



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Monday, October 23 2023	TIME PLACE	6pm CDT Tribal HQ + Zoom	FACILITATOR	Carrie Kneeland
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MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Present - Zoom	Scott B Goode	Present – Zoom
Carrie Kneeland	Present - Zoom	Angela Anglen Kelley	Present - Zoom
Natalie Dixon	Present	Earlyne Gentry	Not Present
Diana Baker	Not Present	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present - Zoom
Yvonne Perryman-Matthews	Present	Others Present	Kristi Birdsong Blansett - Zoom

TIME	ITEM	OWNER
6:03pm	<p>Called to Order - Quorum established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's regular Constitution Committee meeting.</p>	
	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes – October 16, 2023 minutes spoken to, no corrections or amendments to the record – minutes APPROVED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CERTIFICATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">On <u>10/23/2023</u> the minutes of <u>10/16/2023</u> were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on <u>10/25/2023</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attest: <u>Natalie Dixon</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 – OCT 16 2023 iii. Confirmation of next meeting – OCT 30 2023 	Natalie
	<p>Planned Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping • Welcome to Kristi Birdsong Blansett • Earlyne speak to RRO class with Quapaw • Town Hall sheet + meeting times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nomenclature for Committees and govt organization ○ Map for the new BC? - Establish concrete changes ○ Responsibilities and duties of officers and Committee • No Claims, Gaming Commission at 7 • Committee Structures • Any Other Business • BC Meeting reminder tomorrow 10/24/2023 @ 3pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Send Natalie your questions! • Next Constitution meeting 10/30/2023 @ 6pm 	
Minutes Begin		
	<p>Welcome Kristi!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resignation of Diana Baker – BC appoints Kristi Birdsong Blansett from the remaining Committee Candidates 	
	<p>Secretary's Request – Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need input on what to present to our community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sheet – can be visual map, list of changes ○ Will have video wall by then, presentation possible with maps for Committees ○ Discussion over representative form of government – current issues with at-large participants, general apathy among community ○ Discussion regarding sovereignty and the interpretation of categorized committees can lead to issues down the road, discussion over the hypothetical implementations and mechanism of such language regarding Committees • Discussion regarding naming conventions, forms of government including branches 	

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	<p>Discussion regarding the BC and meeting tomorrow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible time constraints, ways to address • Questions for them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How would they like to see the Business Committee show more accountability to the General Council? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ IE something that does not permit elected individuals to use their office in manners that subvert the will of the General Council ○ What would the BC like to see from this work? ○ How is our direction going? ○ Need to question sets of proposed changes – eg At-Large Rep or Gen Council rep • Discussion over the possibility of a General Council Representative/Watchdog, could be a counterpart to an At-Large Representative and entrust the advocacy for the General Council's motions in Business Committee operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adding 1 member makes 8, adding 2 makes 9 unless they are both made from existing Council people ○ Does not include the splitting of the Secretary-Treasurer position ○ Makes for a more representative form of govt 	
	<p>Gaming Commissioner, supposed to be present at 7, not here yet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is not present, likely forgot being approached at BC meeting by Roberta. Committee agrees since her department is under federal regulations there is no need to reschedule. 	
	<p>Discussion returns to Town Hall on November 4th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting time – early birds will plan to be there around 11am, incl Natalie and Carrie • Beverages – Turkey Roaster needed for mulled apple cider, Carrie will bring hers • Snacks – Ginger snaps and clementines for snack • Natalie will have presentation, Town Hall sheet, definitions ready for discussion at October 30 meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Definitions to add: legislation, ordinance, resolution, all Committees, General Council, Annual Meeting • Discussion whether there is an ordinance for the BC – none • Contact Committees and discuss their presence at Town Hall, need to make sure to contact each Committee 	

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	<p>Discussion regarding the interaction of culture and politics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural leaders not elected, last cultural position in Constitution was “interpreter” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1937 Constitution only mentions the role of interpreter, no responsibilities given ○ Role was reduced to just another Councilperson via amendment in the late 70s, due to the intersection of politics and culture ○ Interpreter role seemed to be the cultural counterbalance of the Business Committee • Discussion regarding Faithkeepers and their roles and knowledge of community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Primarily interacting with cultural community and not necessarily the greater community as a whole ○ Possibility of their inclusion of Enrollment Committee membership pool, next to former Secretary-Treasurers • Discussion on the role of culture in politics, in what way(s) it should be included if at all, possibility for our Constitution to include cultural protocol written by Faithkeepers 	
8:03pm	Meeting Adjourned by Group Consensus	