

MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 8/8/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Marcie M., Rita E., Raymond B., Julie H-C,

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rita saw that Sally F. would present on the Alliance Doc. Clarification-Sally asked to present on the Current Constitution at the educational sessions, not on the Alliance presentation

2. Discussion about Separation of Power. MCT (TEC and RBC). They were a Business Committee. They assumed all this power because the Secretary of the Interior turned their head and let them run amuck.

3. In the name of the Alliance Document, eliminate the word "Constitution."
The individual Bands will have their own Constitutions. Also, remove the Constitution from the phrase "Constitution Alliance."

4. Need to change the Word Bylaws to something else.

- Operating Standards
- Operating Rules
- Operating Roles
- Operating Responsibility
- Operating Conduct
- Operational Conduct
- Rules of the Land
- Conduct for Governing Bodies
- Conduct Rules

5. Under Article XI Citizenship

- We need to add children born between April 14, 1941, and July 3, 1961 (this relates to those who will remain enrolled, not people applying).
- Because the Secretary of the Interior will not conduct enrollment appeals after the Alliance is, add an Enrollment Appeals Board or Committee.

6. XVII Grand Council

- Because the Grand Council will take over the functions of the Secretary of the Interior, they will have the role of oversight, approvals, and advisory functions.

7. Article XXVI Change Arbitration and Dispute Resolution to Tradition and Custom Dispute Resolution.

8. Regarding the Draft of the Governing Bodies

- (a) Grand Council Roles
 - Selection or Election to determine Representatives??
 - Paid or unpaid job??
- (b) Central Council
 - Define Taxation
 - Get a copy of the Band Taxing Agreement with the State of Minnesota.
 - Taxation is now "non-members living or doing business on one or more of the reservation."
 - No taxation for enrolled Citizens and descendants shopping on Reservation
 - "Card-carrying Indians" White Earth gives a Green Card for descendants to hunt, fish and gather.
 - What about license plates, etc.?
- 9. Tradition and Custom Dispute Resolution
 - Add to Section 3 Drug abuse.
- 10. Judiciary
 - Change six (6) years to four (4) years.

Action:

Rita and Marcie will help read the Alliance at the Convention on 8/18/23.

Next meeting: No meeting 8/15/23. Meeting on 8/22/2023 at 6 PM