



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 1, 1996

**TO:** MNS Senate  
MNS Board of Directors  
MNS Local Presidents  
MNS Affiliates  
Metis Women of Saskatchewan Inc.

**FROM:** Lorna Docken, Provincial Secretary, MNS

**SUBJECT:** 1996 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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This is to update you on the 1996 Annual General Assembly scheduled for Saturday, November 30, 1996 being held at the Travelodge Hotel (106 Circle Drive West) in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, commencing at 1:00 p.m. The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan does not have the finances to provide any expenses for the Assembly. All expenses (accommodation, travel and meals) are on your own expense.

Please find attached the 1996 Metis Legislative Assembly Motions. The MNS Constitutional Amendments that were passed at MLA be ratified at this Assembly in order to become Law. As well, a corrected sheet of the notice in which I apologize for accidently writing 1999 which should read 1996.

Should you require further clarification and/or details please do not hesitate to contact the office at (306) 343-8285.

Sincerely,

Lorna Docken  
Provincial Secretary  
Metis Nation of Saskatchewan

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1996 METIS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
Wednesday, October 9, 1996  
Travelodge  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

M O T I O N S

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MOTION #1: To elect Speaker of the House.

NOMINATION #1: Nominate Mr. Murray Hamilton.  
Nominator: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: John Dorion, WR2

Nomination #2: Nominate Mr. Morley Norton.  
Nominator: John Dorion, WR2  
Seconded by: Trygve Lee #108

Motion: To Cease Nominations.  
Moved by: Maurice Aubichon, WR3  
Seconded by: Robert Doucette, WR2A

CARRIED.

SPEAKER OF HOUSE: Mr. Murray Hamilton and Mr. Morley Norton agree to co-chair.

MOTION #2: Metis Legislative Assembly up hold and respect the decision of WR2A in respect to Gabriel Dumont Local #11.

Moved by: Robert Doucette, WR2A  
Seconded by: Charlene Lavallee #173

DEFEATED.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mr. Henry Cummings is the Local President of Gabriel Dumont Local #11.

MOTION #3: Respect the wishes of Kindersley Local #54 members and accept Ms. Evelyn Slawson as Kindersley Local #54 President.

Moved by: Robert Doucette, WR2A  
Seconded by: ED Harper #126

DEFEATED.

BE IT RESOLVED TO respect the Senate decision that Ms. Violet Besplug is President of Kindersley Local #54.

MOTION #4: Metis Legislative Assembly credentials recognize Local Vice Presidents and be given voting authority.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Phyllis McDonald #170  
CARRIED.

MOTION #5: Proposed Agenda will be as follows:

1. Adoption of Agenda
  2. Address of the Senate
  3. Presidents Report
  4. MNS Constitution Amendments
  5. Resolutions
  6. MNS Executive Reports
  7. Portfolio Ratifications
- Banquet at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Jane Johnson #155  
CARRIED.

MOTION #6: To accept the Provincial President Report as presented.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Maurice Aubichon WR3  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #7: RESOLUTION**

Whereas the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan has been operating under the principles of decentralization and grassroots involvement.

And Whereas the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan declared Metis self-government in December 1993, which includes developing Local and Regional self-government initiatives.

And Whereas for the past five years the Pathways training and employment program was operated under the decentralization and grassroots principles as an Affiliate, at the provincial and Regional/Area levels as part of Metis self-government.

And Whereas the training and employment program has been extended for another three years, with a greater degree of self-government for our people and institutions in conformity with the Liberal Red Book.

Be it Further Resolved That the amendments to "Schedule A" of draft #6 of the Regional Bilateral Agreement, as submitted by Northern Region II Presidents' Council and its Methy Pathways Board, are hereby adopted, and all necessary changes to draft #6 be made to reflect this decision, along with the incorporation documents of Metis Employment and Training of Saskatchewan Inc. (METSI), which must reflect that it is an Affiliate of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

**MOVED BY:** Philip Chartier #62  
**SECONDED BY:** Ray Laliberte #269  
**DEFEATED.**

**MOTION #8:** That the process to vote in 1996 MLA that credentials are name tags and votes be by closed ballot on resolutions and amendments.  
**Moved by:** Philip Chartier #62  
**Seconded by:** Chris Perry #87  
**DEFEATED.**

**MOTION #9: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

To accept the proposed addition of Section 6 (a) to Article 2: Metis Nation Legislative Assembly.

**ARTICLE 2: METIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

6 (a) The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall meet upon the written request of at least 50 Local Presidents.

**Moved by:** Philip Chartier #62  
**Seconded by:** Trygve Lee #108  
**CARRIED.**

**MOTION #10: CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT**

To accept the proposed addition of Section 9.1.a) Article 2: Metis Legislative Assembly.

**ARTICLE 2: METIS NATION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

- 9.1. a) The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall have the authority to remove any member of the Provincial Metis Council for the following reasons:
- i) Acting in a manner that is contrary to the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Constitution.
  - ii) Acting in a manner that is contrary to the Oath of Allegiance of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan. AND,
  - iii) Upon his or her inability to perform his or her functions due to incarceration.
- b) The vote for removal must have the support of three-quarters of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly members present, providing a quorum is present.
- c) Such removal by the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall be final and binding.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Phyllis McDonald #170  
DEFEATED.

**MOTION #11: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

To accept the proposed additions of Subsection 12: Assembly of Representatives to the structure of Article 5: Regions.

**SUBSECTION 12: ASSEMBLY OF REPRESENTATIVES**

1. The Assembly of representatives shall be the supreme body for the region.
2. All decisions made by the Assembly of Representatives shall be final and binding on the Regional Council and the Area Director.
3. All legislative powers shall be vested in the Assembly of Representatives.
4. The members of the Assembly of Representatives shall be chosen every third year by the Metis citizens of each respective region.
5. Assembly representatives shall be chosen by each local/community on the following basis;
  - a) 4 delegates for every 100 members.
  - b) Every community/Local shall have at least 4 delegates to the Assembly of Representatives.
6. The actual enumeration of Metis to ascertain how many delegates each local shall get shall be done in the 1st 6 months after subsection 12 is ratified.
7. When a vacancy occurs in the Assembly of representatives the executive of the local/community shall issue a notice of election to fill the vacancy.

8. The Assembly of Representatives shall elect a VICE CHAIR for each respective region;
  - a) In the case of death or resignation of the Area Director, the regional council will choose an interim Area Director which will have to receive assent from the Assembly of Representatives.
9. The Assembly of Representatives shall assemble once every 4th month.
10. A majority of the Assembly of Representatives shall constitute a quorum to do business.
11. The Assembly of Representatives shall determine and enact the rules of its proceedings, punish its members for disorderly behaviour, and with the concurrence of two thirds of the Assembly of Representatives shall expel a member of the Assembly of Representatives.
12. The Assembly of Representatives shall elect a SECRETARY from its members who record in a journal the proceedings of the Assembly. One copy of the proceedings shall be sent to the Metis Nation Head Office, Regional Head Office, and one copy retained by the Secretary of the Assembly of Representatives.
13. The Assembly of Representatives shall elect a TREASURER from its members.
  - The Treasurer shall make yearly reports to the Assembly of Representatives.
  - The Treasurer shall review and scrutinize the financial records of all regional affiliates and may make the necessary recommendations to the Assembly of Representatives.
  - A yearly statement and account of the receipts and the expenditures of all public money shall be presented to the Assembly of Representatives.
14. The Assembly of Representatives shall establish a Judicial commission consisting of three representatives from the Urban community and three from the rural communities.
  - The power of the judicial committee shall extend to all issues brought before them and shall be final and binding. The right of appeal to the Assembly of Representatives and to the Metis legislative assembly shall be respected.
  - All decisions made by the Judicial committee shall be recorded with one copy sent to the Metis Nation Head Office, Regional Head Office, and a copy kept with the Judicial Committee.

Moved by: Robert Doucette WR2A  
Seconded by: Ed Harper #126  
DEFEATED.

To accept proposed addition of an Article 17: Principles of the Metis Nation.

ARTICLE 17: PRINCIPLES OF THE METIS NATION

We the citizens of the Metis Nation recognizes;

- The Inherent dignity to equal and rights which can never be taken away from Metis people is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the Metis Nation.
- The ideal of all Metis enjoying civil and political freedom can only be achieved if conditions are created whereby everyone may enjoy their civil, political rights, economic, social and cultural rights.
- The promotion of universal respect for and observance of the collective and individual rights and freedoms of all Metis.
- Realize that the Metis individual, having duties to other Metis individuals and to the Metis community to which they belong, is under a responsibility to strive for the promotion and observance of all Metis rights.

Therefore we the citizens of the Metis Nation agree to the following articles;

1. All Metis have the right to self determination. By virtue of that right we the citizens of the Metis Nation will freely determine our political status and freely pursue our economic, social and cultural development.
2. The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan undertakes to respect and ensure to all individuals within the nation and subject to its jurisdiction the rights without distinction of any kind such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinions.
3. To ensure that any Metis person whose rights or freedoms as herein recognized are violated shall have an effective remedy.
4. To ensure that any person claiming such a remedy shall have their right thereto determined by competent judicial, administrative or legislative authorities of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
5. To ensure the competent authorities as enacted by the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan shall enforce such remedies when granted.
6. The Metis Nation undertakes to ensure the equal right of men and women to the enjoy all civil and political rights set forth in these articles.
7. Every Metis citizen shall have the right to liberty of movement and freedom to choose their residence.
8. No Metis person in the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan shall be deprived of the right to join a local in the community which they reside.
9. All persons shall be equal before the tribunals, committee's or the Metis Legislative Assembly in the termination of any issue which they are charged with. Every Metis person shall be entitled to a fair and public hearing by a competent, independent and impartial tribunal established by the Metis Legislative Assembly.

10. Any Metis person shall have adequate time to prepare their defense.
11. All issue's will be processed without undue delay.
12. At any public hearing or Tribunal all Metis involved shall be tried in their presence, and shall have the right to defend themselves or appoint legal assistance own of their choosing.
13. No Metis person shall be subject to arbitrary or unlawful interference with their privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to unlawful attacks on their honour or reputation.
14. Every Metis person shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
15. No Metis person shall be subject to coercion that would impair their freedom to have or adopt a belief of their choice.
16. The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan shall have respect for the liberty of parents or guardians to ensure the moral education of their children is in conformity with their own convictions.
17. Everyone shall the to hold opinions without interference.
18. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of expression. This right shall include the freedom to seek, receive and import information and ideas of all kinds either in writing or print, in the form of art, or through any media of their choice.
19. The rights outlined in paragraph 18 carry special duties and responsibilities, such as the respect for the rights and reputation of others.
20. The right of Metis people to assemble and organize at the community level peacefully shall be recognized.
21. Every Metis person shall have the right to freedom of association.
22. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those prescribed by the Assembly of representatives which are necessary to protect the interests of the Metis Nation.
23. The family is the natural and fundamental group of the Metis nation and is entitled to protection by the Nation.
24. Every child shall have without discrimination as to race, color, sex, language, the right to such measures of protection as are required by their status as a minor, on the part of their family, or the Metis Nation.
25. Every child borne of a Metis person shall be registered immediately.
26. Every Metis child has the right to acquire a nationality.
27. Every Metis person has the right to:
  - Take part in the conduct of public affairs, directly or through freely chosen representatives.
  - To vote and to be elected to the Assembly of representatives or to the local which shall be universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot which guarantee's the free expression of the will of the electors.
  - To have access to public services in Westerns Region 2A.
28. All persons are equal and entitled to protection by the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.



**AMENDMENTS MADE TO MOTION #12 / MADE BY ROBERT DOUCETTE WR2A**

22. No restrictions may be placed on the exercise of this right other than those prescribed by the **METIS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY** which are necessary to protect the interests of the Metis Nation.
27. • To vote and to be elected to the **METIS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY** of representatives or to the local which shall be universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret ballot which guarantee's the free expression of the will of the electors.  
• To have access to public services in **THE METIS NATION OF SASKATCHEWAN**.

Moved by: Robert Doucette, WR2A  
Seconded by: Charlene Lavallee #173  
DEFEATED.

**MOTION #13: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

To accept proposed Amendments to Section 3 and 10 in Article 5: Regions.

**ARTICLE 5: REGIONS**

3. The Regional Council shall have the responsibility of making all appointments to the Institutions and Affiliates at the Regional and Provincial levels. In the event that the Regional Representative is not so appointed, he/she shall be an ex-officio member of all Regional Institutions and Affiliates.
10. The Regional Councils shall provide direction to their Representatives on the Provincial Metis Council with respect to all matters, including the aims, objectives and aspirations of the Organization, and for their respective Regions.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Shirley Ross #159  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #14: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

To accept proposed addition of new Article 14.1: Secretariat.

**ARTICLE 14.1 SECRETARIAT**

1. A Secretariat shall be retained under the Non-Profit Corporations Act for the sole purpose of carrying out the administrative duties of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
2. The Secretariat shall be known as the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Secretariat Incorporated.
3. The Board of Directors of the Secretariat shall be the same members who are elected to the Provincial Metis Council.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Guy Bouvier WR1  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #15: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

To accept proposed additions and deletions to Article 12: Senate, Women and Youth.

**ADDITION OF**

3. That appointments to the Senate shall be made by or at an area meeting.
4. Appointments to the Senate shall be for three years.
6. The Senate shall act as advisors and ambassadors for the Metis Nation.

**DELETION OF**

3. That appointments to vacancies in the Metis Senate be made at area meetings. Further, that Senate appointments be for lifetime or until such time as the Senator is unable to fulfil his/her duties.
4. That the Senate be given the power to resolve disputes occurring in Regions and locals; Further, that decisions of the Senate shall be final and binding.

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION #15 MADE BY GUY BOUVIER WR1 / SECONDER APPROVES /**

4. Appointments to the Senate shall be for FIVE years.
7. IF NOT RE-APPOINTED TO SENATE, RETAIN NAME OF HONOURARY SENATOR.

Moved by: Robert Doucette WR2A  
Seconded by: Daryl Larose WR1A  
DEFEATED.

**MOTION #16: CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT**

To accept proposed new Article 18: Provincial Judicial Committee.

**ARTICLE 18: PROVINCIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

1. The Metis Legislative Assembly shall establish a PROVINCIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE consisting of one representative from the North, Central and Southern parts of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.
2. The power of the Provincial Judicial committee shall extend to all issues brought before them and shall be final and binding. The right of a final APPEAL to the Metis Legislative Assembly shall be respected.
3. All decisions made by the Provincial Judicial Committee shall be recorded with one copy sent to the Metis Nation Head Office, and a copy retained with the Provincial Judicial Committee.
4. The Provincial Judicial Committee shall;
  - Allow any Metis person the time to prepare an adequate defense.
  - All issue's will be processed without undue delay.
  - At any sitting of the Judicial Committee all Metis shall be tried in their presence, and shall have the right to defend themselves or appoint legal assistance of their own choosing.

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION #16 / MADE BY PHILIP CHARTIER #62 / SECONDER AGREES**

**PROVINCIAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE READ REGIONAL JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

1. Each Region shall establish a Regional Judicial Committee consisting of one representative from the North, Central and Southern parts of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

Moved by: Robert Doucette WR2A  
Seconded by: Don Favel NR3  
DEFEATED.

**MOTION #17: CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT**

To approve proposed addition of Section 3.1 in Article 8: Elections.

**ARTICLE 8: ELECTIONS**

- 3.1 Notwithstanding section 2 and 3, the elections for the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall be held during the last week of August every three years, with the first election under this section to be held in August 1997.

Moved by: Armand Murray #39  
Seconded by: Philip Chartier #62  
DEFEATED.

**MOTION #18:** Support Metis in Local #176 and Local #38 in seeking compensation as a third party interest group in treaty land entitlement issued by Canoe Lake.

Moved by: Ambrose Maurice #176  
Seconded by: John Dorion WR2  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #19: RESOLUTION**

That the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Elections be held for mid-month October 1997.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Phyllis McDonald #170  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #20: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS CPR is giving away/selling land on which it has abandoned rail lines...

That the CPR originally obtained much of this land through the fraudulent manipulation of land and money Scrip ...

BE IT RESOLVED that the CPR be approached to seek redress concerning its Scrip fraud and,

THAT a certain percentage of the monies gained from the sale of these lands by the CPR be returned to the Metis Nation.

Moved by: John Dorion WR2  
Seconded by: Ray Laliberte #269  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #21: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Metis Locals of northwest Saskatchewan, along with the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan (MNS) and Metis National Council (MNC) filed a Statement of Claim on March 1, 1994 seeking declarations that the Metis of northwest Saskatchewan have an existing Aboriginal title and rights to the lands and resources of northwest Saskatchewan as a testcase.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the government of Saskatchewan be requested to join the Metis plaintiffs in pressing for a court ruling that the Aboriginal title and rights at issue are still in existence, and that the federal government has the required jurisdiction and responsibility to enter into a land claim agreement with respect to those rights.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Guy Bouvier WR1  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #22: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the enumeration of the Metis people requires a Metis definition of the Metis. And,

WHEREAS the current elected leaders have proven incapable of dealing with this element.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Metis Senate be responsible for policy and direction in respect to Metis enumeration.

Moved by: Henry Cummings #11  
Seconded by: Phyllis McDonald #170  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #23: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Metis Nation has within it's membership many qualified people.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT only card-carrying Metis be employed or contracted within the structure of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #23 RESOLUTION MADE BY HENRY CUMMINGS #11 /

BE IT RESOLVED THAT only card-carrying Metis be employed or contracted within the structure of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, providing they meet the qualifications specific to the job applied for.

HOWEVER, no nationality will be overlooked.

Moved by: Henry Cummings #11  
Seconded by: John Dorion WR2  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #24: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS Certain practises regarding mismanagement, unprofessional conduct and lack of accountability have harmed the Metis Nation's ability to negotiate with other levels of Canadian government, and

THAT the Metis Nation cannot attain self-government until it first deals with its representatives who refuse to conduct themselves in a proper, professional and business like manner...

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Constitution of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, Article 5, Regions, Section 2 be amended by removing the following "who shall be the Chairperson of the Regional Council, as well as the Region's Representative on the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly".

Moved by: John Dorion WR2

Seconded by: Norman McKay #7

**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE RULES THAT THE RESOLUTION IS INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME / IT CONTRADICTS WHAT IS CONSIDERED PART OF EXISTING CONSTITUTION / TIME WAS ALLOTTED TO DEAL WITH AMENDMENTS / SPEAKER NOT OPPOSED SHOULD IT BE RAISED AGAIN /**

**MOTION #25: RESOLUTION**

That there be depots established by the Metis Nation for the protection of hides that are confiscated and the monies be applied to a defense fund and legal fund for the support of our Nation and our right to hunt, fish and trap.

Made by: Gordon Sayers #142

Seconded by: Maurice Aubichon WR3

CARRIED.

**MOTION #26: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the far north Metis Locals consisting of Stoney Rapids, Uranium City and Camsell Portage who are considered under Northern Region 2 be encompassed by Northern Region 1, and;

THAT Northern Region 1 receive funds to accommodate the 3 Locals located in the far north.

Moved by: Glen Strong #80

Seconded by: Redmond Bradfield #20

**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE CONSIDERS THIS AS AN CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT DUE TO THE RELOCATION OF LOCALS / REQUESTS MOVER OF MOTION #25 TABLE UNTIL THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1996 / GLEN STRONG #80 APPROVES**

MOTION #27: To accept the Provincial Treasurer Report as presented.  
Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Don Favel NR3  
CARRIED.

MOTION #28: To accept the Provincial Secretary Report as presented.  
Moved by: Maurice Aubichon WR3  
Seconded by: Ed Harper #126  
CARRIED.

MOTION #29: That agenda item Portfolio Ratifications be tabled until Thursday,  
October 10, 1996 at 9:00 a.m.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #28 / MADE BY CLARENCE CAMPEAU ER2 / SECONDER  
APPROVES /

To recess until Thursday, October 10, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. at which  
time Portfolio ratifications will be discussed.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Brian Amyotte #98  
CARRIED.



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Thursday, October 10, 1996  
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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

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**MOTION #30: RESOLUTION**

THAT the three Locals, of Stoney Rapids, Uranium City and Camsell Portage, transfer from Northern Region 2 to Northern Region 1.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT Northern Region 1 be allocated a sufficient travel budget to consult with remote communities, and these communities be allocated travel dollars to participate in the Metis Legislative Assemblies and other business relating to the Nation.

Moved by: Glen Strong #80  
Seconded by: Henry Cummings #11  
CARRIED.

**SPEAKER OF HOUSE RULES THAT RAY LALIBERTE #269 ABSTAIN FROM THIS VOTE.**

**MOTION #31: RESOLUTION**

That Mr. Ray Laliberte representing the President of Local #269 be given voting credentials at the 1996 MLA.

Moved by: Don Favel NR3  
Seconded by: Michelle Harding NR1  
CARRIED.



**MOTION #32: CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT**

WHEREAS certain practises regarding mismanagement, unprofessional conduct and lack of accountability have harmed the Metis Nation's ability to negotiate with other levels of Canadian government, and

THAT the Metis Nation cannot attain self-government until it first deals with its representatives who refuse to conduct themselves in a proper, professional and business like manner ...

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Constitution of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan, Article 5 Regions, Section 2 be amended by removing the following "who shall be the Chairperson of the Regional Council, as well as the Region's Representative on the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly".

Moved by: John Dorion WR2  
Seconded by: Norman McKay #7  
DEFEATED.

**MOTION #33: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Western Region 2 council of presidents decided at a meeting on October 5th to have the Western Region 2 by election on Saturday, November 23, 1996.

WHEREAS The Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Constitution Article 8, Section 8 states that, "In the event of a vacancy on the Provincial Metis Council of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly, a by-election shall be called within ninety (90) days from the date of the vacancy".

WHEREAS Article 8, Section 7(h) states that, "The Metis Legislative Assembly shall ensure that the Commission has necessary finances and other resources to the fulfilment of its mandate".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Metis Legislative Assembly sanction the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Western Region II By-Election to be set for November 23, 1996.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in accordance to Article 8, Section 7A of the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Western Region 2 By-Election Commission be comprised of the following three Senators.

1. Chair of Senate
2. Provincial Senator of Choice
3. WR2 Senator.

Moved by: Ray Laliberte #269  
Seconded by: Roy Frederick #121  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #34: CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT**

To accept the proposed addition to Article 15: Amending Formula.

**ARTICLE 15: AMENDING FORMULA**

2. All proposed amendments to the Constitution must be registered with the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Head Office thirty days prior to the sitting of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly where reasonable advance notice of the Legislative Assembly is provided. Where the minimum 30 days notice is provided under Article 2, Section 8, all proposed amendments must be registered 14 days prior to the sitting of the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Maurice Aubichon WR3  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #35: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS Article 8, Section 6 states that, "the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly shall enact, on a priority basis, an Elections Act, along with the necessary regulations and guidelines".

WHEREAS The Metis Nation Legislative Assembly resolve to host the next Provincial General Election in October of 1997.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan to immediately establish an Elections Commission to being consulting and developing an Elections Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Metis Elections Act Commission table their findings at the next Metis Legislative Assembly.

Moved by: Ray Laliberte #269  
Seconded by: Michelle Harding NR1  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #36: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS Kelsey Trail Metis Local in Weldon has been recognized in writing by the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Provincial Secretary has met all criteria and requirements and has been recognized a local by Western Region II President's Council.

WHEREAS the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Constitution Article 7, Section 3 states that, "New locals can be admitted by Regional Councils provided this decision is ratified by the Metis Nation Legislative Assembly and the requirements herein are met".

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Weldon Kelsey Trail Local be recognized, admitted and accepted by this Metis Nation Legislative Assembly as a Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Local.

Moved by: Ray Laliberte #269  
Seconded by: Roberta Everets #168  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #37: RESOLUTION**

We the undersigned Presidents of the locals which constitute Western Region III of the Metis Nation, held a Western Region III Area Meeting on September 23, 1996 in Swift Current.

1. Dwayne St. Dennis
2. Randy Gaudry
3. Gillis Lavalley
4. Gaynard Dumont
5. Carol Low

We present the following Resolution based on a WR III Area Meeting Motion.

Motion #14 That Ponteix Local #123 be dissolved and the members of that local amalgamate with Swift Current Local #35, until such time desire is expressed to re-activate.

Moved by: Gillis Lavalley, Riel #33  
Seconded by: Randy Gaudry, Willow Bunch #17  
Carried Unanimously.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Motion #14 by Western Region III be recognized by the Metis Legislative Assembly and the local dissolved as per the Motion.

Moved by: Maurice Aubichon WR3  
Seconded by: Randy Gaudry #17  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #38: RESOLUTION**

That the Metis Nation of Saskatchewan issue separate hunting cards to ensure the safety of our people.

Moved by: Redmond Bradfield #20  
Seconded by: Glen Strong #80

AMENDMENT TO MOTION #38 MADE BY RAY LALIBERTE #269 TO FORM COMMISSION TO FURTHER INVESTIGATE THE CURRENT METIS INHERENT RIGHT TO HUNT FISH AND TRAP.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE ASKS MOVER OF MOTION #38 RESOLUTION / TO TABLE UNTIL METIS WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION ACT AGENDA ITEM / MOVER APPROVES.

**MOTION #39: RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS there is an existing protocol agreement between Dumont Technical Institute and Saskatchewan Adult Education.

WHEREAS the majority of Metis employment and training clientele are in need of basic adult upgrading skills to lead them into technical school.

WHEREAS the Non-Status Indian and Metis resources are being allocated by Saskatchewan Adult Education to colleges and Native Advisory Council (NAC) Committees, with only recommendation powers for NAC members.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Dumont Technical Institute and Metis Employment and Training of Saskatchewan Inc. immediately develop a committee to begin to abolish all NAC advisory committees and develop a Metis owned and operated process.

Moved by: Ray Laliberte #269  
Seconded by: Phil Langan #13  
DEFEATED.

**MOTION #40:** To address the Amendments to Metis Wildlife and Conservation Act Agenda Item then the Portfolio Ratifications Agenda Item.

Moved by: Ray Laliberte #269  
Seconded by: Don Favel NR3  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #41: RESOLUTION**

THAT we send the Minister Responsible for Hunting Rights a letter indicating that policy is a poor policy and should be abolished and the only way to get the Metis hunting rights is through the local.

Moved by: Ray Laliberte #269  
Seconded by: NO SECONDER

**MOTION #42: METIS WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENT**

PROHIBITIONS, OFFENCES, PROSECUTIONS AND PENALTIES

15. No person under the age of THIRTEEN shall hunt without a parent, or under the supervision of an adult, providing they have a firearms certificate, a safety firearms certificate and other regulations that require to be followed.

Moved by: Philip Chartier  
Seconded by: Phyllis McDonald #170

THE MOVER PHILIP CHARTIER #62 TABLE MOTION #41 UNTIL NEXT YEAR TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT.

**MOTION #43: RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Commission be formed consisting of Minister of Land and Natural Resources, one representative from each Region, to enforce Metis Wildlife and Conservation Act.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Omer J. Delaire #94  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #44: METIS WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION ACT AMENDMENT**

To DELETE THE FOLLOWING:

POWER TO MAKE REGULATIONS

25. The Provincial Metis Council may make regulations:  
(1) setting the price for licenses;

Moved by: Trygve Lee #108  
Seconded by: John Dorion WR11  
CARRIED.

**MOTION #45: RATIFICATION**

To Ratify the recent Metis Nation of Saskatchewan Portfolio Ratification.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Ray Laliberte #269  
CARRIED.

MOTION #46: THAT the Education Act be moved.

AMENDMENT / MADE BY PHILIP CHARTIER #62 / PROVISION THAT EACH REGION WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SET UP THEIR OWN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DUMONT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

Moved by: Philip Chartier #62  
Seconded by: Don Favel NR3

PHILIP CHARTIER #62 WITHDREW MOTION #46 TO GIVE METIS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY TIME TO CONSIDER.

MOTION #47: RESOLUTION

THAT the next Metis General Assembly, for all Metis in Saskatchewan, shall be held on November 30, 1996 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Moved by: Robert Doucette WR2A  
Seconded by: Gordon Sayers #142  
CARRIED.

MOTION #48: TO ADJOURN THE 1996 METIS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Moved by: Henry Cummings #11