

MCT CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DRAFTING COMMITTEE

Date: 4/18/23 Time: 6 PM

Facilitator: Carol J.

Present: Marcie M., Julie H-C., Rita E., Wally S., Jean S.-L., Gerald W. Guest.

NEW BUSINESS

1. We should be Inclusive and allow Guest Gerald W. into the Drafting meeting.
2. Reviewed Alliance before Friday Convention meeting
 - a. Article VII External Government Relationships-amended to add Section 2. The Constitution Alliance may authorize using tribal powers to enter into treaties with other Turtle Island Nations (North American Indian Tribes).
 - b. Territory- add back in the historical boundaries of Turtle Island/North America.
 - c. Arbitration and Dispute Resolution
 1. Add language that preserves categories related to Federal Recognition 25 CFR § 83.11. **(2) (i)** Entity leaders or other internal mechanisms exist or existed that: Sec. (B) Settle disputes between members or subgroups by mediation or other means on a regular basis.
 2. Could be a referral from School and court. They may be job-related.
 - d. Continue to be observant about and research issues related to Animal Rights. Place details in Resolutions, Codes, or Statutes, like what White Earth did for Wild Rice.
 - e. Discussion of the Bill of Rights, Civil Rights, and the Indian Civil Rights Act.
 - f. Discussion about Felonies and pardons. Add language of major felonies, dishonesty, misappropriation of funds, misuse of Tribal treasury, etc. Discussed a system for pardoning felons who committed them as young people and have redeemed themselves.
 - g. Confidentiality and closed sessions. What constitutes confidentiality? Personal health records, income, mental health, Social Security #, some lawsuits, etc.
3. Wally S. defines What an Alliance is.
4. Need to discuss P.L. 93-638 Contracts.

5. MCT Programs will improve, with more participation and communication between the Tribal Governing Bodies.

6. Need a good balance between Civil Rights and Victim Rights.

7. Jean S-L discussed the issues with the Enrollment process as being very political. The 1996 TEC Resolution disregarded the Federal Recognition process and stated that all Indians on Sandy Lake forever would be enrolled in Mille Lacs, who refused to enroll them. The resolution was rescinded in 2020.

Actions:

Carol will send the draft of the Judiciary article to Attorney. John L.

Next meeting: 5/23/2023 at 6 PM