



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Monday, August 14 2023	TIME PLACE	6pm CDT Tribal HQ + Zoom	FACILITATOR	Carrie Kneeland
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MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Present	Scott B Goode	Present – Zoom
Carrie Kneeland	Present – Zoom	Angela Anglen Kelley	Present – Zoom
Natalie Dixon	Present	Earlyne Gentry	Present later
Diana Baker	Present	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present - Zoom
Yvonne Perryman-Matthews	Present – Zoom	Others Present	Dennis Sisco (partly)

TIME	ITEM	OWNER
6:02pm	<p>Called to Order - Quorum established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's regular Constitution Committee meeting.</p>	
	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes – July 31, 2023 minutes spoken to, amendment made on the record with agreement to include last names of non-Committee named in minutes – minutes APPROVED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CERTIFICATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">On <u>08/14/2023</u> the minutes of <u>07/31/2023</u> were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on <u>8/17/2023</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attest: <u><i>Natalie Dixon</i></u> Natalie Dixon, Secretary</p>	Natalie

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	<p>Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roll Call ii. Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes – JUL 31, 2023 iii. Confirmation of next meeting – AUG 28, 2023 	Natalie
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Minutes Begin		
	<p>Town Hall Community Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 major Constitutional question noted in Town Hall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ General Council in Article IV being whole governing body versus Article VIII Annual Meetings of General Council and those that can make it • Interest of the People: clear and concise separation of powers, at-large representation including accessible meetings • Discussion over absentee ballots for large referendum questions to allow for full opportunity of General Council as named in Article IV 	
6:24pm	Earlyne arrives	
	<p>Town Hall discussion continues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community feedback on confusion of Town Hall use by Business Committee and this Committee and the different types of messaging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More clarity needed in future Committee communications • Committee agrees that Article IV General Council is the supreme governing body of the Nation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we ensure it's not just those who make it to annual meeting to allow for participation? • Limits to districting as form of representation, Nation is not sustainable economically for total government reform 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debate about strong election ordinances vs constitutional rights – further discussion on the placement of rights within government organizations and how it affects membership 	
	<p>Standing Committees – Article VII Revision Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grievance Committee additions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “tribunal” named language, independence of Business Committee, elected by General Council, no elected Grievance member may belong to another Committee • Discussion on alternates for Committees in the past • Discussion over term staggering for Grievance Committee, electoral practices specific to Committees • Claims Committee is currently the named Welfare and Education Committees, necessity to keep as 1 Committee, 3 members currently including Diana Baker • Credit Committee forecasted for once the Nation had money to loan on credit, to tribal members, not currently operational • History of Claims Committee – once 5 members in order to manage paperwork but with additional tribal administrative employees arranging tribal member paperwork it means that Claims Committee is now 3 people reviewing and approving tribal member benefits • Enrollment Committee has 9 regular members • Possibility of a Housing Committee, HUD history and regulations then vs now • Need to talk to other Standing Committee members as well as current Election Committee in order to further define their responsibilities as a Committee • Discussion on current Grievance Committee members, bringing them in after Election Committee • Discussion over administrative processes and roles of Grievance Committee, the administrative side of Grievances and rules for defense of Grievance, due process and requirements of accused to not defend using tribal funds 	
	<p>Discussion of Code of Ethics of Osage Nation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tabled for next week 	
	<p>Professional consultant discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further work needs to be done before professional qualifications to take shape 	

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	Roberta and Angela to contact Election Committee membership for meeting with us on August 28, 2023 to discuss their work	
	Plans for future Grievance Committee follow-up made	
8:04pm	Motion #9 (Angela/Diana) - end the meeting – no objections	