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Dear Regional Councils:

Please find the results of responses to our inventory. Keep in mind that there are responsibilities attached to local status. Regional Councils may dissolve or admit locals, subject to ratification by the Metis Legislative Assembly. Some locals in the province seem to be inactive to the point of dormancy. This area needs work!

We need to make our organization strong and responsive to the needs of all Metis. Locals must find ways to actively serve their citizens. Regional Councils must work together to find workable solutions to the problems which lead to the greatest majority of our locals not fulfilling their constitutional requirements.

The following questions come to mind:

- 1. Should we leave everything as is, and somewhat disorganized? I say we should not because we have to show a good example for the future.**
- 2. Should we amalgamate smaller locals thus increasing efficiency?**
If so, how will the less mobile people get to meetings? Do people attend now?
- 3. Do the locals hold enough meetings at present? I do not think so.**
- 4. Should we suspend locals who do not comply, thus alienating some of our citizens? If we do so, they must be given the opportunity to redeem themselves.**
- 5. Should compliance to our constitution be optional? It should be mandatory without exceptions in my view.**
- 6. Should our constitution be altered ? Please give some suggestions.**


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I suggest involving your Regional Senator in your deliberations. According to our Constitution "*the Locals shall be the basic unit of the Organization in each community*". Therefore, let us protect and honour the integrity of our locals!

Awaiting your response.

Sincerely,



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cc: MNS Senate