

*Louis Riel Institute*

**Member**

Lea Clarke, Winnipeg

**Mandate:**

The *Louis Riel Institute Act (LRI)* was proclaimed in 1995. It was established as a charitable non-profit organization and the powers of the board are set forth in the LRI Act and include the usual powers to acquire and hold property, borrow money, invest, make banking arrangements, pay employees and agents and enter into agreements.

**Authority:**

[The Louis Riel Institute Act](#)

**Responsibilities:**

Under The Louis Riel Institute Act, the purpose of the Institute is to serve as a Metis educational and cultural institute. To further its educational mandate, it recently established the Louis Riel Bursaries at Manitoba's four universities.

**Membership:**

The board is to be composed of:

- a) seven members appointed by the Manitoba Metis Federation Inc., a majority of whom must be Metis;
- b) one member appointed by the Manitoba Government;
- c) one member from the academic staff of the University of Manitoba, appointed by the Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. after consultation with the University of Manitoba;
- d) one member from the academic staff of the University of Winnipeg, appointed by the Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. after consultation with the University of Winnipeg;
- e) one member from the academic staff of Brandon University, appointed by the Manitoba Metis Federation Inc. after consultation with Brandon University.

The board members shall elect a chairperson from among themselves. The board may elect any other officers that it considers appropriate.

**Length of Terms:**

The members of the board are to be appointed for terms of not more than three years and may be re-appointed. The board may by by-law provide for the appointment, replacement, removal and retirement of its members in rotation.

**Desirable Experience:**

Understanding of, and interest in, educational and cultural issues affecting Metis people in the Province of Manitoba. Preference to be given to someone of Metis ancestry.

**Time Commitment:**

The LRI Board meets quarterly for a full day (9:00am - 4:30pm) at the LRI office (150 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg).

**Meetings:**

Location: Virtual (zoom) or in-person at the Louis Riel Institute –  
103 – 150 Henry Avenue, Winnipeg  
Frequency: Quarterly, minimum 4 times per year

**Remuneration:**

Members of the board are to serve without remuneration but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred by them in performing their duties as members.