

What is MnCCC?

MnCCC Mission and Vision

Mission: Established in 1978, Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MnCCC) works with all Minnesota Counties as a joint powers organization facilitating services and training, providing software and other cost-effective measures to substantially reduce technology costs for counties, cities, and agencies. For more information on MnCCC including contact information, please go to www.mnccc.org.

Vision: MnCCC provides services to our user groups in a collaborative manner and to reduce costs, work, and risk to our membership while maintaining a sustainable joint powers organization.

MnCCC provides an opportunity, through our joint powers agreements with counties (and cities and agencies), to collaborate on software solutions. We have software user groups that work together to provide Minnesota specific software for use in county departments. Some groups own and manage their software; other groups are using and off-the-shelf software that has been customized for Minnesota.

What is a Joint Powers Organization?

Minnesota Statute 471.59

JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS.

Subdivision 1. Agreement. Two or more governmental units, by agreement entered into through action of their governing bodies, may jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties or any similar powers, including those which are the same except for the territorial limits within which they may be exercised. The agreement may provide for the exercise of such powers by one or more of the participating governmental units on behalf of the other participating units. The term "governmental unit" as used in this section includes every city, county, town, school district, independent nonprofit firefighting corporation, other political subdivision of this or another state, another state, federally recognized Indian tribe, the University of Minnesota, the Minnesota Historical Society, nonprofit hospitals licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.56, rehabilitation facilities and extended employment providers that are certified by the commissioner of employment and economic development, day and supported employment services licensed under chapter 245D, and any agency of the state of Minnesota or the United States, and includes any instrumentality of a governmental unit. For the purpose of this section, an instrumentality of a governmental unit means an instrumentality having independent policy-making and appropriating authority.

...in other words, MnCCC is formed under a Minnesota Statute as a joint powers. MnCCC members, that are counties, cities, state agencies, and nonprofits, that can join together to create a legal entity for the purpose of contracting.

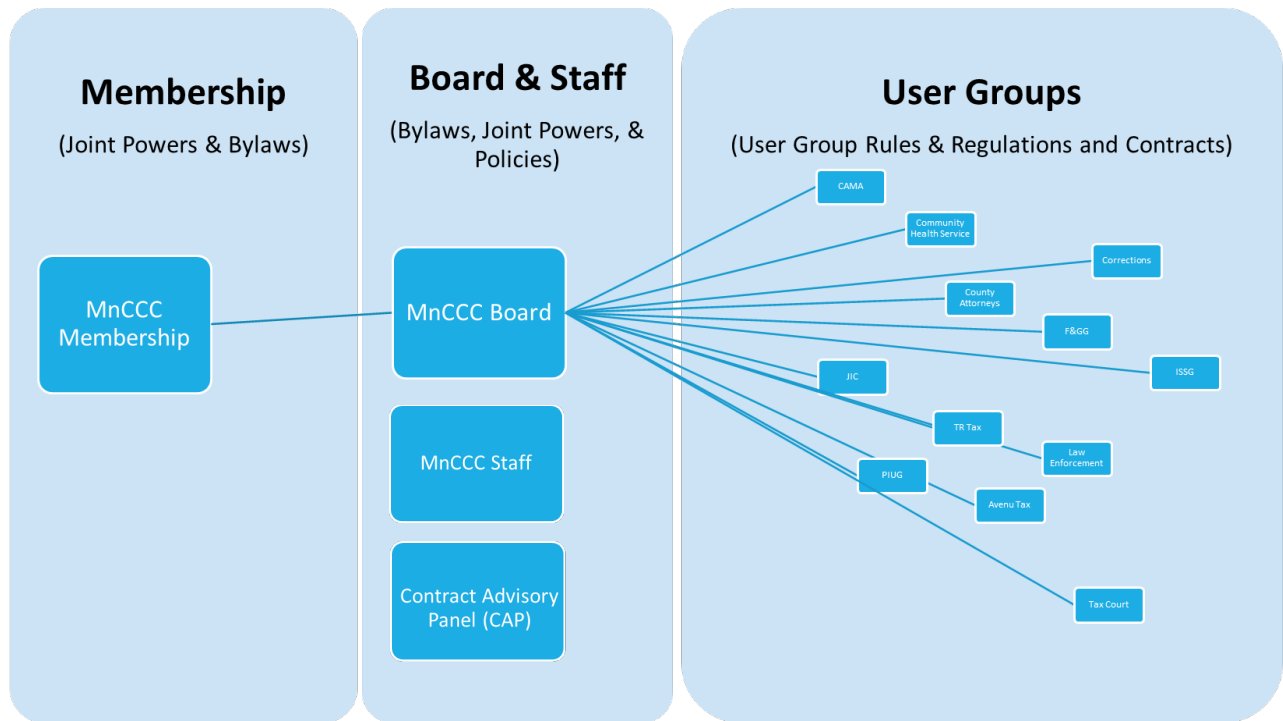


Figure 1 exemplifies the influence the joint powers has. The MnCCC Membership is comprised of the joint powers agreements and bylaws. The Board and Staff are bound by the bylaws, joint powers agreements and policies. The User Groups abide by rules and regulations documents and contracts. The MnCCC Membership impact the MnCCC Board who, along with the influence from the MnCCC Staff and Contract Advisory Panel (CAP), make decisions and improvements that impact each individual user group.

MnCCC Staff

- Lisa Meredith, Executive Director
- Mike Fox, Accountant
- Darci Gawthrop, Office Manager
- Amanda Beyer, Communications and Event Coordinator
- Emily Ladd, Marketing and Membership Specialist

MnCCC Board

The MnCCC Board meets monthly. Past Chair, Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer are rotating positions. A Treasurer is elected from our membership each year at the MnCCC annual meeting. The Board also has four region representatives and a technical representative that each serve two-year staggered terms. The Board meets monthly to review financials, approve User Group Rules & Regulations, approve all contracts, work with the MnCCC staff on current issues and serve as liaisons to the User Groups.

MnCCC full members are counties, cities, and agencies that belong to three or more User Groups. An annual membership meeting is held at the MnCCC June conference to approve the annual budget, approve proposed joint powers agreements or bylaw changes, to elect the Treasurer and technical representative, and address any other Board issues.

MnCCC Membership

MnCCC members must be willing to take responsibility for the following:

