



MEETING MINUTES			
Meeting:	MNGA Governance Committee		
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, March 21, 2024	Time:	5:38 PM
Minutes Prepared By:	Nicole Ludwig	Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting
Attendance			
<p>Participating Members: Dave Allard; Carmen Carriere; Patrick Harriott; Jamie-Lee Keith; Pixie Wells</p> <p>Regrets: Caitlin Bird; Travis Jobin; Dawn McConnell; Peggy Olanski; Marlene Swears</p> <p>Staff: John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer; Nicole Ludwig, Manager of Governance</p>			
1. Welcome			
Carmen Carriere welcomed everyone to the meeting at 5:38 pm. Pixie Wells provided opening Good Words.			
1.1 Adoption of Meeting Agenda			
<p>Motion: MOVED: Pixie Wells SECONDED: Patrick Harriott RESOLVED: BE IT RESOLVED THAT The MNGA Governance Committee meeting agenda of Thursday, March 21, 2024 be approved as circulated.</p> <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>			
1.2 Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meeting			
<p>Motion: MOVED: Pixie Wells SECONDED: Patrick Harriott RESOLVED: BE IT RESOLVED THAT The minutes of the MNGA Governance Committee meeting of January 26 and 27, 2024, be adopted with the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In items 3.0 and 3.1, replace the phrase “led a workshop” with “led a discussion”.• In the Appendix under “Core Principles – Other Discussion Points” rephrase the last bullet so that it will read “If a Community wants to separate from MNBC, there should be a mechanism that confirms Community consent to leave, not just a decision from the Board of Directors”. <p>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</p>			



2. Conflict of Interest Amendments

John Bieker, Chief Governance Officer, reviewed the proposed changes requested from the January meeting. In discussion, members noted:

- Concerns that the wording may limit Métis participation on other boards with no direct affiliation with MNBC;
- The possibility of incorporating other serious conflicts that are not specifically against MNBC;
- Expanding the definition to include other, non-Métis entities who claim to represent Métis interests;
- Would like to see incorporation of language around perceived conflict of interest;
- Clarify whether a member (as opposed to a director/decision-maker) of a rival Métis organization is automatically in conflict of interest; and
- Request to have two representatives at the in-person MNGA so that if the registered representative has a conflict of interest, the other person can step in to represent the Community.

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

- The clause regarding an automatic conflict of interest should not affect organizations affiliated with the Métis National Council, including Les Femmes Michif Otipemisiwak (LFMO);
- Wording can be added regarding language or culture, and clarifying that a conflict does not occur when a decision-making member votes on an issue that provides a benefit to the larger community; and
- Need to make it clear that this relates to organizations that are in opposition to MNBC, and not necessarily advocacy organizations such as LFMO or those who work on behalf of traditionally equity-seeking groups.

3. MNGA Act Amendments

Mr. Bieker reviewed two primary changes:

- A new definition for “abstention” so that it has no effect on the outcome of the vote; and
- A mechanism to bring back previously-approved resolutions.

Members requested a change in the proposed Appendix A, part 3a(i) to indicate how motions and resolutions that do not need approval at an AGM will be dealt with.

Members expressed interest in having a second in-person meeting prior to the election recess. Mr. Bieker agreed to investigate resourcing.

4. Governance Student Project

Mr. Bieker advised that a graduate student from University of Victoria who is doing her Master’s degree in Indigenous Governance will be assisting with the ADI/Point Ellice House agreements and is interested in looking at the new Community Charter.

In response to questions, Mr. Bieker advised:

- The governance report commissioned through the University of Saskatchewan is almost ready, and the report is anticipated to be released publicly at the June MNGA; and
- An application was submitted on behalf of the Committee to Fulbright International for a governance award; the application was not successful, however another application will be submitted next year.



5. Adjournment

MOTION:

MOVED: Pixie Wells

SECONDED: Dave Allard

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting be adjourned (6:57 PM).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2024 - Confirmed

Schedule of rotating chairs (modified so that Caitlin Bird has an opportunity to Chair a meeting):

Month	Chair
April	Caitlin Bird
May	Patrick Harriott
June	Travis Jobin
July	Jamie-Lee Keith
August	Peggy Olanski
September	Dawn McConnell
October	Marlene Swears
November	Pixie Wells