

**MAAMAWIINO ANISHINAABEG NATION (aka CHIPPEWA)  
ALLIANCE**

**Preamble**

**ARTICLE I** ORIGIN

**ARTICLE II** MINO BIMADIZWIN (LIVING THE GOOD LIFE)

**ARTICLE III** RIGHTS OF NATURE

**ARTICLE IV** TREATY AND RESERVED RIGHTS

**ARTICLE V** DECLARATION OF SOVEREIGNTY AND SOVEREIGN RIGHTS

**ARTICLE VI** DOODEMAG

**ARTICLE VII** EXTERNAL GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS

**ARTICLE VIII** SELF DETERMINATION

**ARTICLE IX** ADMISSION OF ADDITIONAL TRIBAL NATIONS

**ARTICLE X** TERRITORY AND JURISDICTION

**ARTICLE XI** CITIZENSHIP *Modify*

**ARTICLE XII** CIVIL RIGHTS

**ARTICLE XIII** RIGHTS OF CITIZENS

**ARTICLE XIV** RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

**ARTICLE XV SEPARATION OF POWER**

**ARTICLE XVI GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE-Modify**

**ARTICLE XVII AMENDMENTS**

**RATIFICATION**

**ADOPTION**

**EACH BAND SHALL DETERMINE THEIR GOVERNING STRUCTURE**  
**(Examples of Different Governing Models)**

**Model #1**

**Articles removed from the Alliance, a model presented by the Drafting Committee**

**ARTICLE XVII Grand Council**

**ARTICLE XVIII Citizen Councils**

**ARTICLE XVII Central Council**

**ARTICLE XVII General Assembly**

**ARTICLE XVII Administration and Supervisory (includes former MCT functions)**

**ARTICLE XVII Tradition and Custom Dispute Resolution**

**ARTICLE XVII Judiciary**

**Model #2  
Mille Lacs Band**

**Executive Branch**

**Legislative Branch**

**Judicial Branch**

**MODEL #3  
An Early Draft of a White Earth's Governing Structure**

**GRAND COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY COUNCILS**

**DISTRICT COUNCILS**

**PRESIDENT- CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**Court of Tradition and Custom Dispute**

**ELECTION BOARD AND ELECTIONS**

**Central Council**

**MODEL #4  
A 2013 draft of a White Earth Governing Structure**

**Legislative Council**

- **President or White Earth Chief**
- **Secretary-Treasurer**
- **Elected Representatives**

**Community Councils**

**Judiciary**

**MODEL #5**

**A Governing Body with the use of Local Indian Councils**

**95 ADDITIONAL MODELS  
(Current Constitutions of Federally Recognized Tribal)**

Full Constitutions | Native Nations Institute's Constitution Resource Center (arizona.edu)  
***<https://nniconstitutions.arizona.edu>***

**Resource**

**"Structuring Sovereignty Constitution of Native Nations By Melissa L. Tatum, Mirian Jorgensen, Mary E. Guss, and Sarah Deer. 2014 The Regents of the University of California.**

**LOCAL CONSTITUTIONS  
(ALL MUST HAVE AN ADOPTION OF THE ALLIANCE STATEMENT)  
(Shall consist of a Separation of Power Structure)**

**It can be any of the above Models, parts of a model, or a whole new model**

**OVERSIGHT HERE is through Checks and balances of separation of governing bodies**

**TBD by each Band**

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**LEGALES ARTICLES**

**The following Articles from the Alliance are more appropriate for the Local Constitutions.**

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_ **AMENDMENTS**

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_ **SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY**

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_ **ELECTIONS**

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_ **SEVERABILITY**

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_ **SAVINGS CLAUSE**

**RATIFICATION**

**ADOPTION**

**MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE**  
**A name change is needed since they are not a Tribe**  
**(for example- Minnesota Chippewa Tribal Organization)**

**Oversight is through the evaluation process of programs, quarterly reports, & compliance with FPIC, etc.**

**MCT Departments**

- Division of Administration
  - Operating/Administration
    - Executive Director
    - Director of Administration
    - Executive Assistant
    - Secretary/Reception
  - Environmental Program
    - Gap Coordinator
  - Accounting
    - Accounting Manager
    - Senior Accountant
    - Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk
    - Accounting Specialist
  - Tribal Operations
    - Clerical Assistant
    - Tribal Enrollment Clerk
    - Tribal Enrollment Specialists (2)
  - Minnesota Agency
    - Clerical Assistant (2)
    - Allotment Research Clerk
    - Trust Assets Actg. Mgmt. Sys. Specialist
- Division of Education-Johnson O'Malley
  - JOM Coordinator (Funded under a contract)
  - Parent Involvement Developer
- Division of Human Service and Health
  - Human Services

- Elders Program
- SCSEP Employees (3)(part-time)
- Tribal Employment Program
  - Employment Specialists (5)
  - Secretary/Receptionist
- Finance Corporation (was originally MN Housing) (Self-Funding)
  - Finance Director
  - Executive Assistant
  - Finance Administrator
  - Construction Specialist
  - Construction Specialist I
  - Loan Officer/Home Buyer Ed.
  - Homeowners Advocate
  - Finance Servicing Coordinator
  - Accountant
  - Maintenance Worker
- Department of Computer Services
- Legal

**OTHER ISSUES TO THINK ABOUT WHEN WRITING YOUR LOCAL CONSITUTIONS AND TO  
CONSIDER WHEN THINKING HOW THE MCT ORGANIZATION FITS IN.**

UNDRIP

Tribal Elections

Records

Self-Determination/Economics Development

Land /Allotment and Trust Assets

Natural Resources, Preservation of Treaty and Reserved Rights

Redress, Restitution, and Compensation
External Governmental Relationship
Ethics, Conduct, and Conflict of Interest
Land, Allotment, and Trust Assets Restitution and Compensation
Citizen's Civil Rights
Dispute Resolution is based on cultural framework, not punishment.
Appeals
Legal
Culture, Language and Religion
Grant Writing
Enrollment TBD