



MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendance

Participating Members:

David Allard, Chair; Carmen Carriere; Jesse Gervais; Patrick Harriott; Travis Jobin (arrived 5:50pm); Trish Paulson; Marlene Swears; Pixie Wells

Regrets:

Jamie-Lee Keith

Staff:

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

1. Welcome

Dave Allard, Chair, welcomed members to the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

1.1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda

The agenda for the March 23, 2023, MNGA Governance Committee meeting was adopted as circulated.

1.2 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the February 23, 2023, MNGA Governance Committee were adopted as circulated.

2. MNGA Debrief

John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer, noted that feedback indicates the March MNGA went quite well, and that for the June MNGA the Committee's main focus should be on Resolution 7 (attached to these minutes for reference) which was referred to the Committee for further work.

In discussion, members noted:

- It may be worthwhile to have more than one option for the MNGA to consider.
- A longer block of time (e.g. a day or half a day) to work purposefully on this would be useful, and extra resources are available.
- There needs to be more Community consultation from the demographics who are requesting these changes as there had been no regional outreach. Due diligence includes consultation with local Communities, and making sure all the representatives from the groups requesting it are included.
- Presidents need to be prepared to talk to their Communities about these matters.



- A general sense that more information on governance and representation, among other matters, is needed.
- The different voices who want a say must be included.
- Concern that the original resolution was not discussed in depth before an amendment was moved at the March MNGA.
- Concerns about increasing representation at the MNGA while only having six days per year to do work.
- Consider more Community representation rather than regional representation for the MGNA.
- Advocate for separating the resolution into two – one for women and one for youth.
- The BCMANR structure and relationship with MNBC may also be useful for MYBC, MWBC, and other groups seeking representation at MNBC.
- The comments and observations at this meeting should be shared with MWBC and MYBC.

In response to comments and questions, Mr. Bieker and Patrick Harriot provided the following information:

- The MNBC Senior Leadership Tour is an operational roadtrip; discussions around more political issues such as resolution 7 may not be appropriate.
- There are many options in the Committee's report back, including requesting more consultation and substantial other amendments.
- MNBC has reached out to Professor Kurtis Boyer, Research Chair in Métis Governance and Policy, at the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Saskatchewan who is planning to work with Métis on governance.

The Committee agreed to meet for a longer time and requested staff make the arrangements. Members also agreed that, more consultation is needed on resolution 7, particularly at the grassroots level, and it should be broadened in scope to include other groups requesting representation

2.1 Update on new Regional Members

During item 2, Mr. Allard introduced two new members: Travis Jobin and Marlene Swears, representatives for Regions 4 and 5 respectively.

2.2 Joint Meeting with 2SLGBTQQIA+ Committee

In discussion members noted that a meeting with the 2SLGBTQQIA+ Committee would be fundamental since that Committee was struck to provide input on matters affecting the 2SLGBTQQIA+ community, however fleshing out some ideas beforehand would be appropriate.

The Committee agreed to change the April 27, 2023, meeting to April 24, 2023, due to a number of members being absent.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2023 - Confirmed



Actions:

Reach out to MWBC	Carmen Carriere
Reach out to MYBC	Nicole Ludwig/John Bieker
Schedule longer meeting	Nicole Ludwig/John Bieker

Revised Chair Schedule:

Meeting	Chair
24-Apr-23	Carmen Carriere
25-May-23	Jesse Gervais
22-Jun-23	Travis Jobin
27-Jul-23	Jamie-Lee Keith
24-Aug-23	Patrick Harriott
14-Sep-23	Trish Paulson
26-Oct-23	Marlene Swears
23-Nov-23	Pixie Wells



RESOLUTION 7

REFERRED TO THE MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AT MARCH 2023
MÉTIS NATION GOVERNING ASSEMBLY

Subject: MNGA Membership: Addition of MWBC and MYBC Regional Representatives
Legislation Affected: *MNGA Act, Constitution*
Submitted by: MWBC and MYBC Chair
Submitted to: MNGA Clerk
Date Submitted: January 9, 2023

WHEREAS:

1. All Métis Nation British Columbia duly elected representatives shall comprise the Métis Nation Governing Assembly (MNGA); and,
2. The other provincially elected positions within MNBC comprise the MNGA; and,
3. For uniformity and simplicity, all provincially elected positions within MNBC should comprise the MNGA; and,
4. The Métis Women of British Columbia (MWBC) and Métis Youth of British Columbia (MYBC) are a valuable resource for and on behalf of the Métis citizens and people of British Columbia, an effective voice in the MNBC governance process, and an excellent model for the Canadian Métis and the Canadian population in general.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The composition of the MNGA be amended to include the regional women's and youth representatives, as voting members of the MNGA by amending the following legislation:

In the *MNGA Act*:

- A. Strike "and" at the end of Article 3.1 a)
- B. Add the following in Article 3.1:
 - b) The regional representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia and the regional representatives of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and

Re-number the existing sub-articles in Article 3.1, so it shall read:

- 3.0 The MNGA shall be composed of:
 - 3.1 The MNBC Executive as represented by the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary; plus the Regional Directors, Métis Women of British Columbia Chairperson and Métis Youth of British Columbia Chairperson;

- 3.2 *The regional representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia and the regional representatives of the Métis Youth of British Columbia, and*
- 3.3 The Presidents of the Chartered Communities of the MNBC.

In the *Constitution*:

- C. Strike out the current Article 29, and insert the following:
- 29. The Métis Nation Governing Assembly shall be comprised of:
 - 29.1 The Elected Presidents or Vice-Presidents of Communities;
 - 29.2 The elected President, Vice-President, and Regional Directors of the MNBC;
 - 29.3 The Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Women of British Columbia; and
 - 29.4 The Chairperson and Regional Representatives of the Métis Youth of British Columbia.
 - 29.5 In the event a Community President is unable to attend a General Assembly, the Community's Vice-President may represent that community.