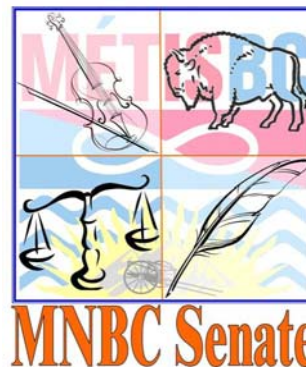


Senate Meeting Minutes

Conference Call, January 22, 2007

Senators present: Al Edkins, Ron Snider, Philip Gladue, Gerald Pope and Bill Thibeault

Regrets: Bob Adams



1. Communications
 - a. Communications need to be reviewed and updated to include Senate Chair on all related issues.
2. Conference call pass code
 - a. Issue was brought to the attention of the COO that the pass code was working for some Senators yet not some others.

ROD-001: COO Trumbley would check into the status of the problem and report back to the Senate if a problem exists.
3. Report on the OFI presentation
 - a. COO Trumbley stated that the various funds have been received by the MNBC. It is now important that with such a tight timeline, that the Senate meet ASAP to develop a strategy.
 - b. COO Trumbley mentioned that he would check into the status of the budget and order the laptop for Senator Gladue and the Blackberry for Senator Edkins and the cell phones for the remaining Senators. Additionally, develop a Senate webpage on the MNBC website to display Senate information. This would include setting up confidential Senate e-mails to avoid using personal contact tools.
 - c. Both OFI and MARR were extremely impressed with the progress and professionalism of the Senate. It was noted that the slow but methodical planning process of the Senate is more important than hitting the ground running blind. Documentation and Policy/Procedure was also noted as being very carefully and well-thought out.
 - d. Both OFI and MARR indicated that critical planning needs to be supplied if an increase in resources if requested for 2007-08 (which, by indication, would be supported by both OFI and MARR).
4. Senate Policy and Procedure
 - a. P & P document needs to be presented and ratified in its present state so we can proceed to Citizenship appeals soonest.
 - b. COO Trumbley mentioned that the best process would be for the Senate to set-up a one-day meeting with the Executive of the MNBC Board. This would allow a joint development of the final document ensuring a higher success of ratification by the MNBC Board.
 - c. The next MNBC Board meeting is February 02-04, 2007 which would be too quick, COO Trumbley will ensure that the MNBC Board hold a special meeting immediately prior to the MNGA for the MNBC Board to have a chance to ratify.

ROD-002: COO Trumbley would arrange a meeting between the Senate and the Executive to the MNBC Board prior to the MNGA but after February 22 (as requested by the Senate).

ROD-003: COO Trumbley would arrange for the MNBC Board to read and have the chance to ratify the Senate P&P prior to the 2007 MNGA.
5. Term of Senators
 - a. Senator Edkins mentioned that there is some confusion over the term of an MNBC Senator. It was agreed upon being added as an agenda item on the next Senate meeting.
 - b. The Senate means to put this before the MNGA; as the Senate was told via the closed meeting with President Dumont that The Senators are only in for a two-year term. The Senate disagrees, the Senate's take on the wording is that the Senate Act ratified in September of 2005 grants the right to determine the term of the Senate, the Senate did so and reported to the MNGA in March of 2006 for a term of four-years with a side

comment that the Senate would look into staggering the terms after the first year to ensure continuity within the Senate. The Senate's quandary is to how to do it without revealing that there is disagreement between the Senate and the MNBC Executive Board on the interpretation of the Senate Act. Without disclosing who or why several Community Presidents has spoken to the Senate Chair and are surprised that there is a question to this. These Community Presidents are of the opinion it is a resolved matter and that the Senate reported to the MNGA and accepted it without debate.

6. Funding

- a. Senator Edkins expressed concern that the Senate report due one month before MNGA. It was clarified that this is only applicable to resolutions dealing with constitutional or legislative issues.
- b. Senator Edkins indicated that the 2007-08 fiscal budget needs to be planned for the next fiscal year.
 - i. Senator Edkins indicated that this includes how to package out funds to Senators to cover expenses and remuneration as is contained in the Constitution, Senator Edkins talked about a discussion between himself and Bob MacGregor from OFI, Mr. MacGregor verbally indicated that "OFI does NOT expect the Senators (judges) to work for nothing" and that the MNBC needs to encapsulate our retainers in a fashion acceptable to OFI. COO Trumbley indicated a way he has done this with the Captains through the multilateral process. Basically, it would involve each Senator to bill, via an invoice, the MNBC. Each Senator would then be responsible for their own MERCS (i.e. income tax, CPP, etc...). This is also very important as the Senators cannot, in any way, appear to be employees of the MNBC. This would be in direct violation of the MNBC legislation. This will have to be worked-out between the MNBC, OFI and MARR via the TSN process.

7. Outstanding funds owed for cab fare for Vancouver meeting Senator Snider

ROD-004: COO Trumbley indicated he would follow-up with the MNBC finance to ensure all outstanding monies were paid out.

8. Fiscal budget 2007-08

- a. COO Trumbley requested that the Senate place the development of a 2007-08 budget as an item on the next meeting agenda. OFI indicated that a Senate Clerk was something that needed to be a top-priority as the Senate is at a point where they need a full-time technician with a paralegal background. Research would have to be conducted to determine a fair salary request for such a position.

9. Other business

- a. The Senate Chair inquired as to whom does the Senate arrange trips, travel expenses and accommodations, etc..., COO Trumbley indicated that Brittany Katernick will be our contact for these matters, however temporarily it would be himself due to work load.
- b. Senator Edkins inquired about the ability to send another Senator in place of Senator Snider to the Regional Session being held in Terrace. COO Trumbley indicated that it would not impose a problem as funding is there for a Senator's presence. The Senate Chair then determined that Senator Thibeault would be best due to his close vicinity and availability. COO Trumbley indicated that Senator Thibeault would need to contact Brittany Katernick for travel arrangements. It was also further clarified by COO Trumbley that Senator Thibeault would only be reimbursed for travel (via kilometers) or air flight which ever was cheaper as per MNBC Policy.
- c. The Senate requested when it would be possible to meet with BCMANR and begin to work out how the Senate will start to put together a training course to begin the process of developing judgment of natural resource violations etc.

ROD-005: COO Trumbley will extend the interest to Director of Natural Resources, Mr. Gary Ducommun on the interest of the Senate to meet with the Captain's Assembly.

Approved: _____
Bill Thibeault, *Senate Secretary*