

AGENDA  
FDL CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM DELEGATE COMMITTEE  
COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING

Date: 3-13-23

Time: 5 PM

Facilitator: Cheryl E.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carol J., Tara D., Julia L., Wayne D.,

GUESTS PRESENT: Theresa Z.,

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Discussion - Recommendation to TEC Referendum questions? Remove SOI? No previous resolutions.

2. Enrollment - The biggest issue is keeping records. It's not just the application and process. Privacy, storage, Part of enrollment at tribal level (application, process and appeals), and records with the (MCT) new operations office. Would need to find an alternative for appeals to SOI. The drafting committee is considering an Appeals Board consisting of citizens (elders). Another option would be to have the court system handle appeals. Governing Structure document may be ready to present on Friday during the Drafting Committee report. The Drafting Committee also would like to discuss the pros and cons of one constitution vs. 7 constitutions.

3. Discussion: Youth involvement. The youth are our future leaders and we need to teach them and listen to them. Discussion about contacting Bailey, doing presentations to youth to gain their interest.

4. Discussion on whether there was ever a vote on writing the Alliance document and separate constitutions as well. We find no meeting minutes to support this, even though the large delegation has been moving forward using this idea. The Alliance document shouldn't be considered a constitution, but an alliance that keeps the bands together, like a treaty, and these are the policies and procedures that we agree to function under, without a lot of detail in there. This allows each reservation to weave in some of these concepts to custom write their constitution, with customs, traditions, and their own flavors within them. Some reservations are struggling because they don't have the stronger support that others do. They feel more comfortable with larger numbers. Drafting Committee members think we need to bring this forward to discuss, although we have decided that we don't want to split up.

5. Previous constitution work. Wayne offers to look through what he has available. Rumor that someone had already started writing an FDL Constitution. It would be helpful to see as well. Deb Mallory might have all of those records because she was hired as a secretary for that. Wayne was part of those meetings.

6. Newsletter article on Secretarial Election: Wayne sent it out to delegates. Are there any edits or revisions? Carol stated that she sent a response. Wayne will look for a response. The article is due on Wednesday. Cheryl will try to record the article and post it on YouTube. Suggested asking Michaa to do the recording in a more storytelling way. There is also an FDL YouTube page that the PR director could post recordings to and perhaps people will stumble upon our recordings.

7. Constitution Writing meeting on Wednesday, March 15 at 5 PM at Sawyer Center. Cheryl to edit the flyer for grammar, email it to RBC, and post it on FB and the website. Cheryl and Wayne will put an agenda together.

8. Finalizing our request to TEC on donated money is on the agenda for Friday. We need to have something approved for the April TEC meeting. The educational booklet estimate is \$148,000.00 to print and mail them. Question: Could we develop a booklet and distribute it locally, without the cost of postage?

9. Bois Forte did not attend the last convention meeting and needs to approve the BQ handout and a vote on the Public Relations committee for us to move forward.

Note: Citations were requested regarding the handout. We are trying to keep the flyer to two pages and are concerned that the citations would make it too long. Suggested citations are available upon request. Michelle, GP delegate will attempt.

10. Recommendation to TEC: Do we (FDL delegates) recommend that the two referendum questions be set for Secretarial Election? 5 delegates and one community member in the room agree to bring this to the Convention Meeting this Friday. Unless we come up with a better recommendation, they will move Resolution 32-15 to Secretarial Election. All the delegations need to agree on something on enrollment. A suggestion is for individuals to write letters to RBC and TEC members regarding this. Julia suggests sending a certified letter because she did get a response from them after doing this herself. Another option would be to write a letter template for people to print, sign, and send in, including posting the template on our website for easy download and printing for all members.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: March 27, 2023**