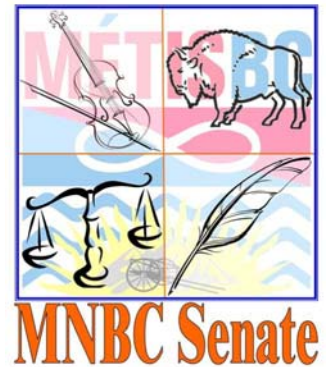


Senate Meeting Minutes
Penticton, B.C., September 25-27, 2009
Penticton Trade and Convention Centre

Senators Present: Al Edkins, Ron Snider, Philip Gladue, Gerald Pope, Bob Adams, Margaret Penner and Bill Thibeault

Administrative Assistance: Dean Trumbley, Senate Clerk



September 25, 2009

1. Arrived and attended the 2009 MNBC Annual General Meeting

September 26, 2009

2. Opening prayer – had been said at opening of AGM by Senators Edkins and Gladue.
3. Call to order, at 9:40 hr
4. Appointment of Secretary

ROD-001: *Secretary Position: With not having a full time recorder for the Senate, Senator Adams cannot fill Secretary Position. Senator Thibeault agreed to re-assume the Secretary duties, with the proviso that another Senator would take notes in the event of Senator Thibeault having to Chair a meeting.*

5. Upcoming Workload

Currently have at least 16 appeals coming to Senate for decisions in near future. The Mawle appeal is anticipated to require about a day and a half for decision will be heard in October. Plan Senate sittings for:

- ∞ October 22-26 in Kelowna, laptop training, 4 appeal cases
- ∞ December 4 -7, Kelowna, Health sitting, 8 appeal cases
- ∞ January 15-18, Richmond, MNGA, 5 appeals

6. Senate Policies and Procedures

Section 2.3 c) Discussion on clarification on possible second vote for Senate Chair.

Chair has a vote as a regional Senator. In the event of a tie, the Chair has a second vote, but that vote would be applied as the Provincial Chair, not necessarily as per regional input. In the event of such, the Chair is expected to provide a rationale with the vote.

Process for tie would be Chair requests all Senators to take recess (approximately ½ hour), consider question, then return and vote again. If still tied, then the Chair has second vote, albeit vote does not have to be cast immediately, Chair can take some time to consider, and may notify balance of Senate by e-mail as to final vote.

ROD- 002: *Keep section 2.3 of Senate Policies and Procedures as they are.*

Section 2.8 Section to be amended as per Senate discussion.

Please keep in mind that the following is simply a guideline, special circumstances may apply. Dress Code is common sense and should always present the Senate in the appropriate role. The three roles are:

- ∞ Official
- ∞ Traditional
- ∞ Professional, casual

If government officials or other Metis governing member delegates are going to be present at an event, then professional attire would be recommended.

1. Metis Nation Governing Assembly and the Annual General Meeting
 - a. Main Forum and Grand Entry
 - b. Trade Shows, General Business and Workshops
2. Quarterly Senate Meetings – *Professional*
3. Hearings
 - a. Testimony sessions – *Robes*
 - b. In-Camera – *Professional*
4. MNBC Meetings (BoD, RGC or Metis Chartered Community) - *Traditional*
5. Public Attendance (special guest)
6. High Profile (graduation ceremonies, swearing-in, etc.) – *Traditional*
7. Moderate Profile (school talks, presentations, etc.) – *Traditional*
8. Low Profile (dinner attendance, fund-raising function, etc.) – *Professional*

Motion: *That section 2.8 Senate Dress Code, of the Senate Policies and Procedures is amended as per discussion.*

Moved by: *Senator Pope*
Seconded by: *Senator Snider*
Carried

7. Travel Restrictions

Discussion on impact of travel/budget restrictions on functionality of Senate. At the AGM here, the Chair was required to return Sunday morning, despite their being Senate duties to be fulfilled by the Senate. We feel that there must be provision to allow the Chair (and all Senators) to be present for the full Senate sitting any time the Senate meets.

8. Adoption Issue

The Senate was concerned on progress on this Committee. Senate Clerk provided that in his role as Chief of Operations, he is now chairing this committee, and they will be moving to have a recommendation/resolution to the MNGA.

9. Metis Heroes

Senate discussion on perceived need for more recognition of Metis in areas of art, education, etc. Suggested that recognition needs to be provided at various levels to create higher awareness of achievements of Metis individuals.

10. October meeting

Senate will need to sign off on appeal decisions as per new procedures, as concerned on progress on this Committee. Senate Clerk provided that in his role as Chief of Operations, he is now chairing this committee, and they will be moving to have a recommendation to the MNGA.

11. School

Should know in two or three weeks if have the funds to purchase the school. If does proceed, there will be an area for Senate chambers in the facility.

12. Computers

The Clerk will look into the status of the computers for the Senate.

13. Meeting closed.

September 27, 2009

14. Attended the remainder of the 2009 MNBC Annual General Meeting

15. Travelled home.

Approved: _____

Bill Thibeault, *Senate Secretary*