, Patrick Harriott, Pixie Wells
Regional Representatives for Regions 4, 5, and 7	Dave Allard

2023 Meeting and Chair Schedule

The MNGA Governance Committee will meet monthly, on the **fourth Thursday of each month** at 5:30 PM, unless that day is a holiday, then the meeting will take place a week earlier. If there is an AGM or MNGA meeting in that same month, the meeting take place the week before the AGM or MNGA. If a member assigned to be chair is unavailable for the meeting, the role of chair will pass to the next person on the list. Any new members who join the committee before this cycle is complete will be added to the list of rotating chairs immediately before the list turns over.

Month	Chair
March 23, 2023	David Allard
April 27, 2023	Carmen Carriere
May 25, 2023	Jesse Gervais
June 22, 2023	Jamie-Lee Keith
July 27, 2023	Patrick Harriott
August 24, 2023	Trish Paulson
September 14, 2023	Pixie Wells
October 26, 2023	David Allard
November 23, 2023	Carmen Carriere