

# MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 7/9/24 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Julie H-C

1. Discussion about human rights abuses in Native American communities, including sovereign immunity and the lack of remedies for violations. Good article, ***Indian Tribes, and Human Rights Accountability, Wenona T. Singel, 49 SAN DIEGO L. REV. 567 (2012)*** addresses human rights abuses by tribal governance and the need for a solution. One author suggested intertribal treaties.

2. Discuss recent changes in the MCT's leadership potential positive change.

3. Julie stated that both of their representatives were present at the tribal council meeting, which is rare for them to be in person.

4. Continued the discussion about the need for a new Elections Ordinance once the Secretary of the Interior is removed. Attorney Phil Bodeen plans to write the new ordinance with delegates from the Constitution Reform group. Refresher on topics the Drafting committee have already talked about.

- Use 25 CFR 81 procedure process, develop new procedure or review other tribes' procedures, especially those who have removed the Secretary.
- The importance of transparency and security in handling ballots.
- Eligibility and Notice
- Certification Process
- Notice:
- Eligibility:
- Voting Procedures
- Ballots
- Secrecy

## 5. Intertribal Treaties

- Carol is researching the treaty-making between tribes and finds evidence of pre- and post-1971 treaties.

## 6. Preparation for the next convention on 7/19/24

- The Drafting Committee will present research on three issues highlighted in Draft 12 Alliance document.

**Next meeting:** 7/16/2024 at 6 PM