

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting:	MNGA GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE		
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, October 24, 2024	Time:	5:30 PM
Minutes Prepared By:	Nicole Ludwig	Location:	Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES

Participating Members:

David Allard, Region 3
 Caitlin Bird, Region 1
 Patrick Harriott, MNBC Board
 Travis Jobin, Region 4
 Jamie-Lee Keith, MYBC
 Dawn McConnell, Region 6
 Marlene Swears, Region 5
 Pixie Wells, Region 2
 Mia Yule, MWBC

Participating Staff:

John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer
 Nicole Ludwig, Governance Manager

Guests:

Sam Furlonger

Regrets:

Peggy Olanski, Region 7

1. Welcome

Marlene Swears, Region 5, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Pixie Wells, Region 2, provided opening good words.

1.1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda

MOTION:

MOVED: Dawn McConnell

SECONDED: Caitlin Bird

RESOLVED:

THAT the agenda of the October 24, 2024, MNGA Governance Committee meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1.2 Adoption of Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

MOVED: Pixie Wells

SECONDED: Caitlin Bird

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the June 9, 2024, MNGA Governance Committee meeting be approved as amended, by adding Dawn McConnell to the "Participating Members" list.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Schedule of Rotating Chairs and 2025 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Ludwig presented the proposed Schedule of Rotating Chairs and 2025 Meeting Schedule. During discussion on the schedules, it was suggested that a motion be submitted to the Winter MNGA requesting the addition of a member appointed by the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council.

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to the proposed Schedule of Rotating Chairs, subject to change once the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Council Representative is appointed. The Committee also agreed to the proposed 2025 meeting schedule (Attached as Appendix A to these minutes).

3. Amendment to Committee Membership

Ms. Ludwig advised that with the upcoming election to the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Advisory Council it would be appropriate to ask the MNGA to amend the Committee's membership to include an additional representative.

MOTION:

MOVED: Patrick Harriott

SECONDED: Caitlin Bird

RESOLVED:

THAT the MNGA Governance Committee submit a resolution to the Winter 2024 MNGA, requesting the addition of a representative appointed by the 2SLGBTQIA+ Provincial Governance Council to the Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee agreed to email approval of the above-noted motion, due to time constraints.

4. Review of Current Work

Mr. Bieker provided a status update on the Committee's work, suggesting that the work on the Community Charter Agreement (CCA) should take precedence so that options can be submitted to the Spring MNGA. The Committee agreed that the CCA is the most important thing, and that any in-person meeting should be used to focus on it, along with the dispute resolution process. It was also suggested to have a fulsome discussion around the governance review written by Dr. Boyer.

It was noted that in June 2023, the MNGA approved a resolution from the Committee, "[Recommendation for a Governance Review of the MNBC](#)", for a report back in March 2025. Mr. Bieker noted the delay due to the 2024 Election was not factored into the timing of the consultations and report back and suggested the Committee request an extension from the MNGA to Spring 2026. The Committee agreed, and requested the resolution be circulated and approved via email.

5. AGM Referral: MNBC Citizenship for Metis with Connections to BC Living Out-of-Province

The Committee reviewed the resolution, and the circumstances related to its referral noting:

- Concerns about double-dipping, particularly since there is no information exchange between Registries;

- A need to tease out whether it is out of province or out of country;
- The need to consider specific circumstances of military and RCMP members and their families;
- All other Métis governments are expanding the definition of Métis and the need to examine the original intent and how it got overcomplicated;
- This may help reduce Métis and Indigenous identity threat by giving people an option to register regardless of their current place of residence;
- One central Métis registry or mutual recognition of Citizenship cards is unlikely in the current political climate; and,
- More information from the submitter of the resolution to clarify intent and outcomes is in order.

6. In-Person Gathering

Mr. Bieker noted that to meet deadlines for the Spring 2025 MNGA, the in-person meeting should be held either January 18/19 or January 25/26. In discussion it was noted that it might be worthwhile to share something with Communities before the in person meeting.

Staff agreed to create a poll to canvass some dates.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM, by unanimous consent.

Note from Governance: the next meeting is scheduled for November 28, 2024. Pixie Wells is scheduled as the chair.

2025 Chairs Schedule	
January	David Allard
February	Caitlin Bird
March	Patrick Harriott
April	Travis Jobin
May	Jamie-Lee Keith
June	Dawn McConnell
July	Peggy Olanski
August	Marlene Swears
September	Pixie Wells
October	Mia Yule
November	David Allard