

AGENDA and MINUTES
MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE
Date: 1/24/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

PRESENT: Marcie M., Julie H-C., Rita E., Michaa A.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion on concerns brought up during the convention meeting. At the next Convention, we must address the Name, Election Criteria, and Addition of Additional Reservations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussions
 - a. Possible Names to replace MCT
 - Maamawiino Anishinaabeg (David Aubid, speaker)
 - Ojibewa/Chippewa
 - Include "Nation"
2. The addition of the Grandfather Rocks section and Seven Grandfathers Teaching placement in the Alliance Doc.
 - a. Why do we have to detail two of many teachings, when they are all a part of our way of life? Life is more complicated than two teachings.
 - b. How we live every day, keeping these teaching in mind, is very Individual. Live does not come down to Seven Teachings.
 - c. Marcie will try rewriting a statement reflecting this concept and referencing the teaching.
 - d. The committee will provide all the delegations with a copy of these teaching with the resources from which they came.
 - e. Everything has spirituality, respect for rocks, nature, etc.
3. Michaa provided insight and knowledge related to several Articles in the Alliance Doc. He also explained Sandy Lake's history and the villages included in the "Great Sandy Lake" and that Sandy Lake is now District #2 of Mille Lacs.
4. After Michaa reviewed Article VI Spirituality and in an e-mail the next day, he suggested including only Section 1.

5. Discussion about Addition of Additional Reservations Article XXII.
 - a. Take out section 1 and leave Section 2, so it is there for future use.
 - b. Potentially includes the signatory on Treaty 1825 & 1826, which included Michigan and Wisconsin Ojibwe and some Ojibwe in Montana, but not include Canadian Ojibwe.
 - c. Review the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission (GLIFGC) procedure for admitting other tribes.
 - d. Due Process- Keep in mind how we address due process as we generate documents on various topics.
6. Jurisdiction question raised: Can we add “ceded land” in Article VIII, Jurisdiction Sec. 3. The initial thought is Yes, but Carol will research and develop some suggested language.
7. Where to add treaties?

Actions: Facilitator- Carol

1. Continue researching U.S. Govt. Indian Policies.

Next meeting: 1/31/23 at 6 PM