

MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 6/11/24 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Raymond B., Julie H-C.

Voting Process

- The Committee expressed concerns about a potential conflict of interest involving the voting process, the need for a statement on citizenship in the Alliance constitution based on bloodline and the importance of including a statement on the rights of citizens. Overall, the conversation focused on various issues related to the Alliance and its governance.

Amending the Constitution, Oversight Concerns, and Potential Solutions.

- The Committee expressed concerns about removing the secretary without proper procedures.

Removing a Secretary, Alliance Document, and Meeting Minutes.

- Carol reviews minutes from the previous meeting, highlighting key points on governance structure and sovereign immunity. She discussed the importance of including language related to jurisdiction in local constitutions. The following language was left in Alliance until the local Constitutions are written:
 - Jurisdiction of the Maamawiino Anishinaabeg Nation shall extend to all territory and all persons or activities therein and include but is not limited to air, water, land, surface and subsurface, natural and cultural resources, and any interests therein.

Indigenous rights, Citizenship, and Government Structure.

- Carol discussed citizenship and bloodline as the basis for citizenship.
- The Committee seeks to ensure that the rights of citizens, children, and nature are protected in the Alliance document. They expressed frustration with lack of information on convention decisions, suggested that members should be informed directly, and suggested checking the calendar for upcoming meetings.

Indigenous Sovereignty and Constitutional Reform.

- Carol noted that Indigenous leaders discuss challenges with federal recognition and sovereign rights. She argues for constitutional reform to recognize tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

Indigenous Rights, Constitutions, and Alliances.

- Carol discussed revising the MCT constitution, establishing separate constitutions for each nation, and removing the Secretary of Interior's authority.

- Delegation needs to address the issue of whether they are separate bands, tribes, or nations and draft guiding documents under their authority.
- Carol proposes a draft of a declaration statement for indigenous rights and self-determination. **See Attachment 1.**

Upcoming Convention and Alliance Agreement.

- Carol discussed the upcoming convention and Alliance meetings that will take place at Duluth, not the Blackbear. She agreed to send the agenda to the Committee members.

Next meeting: 6/18/2024 at 6 PM