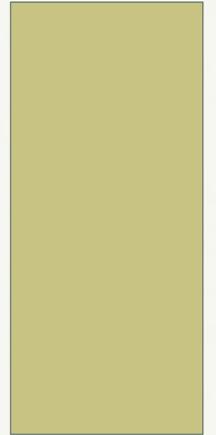


COMMUNITY MEETING
MARCH 23 & 26 2015

FMYN CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE



GUIDE

BLUE: WORDS TO KEEP IN MIND

GOLD: REQUIRMENTS NO LONGER USED AND
HAVE SINCE BEEN CHANGED

GREEN: REPLACED CHANGES FOR CURRENT
REQUIRMENTS

RED: PROPOSED CHANGES

PAST CONSTITUTION ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 24, 1936

Article III – Membership in the Community

Section 1. All persons whose names appear on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation census roll of 1934 shall be members of the Community, provided that corrections may be made in this roll by the Community Council, with the approval of the Interior, within two years after the approval of the Constitution.

Section 2. All descendants of members shall be entitled to membership in the community if they are of **at least one-quarter (1/4) degree of [Indian blood](#)**.

Section 3. Any person of Indian blood who has resided within the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation for at least three years and whose name does not appear on any other reservation roll may be granted membership in the Community by a majority vote of the Council and upon the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

CURRENT CONSTITUTION ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 12, 1999

Article III – Membership

Section 1. All persons whose name appear on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation census roll of 1934 shall be members of the Nation.

Section 2. All descendants of members of the 1934 census roll shall be entitled to membership in the Nation, **if they are at least one-quarter (1/4) degree Fort McDowell Yavapai blood** and their name does not appear on another Indian tribal roll.

Section 3. **Every person, duly enrolled pursuant to the 1936 Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Community Constitution and By-laws as of adoption of this Constitution is entitled to membership and is hereby an enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.**

PROPOSED CHANGES OF ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Constitution of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Article III - Membership

- ❖ Section 1. All persons whose name appears on the Fort McDowell Indian Reservation census roll of 1934 shall be members of the Nation.
- ❖ Section 2. All descendants of members of the 1934 census roll shall be entitled to membership in the Nation if they are **at least one-quarter (1/4) degree Fort McDowell Yavapai Indian blood from any U.S. federally recognized tribe** and their name does not appear on another Indian tribal roll.
- ❖ Section 3. Every person, duly enrolled pursuant to the 1936 Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Community Constitution and By-laws as of the date of the adoption of this Constitution is entitled to membership and is hereby an enrolled member of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.
- ❖ Section 4. **All descendants of members duly enrolled pursuant to the 1936 Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Community Constitution and By-laws as of the date of the adoption of this Constitution shall be entitled to membership in the Nation if they are at least one-quarter (1/4) Indian blood from any U.S. federally recognized Indian tribe and their name does not appear on another Indian tribal roll.**
- ❖ Section 5 -4. **Enrollment Ordinance.** The Tribal Council shall enact an Enrollment Ordinance within six months of the adoption of this Constitution. The Tribal Council shall maintain a current roll of the members of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.
- ❖ Section 6 5. **Membership Determination.** The Fort McDowell Tribal Council shall have final authority and exclusive jurisdiction over membership claims upon the exhaustion of all administrative remedies. Administrative remedies will be determined by the Enrollment Ordinance.

COMPARISON

PRESENT REQUIRMENT

❖ Section 2.

All descendants of members of the 1934 census roll shall be entitled to membership in the Nation, **if they are at least one-quarter (1/4) degree Fort McDowell Yavapai blood and their name does not appear on another Indian tribal roll.**

PROPOSED CHANGE

❖ Section 2.

All descendants of members of the 1934 census roll shall be entitled to membership in the Nation if they are **at least one-quarter (1/4) degree Indian blood from any U.S. federally recognized tribe and their name does not appear on another Indian tribal roll.**

PROPOSED ADD-ON

Section 4.

All descendants of **members duly enrolled** pursuant to the 1936 Fort McDowell Mohave-Apache Community Constitution and By-laws as of the date of the adoption of this Constitution shall be entitled to membership in the Nation if they are at least **one-quarter (1/4) Indian blood** from **any U.S. federally recognized Indian tribe** and their name does not appear on another Indian tribal roll.

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Community Head count and Comments

March 23, 2015 Attendees

57 -Tribal Members
4 -Non-Tribal Members

March 26, 2015 Attendees

44 - Tribal Members
7 – Non-Tribal Members

Total Attendees = **112 Attendees**

Comments= **MONDAY MARCH 23 MEETING**

1. I think it's clear what our options are, thank you! Also it would be cool if the grandkids and great grandkids of the people that fought Orme Dam and blocked the feds @ the Casino could be enrolled in the tribe we fought for!
2. What about the old way –they did it for a reason (there was a purpose behind it) Survival!!!
SECTION 2
3. We are turning into Cherokee's **SECTION 2**
4. Could I still enroll my black husband if his not enroll from this Nation even though his a little Indian. **No– under SECTION 2 you would need to be a descendant from the 34" roll and Under SECTION 4 you would need to be a descendant from any person who was enrolled Pre– 1999 constitution.**

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Comments= **MONDAY, MARCH 23 MEETING**

5. No non-tribal members should be attending these meetings. Kids are not allowed to vote. They should tell their TM parent or TM family members to attend for them.
6. So Your saying we have to incest if nothing changes...We might as well do arrange marriages with our children. **SECTION 2**
7. Enrollment- were both parents are Fort McDowell tribal members-lives here over 30 years But grandparents are not on 1934 enrollment which means since 1999 our kids can't be enrolled with the Nation but have lived here all their lives but can't be enrolled what changes would the enrollment committee consider with changes to help families get there children enrolled **SECTION 4**
8. Lowering the blood quantum should be an option Please, the blood quantum make it seem like I'm being forced to be with someone and not with who I actually want to be with. It shouldn't matter about race, just if they're Fort McDowell Yavapai. **The proposed changes are based on past questionnaires (since 2012) and comments made by Fort McDowell tribal members who attended the community meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The responses from the questionnaires and comments helped us determine what types of changes the majority of tribal members wanted to see in the Nation's Constitution.**
9. Please stop enrolling non-native people. **SECTION 2**

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Comment = **Thursday March 26, Meeting**

1. Article III Section if my children lived on reservation 3 years will they be enrolled is this only for Adults or minors also. **NO- You must be referring to the Old Constitution of 1936 which had a requirement of 3 years residence and ¼ Native American blood. Proposed section 4 will allow descendants under the old Constitution of 1936 eligibility for enrollment as long as they have ¼ Native American and be a descendant from an enrolled Tribal member (1936 – 2015)**
2. You need to take Ft. McDowell Yavapai off and put Yavapai including Camp Verde and Prescott. We need to enroll “Yavapai” First. And have descendency – lineal with no breaks in it. Great Grandfather, Father, son, Grandchild, Great-Grandchild, etc. **The proposed changes are based on past questionnaires (since 2012) and comments made by Fort McDowell tribal members who attended the community meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The responses from the questionnaires and comments helped us determine what types of changes the majority of tribal members wanted to see in the Nation’s Constitution.**
3. No Descendency – percentage – Government will out us as a tribe!
4. With the new proposal addition Per Article II Section 4 would kids be enrolled if the parents were adopted into the tribe if we can show ¼ Indian blood? That is why the parents were adopted in at ½ blood. **Yes, under Section 4 all descendants of Fort McDowell enrolled tribal members may be eligible for enrollment.**

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5. Include lineal descendency add $\frac{1}{4}$ any Yavapai Bloods. **The proposed changes are based on past questionnaires (since 2012) and comments made by Fort McDowell tribal members who attended the community meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The responses from the questionnaires and comments helped us determine what types of changes the majority of tribal members wanted to see in the Nation's Constitution.**
6. Think a time frame should be put in place so this issue can be resolved. This discussion of enrollment has gone on way to long!
7. What about lower the $\frac{1}{4}$ Yavapai blood quantum to the lowest possible i.e. $\frac{1}{32}$, $\frac{1}{64}$ etc. etc. but put a stipulation that they must also be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ Indian blood from any U.S federally recognized Indian tribe. **The proposed changes are based on past questionnaires (since 2012) and comments made by Fort McDowell tribal members who attended the community meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The responses from the questionnaires and comments helped us determine what types of changes the majority of tribal members wanted to see in the Nation's Constitution.**
8. Direct descendancy with Stipulations- suggestions on stipulations may include: Residency, Language, Felony criminals, employment, no Per-cap. **The proposed changes are based on past questionnaires (since 2012) and comments made by Fort McDowell tribal members who attended the community meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The responses from the questionnaires and comments helped us determine what types of changes the majority of tribal members wanted to see in the Nation's Constitution.**

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9. In the future meetings I would like to see printed hand-outs so that we can review the proposed information instead of sitting through hours of opinions.

10. Enrollment should just change blood quantum to "Yavapai" Whether it be Camp Verde, Prescott; It brings the Yavapai blood back in our Tribe. That should be first on the list. With history on everything goes full circle. Then, our adopted members will have more Yavapai blood to help build our tribe. The blood quantum will always need to be changed with time. We need to enroll "Yavapai" people first. Parents need to teach their children to marry "Yavapai" or other Native Tribes! **The proposed changes are based on past questionnaires (since 2012) and comments made by Fort McDowell tribal members who attended the community meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The responses from the questionnaires and comments helped us determine what types of changes the majority of tribal members wanted to see in the Nation's Constitution.**

11. I know I won't be marrying or having a child with another Native-American, with the proposed change will allow my kids to be enrolled. But not my grandkids! I'm not going to make my kids marry another Native-American just to be enrolled in the tribe. If there isn't a proposal for direct descendancy then there's set of families that this tribe will lose. Please put the direct descendancy option with no blood quantum. **The proposed changes are based on past questionnaires (since 2012) and comments made by Fort McDowell tribal members who attended the community meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The responses from the questionnaires and comments helped us determine what types of changes the majority of tribal members wanted to see in the Nation's Constitution.**

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12. Please add the option of Fort McDowell Yavapai, direct descendant of the 1934 census only, no blood quantum. **The proposed changes are based on past questionnaires (since 2012) and comments made by Fort McDowell tribal members who attended the community meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The responses from the questionnaires and comments helped us determine what types of changes the majority of tribal members wanted to see in the Nation's Constitution.**

13. I understand the point made and still the questions are the same! We all were one tribe at one time; we can't change the past or what our ancestors chose for us, I can say there is no true Ft. McDowell Yavapai- Their blood line is thinning due to outside marriages to other tribes.

14. You need a strict, dated timeline as to how the enrollment committee is going to take action, for the people. Our people means only those enrolled? We need to take care of ourselves and our neighbors, meaning ceasing the pride in benefits to think of the future!

15. Straight descendency will weed out!

16. If considered peoples options of other add on's. How long before we can go to a vote? **See committee agenda. Will be mailed out, posted in monthly newsletter, and posted on fortmcdowell.org.**

17. If this passes that means I have to go to pow wows to find a snag?

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18. Drop the blood because it was never a option. **The constitution presented this option on the 2013 Survey for that the proposed changes are based on past questionnaires (since 2012) and comments made by Fort McDowell tribal members who attended the community meetings and/or completed the questionnaires. The responses from the questionnaires and comments helped us determine what types of changes the majority of tribal members wanted to see in the Nation's Constitution.**

19. Keep all felons out regardless, if they meet the new criteria.

THANK YOU!
FOR
YOUR INTEREST
&
TIME