

# MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 4/25/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Marcie M., Julie H-C., Rita E., Michaa A., Wally S.

Guest: Gerald W.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Constitution Alliance- place on hold and continue to write ByLaws.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Rules and Voting issues brought up and will be addressed at May 2023 Delegation Convention.
2. Discussion about the governing structure of Mille Lacs. Michaa and Julie gave a summary of the system. It is very similar to the U.S. Government in that it has three branches of Government, Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.
3. Discussed how to blend the Constitution alliance and the individual Constitutions. Individual Constitutions can not conflict with the policies of the Constitution Alliance. Need a Strong Supreme Court to Iron out differences between the two when there is a conflict.
4. A question arose about having a provision in the Constitution Alliance to allow a Band to walk away from the Constitution Alliance.
5. The provision in the current MCT Constitution is weak regarding the consultation between the State Government and the Tribes. The language should be "Shall" consult with the tribes.
6. Next Directions for the drafting Committee to take:
  - Review the 1936 MCT Constitution to see how the councils were organized and how the TEC came about, how the representatives selection, and the attempts to keep traditions alive
  - Start with the Grand Council Fire next week.

## **Actions:**

**Next meeting:** 5/2/23 at 6 PM