



MEETING MINUTES			
Meeting:	MNGA Governance Committee		
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, October 26, 2023	Time:	6:36 PM
Minutes Prepared By:	Nicole Ludwig	Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Attendance			
<p><b>Participating Members:</b> Marlene Swears, Chair, Caitlin Bird Dave Allard; Carmen Carriere; Patrick Harriott (departed 6:27 PM); Travis Jobin; Trish Paulson (arrived 6:05 PM).</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> Jamie-Lee Keith; Peggy Olanski; Pixie Wells</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer; Nicole Ludwig, Manager of Governance</p>			
1. Welcome			
Marlene Swears, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting at 6:36 PM.			
1.1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda			
<p><b>Motion:</b> MOVED: Dave Allard SECONDED: Patrick Herriott <b>RESOLVED:</b> BE IT RESOLVED THAT The MNGA Governance Committee meeting agenda of Thursday, October 26, 2023 be approved as circulated.</p> <p><b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b></p>			
1.2 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting			
<p><b>Motion:</b> MOVED: Patrick Herriott SECONDED: Travis Jobin <b>RESOLVED:</b> BE IT RESOLVED THAT The minutes of the MNGA Governance Committee meeting of Thursday, August 24, 2023 be adopted to remove Jesse Gervais from the attendance.</p> <p><b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b></p>			
2. New MNGA Cycle			
John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer, and Nicole Ludwig, Manager of Governance, presented a draft resolution and plan for substantive changes to the <i>MNGA Act</i> , and generally restructuring the MNGA to accommodate three MNGAs per year.			



In discussion, members noted:

- General support for the proposal; hesitance regarding using same terminology as colonial government;
- An option for not requiring a second reading or providing two readings at the same time if the matter is straightforward, receives a unanimous vote on the first reading, or housekeeping, but possibly not for constitutional amendments;
- Separate readings may allow for more Community input on resolutions;
- Option to have a “Present” vote where it is made clear that quorum is present, but such a vote is absolutely neutral;
- Responses to roll call and votes must be clear; this is a formal meeting so some level of formality is necessary;

In response, staff provided the following information:

- Abstentions can be changed to “Present” to confirm quorum but not affect the outcome of the vote; staff will need to review the *MNGA Act* to determine what is needed for this to happen;
- Can make it so that two considerations and two votes are required for certain amendments;
- If a resolution only requires one vote to move to the AGM, it can be set up so that the MNGA could revisit it with a majority vote in the interim;

**ACTION:** Staff to follow up with proposed changes for the next meeting.

### 3. Discussion for In-Person Meeting in 2024

Members decided that January 26 and 27 would be best for an in-person meeting in 2024.

Following determination of the dates for an in-person meeting, a roundtable discussion took place regarding Community representation at MNGAs, and the roles of Committee members. Specifically, members noted the following:

- It would be helpful to have two delegates per Community for MNGAs, so that other Community members can gain experience, rather than leaving it to the President and Vice-President;
- Committee members should be bringing back matters to the RGCs they represent.

In response, staff:

- Agreed to investigate additional funding to have two representatives per community at MNGAs;
- Noted a new delegate orientation will be offered at the March 2024, MNGA;
- Advised that Committee discussions are not bound by confidentiality; people can be directed to the Committee’s website to access copies of meeting minutes.

### 4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM by unanimous consent.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, November 23, 2023 - Confirmed**

Schedule of Rotating Chairs:

Month	Chair
23-Nov-23	Pixie Wells