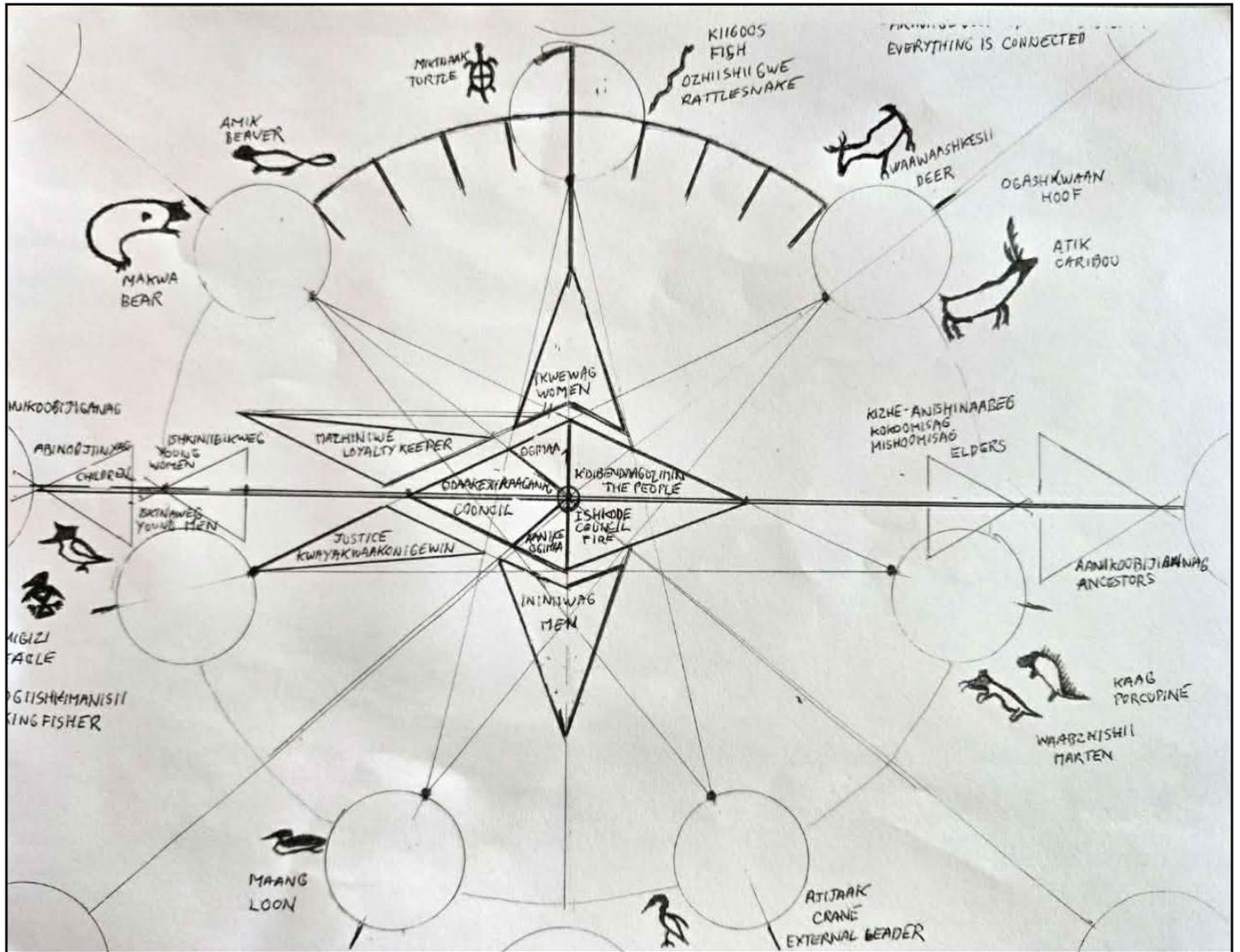




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## 1) Citizen Voting at Teme-Augama Anishnabai Assemblies and Referenda

For a Teme-Augama Anishnabai Assembly or Referendum to be properly convened or conducted, an option for Teme-Augama Anishnabai Citizens to participate online must be made available.

- A) Procedural Motions at TAA Assemblies, those Motions that deal with the meeting process, such as opening or adjourning the meeting, setting the agenda etc, are:
- 1) required to have a mover and a seconder, physically in attendance at the Assembly, before discussion or a decision can take place on the motion.
  - 2) to be determined by those physically in attendance at the Assembly
- B) Substantive Motions or Resolutions at TAA Assemblies, those Motions or Resolutions of substance that are an expression of collective decision-making such as determining a course of action or creating laws to govern etc, require:
- 1) a mover and seconder, physically in attendance at the Assembly, and, a notification that at least 25 additional eligible voters have indicated their support of the Resolution or Motion, before discussion or a decision can take place on the Motion or Resolution
  - 2) that when the Ogimaaag and Council put a Resolution or motion to an Assembly, the mover and seconder must be physically in attendance at the Assembly.
  - 3) that all TAA Citizens in attendance at an Assembly, both those attending in-person or online, are eligible to participate in the development, amending and discussion on all Resolutions and Motions in accord with the ordinary conducting of the meeting.



- 4) that a Resolution or Motion may only be tabled if both the mover and seconder are in agreement, or 75% of eligible Citizens attending the Assembly in person, and voting on the Motion or Resolution, vote in favour of tabling the Motion or Resolution.
- 5) that all voting on a Resolution or Motion, after the question is called, shall be carried out online.
- 6) that those citizens interested and willing to participate in TAA online voting, must register for voting online, sharing required personal and contact information to set up their online account.
- 7) that the Resolution or Motion must be posted online, and eligible citizens notified of the pending vote to vote on within 24 hours of the question being called, and the opportunity for the Citizens to vote online must then remain open for three (3) full days.
- 8) that a quorum of Citizens participating in an Assembly online vote shall be 25% of the total eligible voters registered for online voting. A minimum quorum of Citizens must participate in the first vote, with at least 55% voting in favour of the Resolution or Motion for the result to be valid.
- 9) If a quorum and valid result was not achieved in the first vote, a second vote will be called to open 7 days after the closing of the first vote. The second online vote will also remain open for three (3) full days. The results of this second vote will be valid provided 55% or more, of the total votes cast in favour of the Resolution or Motion has been achieved. No quorum of Citizens is required in a second vote.
- 10) Voting parameters in terms of time as outlined in this section, may be reasonably extended by the Ogimaag and Council if the process experiences interference at any point due to power outage, technical malfunction, or other extraordinary circumstances.
- 11) That a Teme-Augama Dibendaagozi/Citizen, that is at least 16 years of age, is eligible to vote in all Teme-Augama Anishnabai Elections, By-Elections, Referenda, Ratifications and Assembly Resolutions and Motions. **(Amendment added August 7, 2025)**



- 12) That a Teme-Augama Anishnabai Dibendaagozi/Citizen, that is at least 18 years of age, on the day of the election or By-Election concerned, may accept a nomination to be a candidate for a position on the Teme-Augama Anishnabai Ogimaag and Council.  
(Amendment added August 7, 2025)
- 13) No law, resolution or decision will be made by the Teme-Augama Anishnabai that have a direct and significant impact upon those of our citizens identified in a) to d) below, without their expressed consent.

These citizens are:

- a) residents of Makoominising (Bear Island),
- b) residents of a future designated reserve community,
- c) recorded on the Registry as a status member of the originally federally titled "Timagami Band of Indians" (est. 1883), or
- d) not recorded as a member of any other federally recognized Indigenous organization other than as a citizen of the Teme-Augama Anishnabai, also known as "non-status" family members.
- e) Expressed consent will be determined by considering the outcome of their particular votes, as a component of the overall votes cast on the issue.
- f) The voting thresholds to confirm expressed consent among the identified citizens are the same as those identified in Section 1 B 8-9 in this document.
- g) The citizens identified in a) to d) above require a population totalling at least 3% of the entire population to trigger this Section.  
(Amendment added February 26, 2026)

- C) Ogimaag and Council may develop a Ratification or Referendum process that does not follow the voting process stated here in this section. However, that process must be open to all those who qualify under this section, be conducted online and cannot decrease in any way the minimum thresholds established in this section in terms of voting percentages, voting time intervals or voting access.



## 2) Ogimaag ashij Odaakeshkaaganag (Chiefs and Council)

- A) The Teme-Augama Anishnabai Ogimaag ashij Odaakeshkaaganag (Chiefs and Council) shall consist of an Ogimaa, Aanike-Ogimaa and four (4) Odaakeshkaaganag
- B) All positions will be elected for three (3) year terms, spanning from Fall Assembly to Fall Assembly
- C) All Ogimaag ashij Odaakeshkaaganag (Chiefs and Councillors) shall have one vote on Council with quorum being four (4) members of Council.

### Elections

- D) Ogimaag ashij Odaakeshkaaganag (Chiefs and Council) will be elected by eligible TAA citizens who have registered for online voting. The election voting will be conducted online.
- E) Nominations for all Council positions must be opened 40 days before the Fall Assembly, and Nominations received 30 days before the Fall Assembly.
- F) Valid Nominations require a mover and seconder and a list indicating support for the candidate authorized by at least 25 eligible TAA citizens.
- G) Election voting will be conducted online, over a ten (10) hour period during the day of the election, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm N'dakimenan time.
- H) The Ogimaag ashij Odaakeshkaaganag shall appoint an Electoral/ Voting Officer to conduct the elections and Referenda, and three (3) qualified individuals to serve as an Appeals body. Together, a process in accord with this document shall be developed for the purpose of conducting Elections/Referenda in a fair and reasonable manner.



## By-Elections

- I) By-elections will be conducted in the same manner as the general election, although the date of the by-election shall be no later than ninety (90) days after the office had been vacated. By-elections need not be called if the term for the position is due to end one hundred and twenty (120) days or less from the day the office was vacated.

## Recalled from Office

- J) An Ogimaa, Aanike-Ogimaa or Odaakeshkaagan (Chief, Second Chief or Councillor) may be recalled from office via a petition with at least 100 signatures or indications of support from eligible citizens submitted for that purpose. Notice will then be given that the request for recall is being considered for a Referendum. The recall request will be posted online for seven (7) days, during which eligible registered citizens may add their support for or against the recall. If at the end of the seven (7) day recall request period, more citizens had indicated supporting the recall than not, a Referendum shall be held between seven (7) and fourteen (14) days after the closing of the seven (7) day recall request period. The referendum shall be conducted in accord with Section B-9, with the exception that the vote only require 50% plus one of all votes cast to be considered as valid, and the elected official duly recalled.

## Wiidookaage Odaakeshkaagan \*

- K) At the time the Final Draft of the Timiigamiing Anishinaabeg Onaakonigewin K'dibendaagozimin (Citizenship Law) 2025, is duly adopted by the Teme-Augama Anishnabai. All subsequent Teme-Augama Anishnabai General Elections and applicable By-Elections, shall hold one councillor position, titled "Wiidookaage-Odaakeshkaagan, whereby the candidate must be a Wiidookaage-Dibendaagozi (Citizen-Helper), or, from among any Dibendaagoziwaad (Citizens), provided their mover, seconder and at least 15 of the 25 Dibendaagoziwaad (Citizens) who are on the list of indicated supporters, are Wiidookaage-Dibendaagoziwag (Citizen-Helpers).



Eligible voters for this position, shall include all TAA dibendaagoziwaad (citizens) and Wiidookaage-Dibendaagoziwag (Citizen-Helpers) of voting age.

\* Clause only comes into effect upon the adoption of the TAA Citizenship Law (2025)

### 3) Repeal, Amendments and Prevalance

- A) Proposed repeal of, or amendments to this document may be determined via a Referendum that can be called unilaterally by Ogimaag and Odaakeshkaagan (Chiefs and Council), or, by the Assembly, through the Resolution process outlined in Section 1 B. (Amended August 7, 2025)
- B) The Referendum to amend this document shall be conducted in accord with Section 1 B, with the exception that the threshold for a valid vote requiring 55% as mentioned in Section B 8) and Section B 9), shall be 60% for the purpose of amending this document. (Amended August 7, 2025)
- C) If there are any TAA Resolutions that overlap, contradict, address or appear to address similar subjects with this document, this document shall prevail in all such cases.
- D) Upon adoption of this TAA Decision-Making Document, all revised processes set out here will be in immediate effect. Where, as a result, agenda items may no longer be compatible with the new process, such items will remain frozen until the next Assembly where online voting is in effect.



#### 4) Restoration of Traditional Anishinaabe Governance and Advisory Bodies

Teme-Augama Anishnabai Ogimaag ashij Odaakeshkaaganag (Chiefs and Council) shall make every effort to support the reestablishment, revitalization and restoration of the following Anishinaabe Governance and Advisory bodies. So that together, they will determine and work towards reviving these bodies, their meaning and functions, their relationships to each other and to the Teme-Augama Anishnabi as a whole.

- A) Ishkiniigikweg minawaaj Ishkinaweg (Youth) Emerging Voice
- B) Ikwewag (Women) Nibii
- C) Ogichidaag (Men) Akii
- D) Kizhe-Anishinaabeg (Elders), Kokoomisag minawaaj Mishoomisag
- E) Kwayakwaakonigewin (Justice)
- F) Mazhinawe (Loyalty keeper)

#### Niizhwaachin Odoodemag (Seven Families)

##### G) Kiigoos Odoodem/Ozhiishiigwe (Fish Family/Rattlesnake)

- 1) a) Ozhiishiigwe Kiiwednong Naagaaniij Aki- Open  
(Rattlesnake North Land Leader – Open)
- b) Ozhiishiigwe Kiiwednong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin - Open  
(Rattlesnake North Well-Being Leader – Open)

Manidoowaash (29)/Kohoozhe (28) [27A, 27, 24 | K]  
Jobson, Wabie



- 2) a) Ozhiishiigwe Zhaawanong Naagaaniij Aki- Raymond Katt  
(Rattlesnake South Land Leader – Raymond Katt)
- b) Ozhiishiigwe Zhaawanong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Rattlesnake South Well-Being Leader)

Kekek (27)/Wendaaban (24) [27A | 28, 29 | K]  
Katt

## H) Ogashkwaan Odoodem/Atik (Hoof Family/Caribou)

- 1) a) Atik Kiiwedinong Naagaaniij Aki - Open  
(Caribou North Land Leader – Open)
- b) Atik Kiiwedinong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Caribou North Well-Being Leader – Open)

Kaaminookamaa (26) [23E | K] Turner, Kiijik (George Sr.)  
Turner

- 2) a) Atik Shangaabiiyanong Naagaaniij Aki- Open  
(Caribou West Land Leader – Open)
- b) Atik Shangaabiiyanong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin –  
Open  
(Caribou West Well-Being Leader – Open)  
Zhayaagwozi (23E) [K] Turner, Ootchim (John Sr.)  
Turner, Twain

- 3) a) Atik Waabanong Naagaaniij Aki – Verna Friday (Tom)  
(Caribou East Land Leader – Verna Friday)
- b) Atik Waabanong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Caribou East Well-Being Leader – Open)

Waabakoo/Kaabimiigwane (9-10 NE) [9-10 SE | K] Friday William +  
Friday



4) a) Atik Zhaawanong Naagaaniij Aki – John Charyna  
(Caribou South Land Leader – John Charyna)

b) Atik Zhaawanong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Caribou South Well-Being Leader – Open)

Waabakoo/Kaabimiigwane (9-10 SE) [9-10 NE | K] Friday George +  
Friday

## I) Waabizheshii Odoodem (Marten Family)

1) a) Waabizheshii Naagaaniij Aki – Open  
(Marten Land Leader – Open)

b) Waabizheshii Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Marten Well-Being Leader – Open)

Kaaneshens (8 S) [K] Petrant, John  
Petrant

2) a) Kaag Naagaaniij Aki – Open  
(Porcupine Land Leader – Open)

b) Kaag Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Porcupine Well-Being Leader – Open)

Shoomishakiwenzii (22, 23 E) [K] Potts, Fred, Tom +  
Potts

## J) Ajijaak Odoodem/Ogimaa (Crane/External Leadership) Absent Family, Traditional Role of Ogimaa filled by other Families



## K) Maang Odoodem (Loon Family)

- 1) a) Maang Aapitayahii Naaganiij Aki – Tom Mathias  
(Loon Central Land Leader – Tom Mathias)  
  
b) Maang Aapitayahii Naaganiij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Loon Central Well-Being Leader - Open)  
  
Zhayaagwozi (23 E) [21, 22 | K]  
Mathias
  
- 2) a) Maang Agaamikii Naagaaniij Aki – Open  
(Loon Across-land Land Leader – Open)  
  
b) Maang Agaamikii Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Loon Across-land Well-Being Leader - Open)  
  
Zhayaagwozi (23 W) [23, 9-10 | 8 | K] Becker, Oren (Cecile)  
Becker
  
- 3) a) Maang Shangaabiiyanong Naagaaniij Aki – Open  
(Loon West Land Leader – Open)  
  
b) Maang Shangaabiiyanong Naaganiij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Loon West Well-Being Leader - Open)  
  
Zhayaagwozi (23) [8, 9-10 | K] Matchiekwe, Francois Twain,  
Nedowaagiizhik  
Twain, Turner
  
- 4) a) Maang Kiiwedinong Naagaaniij Aki – Open  
(Loon North Land Leader – Open)  
  
b) Maang Kiiwedinong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Loon North Well-Being Leader – Open)  
  
Kaaneshens (8) [9-10, 23 | K]  
McLean



- 5) a) Maang Zhaawanong Naagaaniij Aki – Open  
(Loon South Land Leader - Open)
- b) Maang Zhaawanong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Loon South Well-Being Leader – Open)
- Mishaakwaanan/Niibinagwane (21) [22 | K]  
Niibinagwane

## L) Bineshii Odoodem/Ogiishkimanisii (Bird Family/Kingfisher)

- 1) a) Ogiishkimanisii Kiiwediong Naagaaniij Aki – Open  
(Kingfisher North Land Leader – Open)
- b) Ogiishkimanisii Kiiwediong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin –  
Open  
(Kingfisher North Well-Being Leader - Open)
- Kiijikwanigan (30, 31) [26 | K]  
Pierce/Piishaaboo
- 2) a) Ogiishkimanisii Aapitayahii Naagaaniij Aki – Open  
(Kingfisher Central Land Leader – Open)
- b) Ogiishkimanisii Aapitayahii Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Kingfisher Central Well-Being – Open)
- Kaaminookamaa (26) Shoomishakiwenzii (22) [K] Ponii Paul  
Paul
- 3) a) Ogiishkimanisii Waabanong Naagaaniij Aki – John McKenzie  
(Kingfisher East Land Leader – John McKenzie)
- Ogiishkimanisii Waabanong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin – Open  
(Kingfisher East Well-Being Leader – Open)
- Kaaneshens (8) [30, 31 | 26 | K] William Peshabo  
Piishaaboo



4) a) Ogiishkimanisii Zhaawanong Naagaaniij Aki – Mac McKenzie  
(Kingfisher South Land Leader – Mac McKenzie)

b) Ogiishkimanisii Zhaawanong Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin –  
Open  
(Kingfisher South Well-Being Leader – Open)

Niibinagwane (21) Aayandashkwe (25) [K] Phillip McKenzie Sr.  
McKenzie

5) b) Ogiishkimanisii Waawiyegamiing Naagaaniij Aki – Open  
(Kingfisher Round Lake Land Leader – Open)

c) Ogiishkimanisii Waawiyegamiing Naagaaniij Mino-Bimaadiziwin  
-Open  
(Kingfisher Round Lake Well-Being Leader – Open)

Aayandashkwe (25) [K] Charles Sr, & Willie Moore  
Moore

## M) Makwa Odoodem/ Amik (Bear Family/ Beaver)

1) a) Amik Naagaaniij Aki - Alex Mathias  
(Beaver Land Leader – Alex Mathias)

b) Amik Mino-Bimaadiziwin Naagaaniij – Open  
(Beaver Well-Being Leader – Open)

Misaabi (27A) [27,24 | 28,29 | K]  
Missabie

