

The Metis Senate. March 26, 1992, Holiday Inn

Present:

Ed King ✓

Louis Morin ✓

Vital Morin ✓

Alfred Geneille ✓

Marie Chaboyer X

Lawrence Martell ✓

Stan Durocher ✓

John Boucher ✓

Leo Amyotte

Joe Fayant X

- Clifford Laroque ✓

- Claude Langson

#### PROPOSED SENATE POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Bylaws of The Metis Elders Senate of Alberta (model)

Vital:

- go through each area and decide by consensus, read, listen, and leave or change

Senator ]

Elder ] Define roles

Senior ]

The Senate of Elders:

The Senate of the Metis Society must develop the BY-LAWS for the Metis Elders Senate of Saskatchewan. This proposal should only be used as a guideline during the development stage of the BY-LAWS for the Senate Powers and Responsibilities.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The Senate should consider the following areas of responsibility:

- \* establish and enforce a code of ethics for MSS members and elected officials
- \* Administer the oath of office of all elected officials, within 30 days after election
- \* Interpret, apply and resolve any disputes arising from conflicts between the by-laws of Districts, the MSS
- \* Determine all matters regarding members including the continuation of membership, suspension, expulsion, cancellation or re-instatement of any member
- \* Make recommendation to the MSS on any matter referred to the Metis Senate by the President or Board of the MSS

The Senate of the Metis Society of Saskatchewan will be comprised of Metis Elders recognized by the Metis People of Saskatchewan.

The Senators should develop and adopt a code of ethics which will guide their conduct as individuals and as a group similar to the code of ethics for the members and elected officials.

Each area must have a Senator representative.

Conflicts:

- administer the oath of office
- each Senator of each area will be responsible to their area locals ex: Stan Durocher - La Ronge is organizing another local *ask for in settlement.*
- discussion:
  - this becomes the responsibility of the area board to make a decision
  - Senator should be asked to be present to sit and listen to both sides of the issue, then the Senate may be asked to come in and make the final decision
  - a majority of seven (7) Senate members are needed to make a decision
- or -
- recommendations must come from the executive to settle the matter
- if not satisfied with the executives' decision then the issue needs to be taken to The Provincial Metis Senate, a good decision made at this level will be final, with no further appeal process within the organization

Motion:

Louis Morin

At least seven (7) members should be involved to decide on disputes and conflicts

Seconded: Stan Durocher

Motion:

Vital Morin

If a Senator misses three (3) meetings in a row without a good reason, the Senator will be suspended. A new appointment will be made at an area board meeting

Seconded: Alfred Genaille

BY-LAWS for the Council of the Senate  
- by each area member

1. The council of the Senate shall consist of 12 Elders, each of whom shall be appointed by each area
2. Any Elder shall cease to be a member of the Senate:
  - a) if the Elder fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings for no reason, the area board appoints a new member
3. responsibilities (already listed)
4. money

Motion:

Vital Morin

An honorarium be paid per day plus expenses for each meeting the Senators attend

Seconder: Louis Morin

discussion

- settling conflicts and disputes
- monthly meetings
- contact at least seven (7) members to make a quorum
- need a list of names, addresses and phone numbers of all members
- may bring people to the Senators, instead of all travelling out to areas
- decision is final without appeal within the organization

Request:

Father Guy Lavallee - to develop a prayer for the Saskatchewan Metis Senate, could be a shorter version of the Alberta's prayer, or one of his own.

METIS SOCIETY OF SASKATCHEWAN SENATORS

Stan Durocher

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La Ronge, Saskatchewan

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Northern Region I

Robert Mercredi

Louis Morin

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Buffalo Narrows, Saskatchewan

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Northern Region II

Norman Hansen

Vital Morin

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Ile a la Crosse, Saskatchewan

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Northern Region III

Max Morin

Marie Alma Chaboyer

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Cumberland House,

Saskatchewan

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Eastern Region 1

Leonard Morin

Alfred Gennielle

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Chelan, Saskatchewan

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Eastern Region II

Clarence Campeau

Claude Langan

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Yorkton, Saskatchewan

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Eastern Region IIA

Gary Martin

Joe Fayant

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Sintaluta,

Saskatchewan

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Eastern Region III

Wilbert Desjarlais

Edward King

Western Region I