



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE	Monday, Jan 01 2024	TIME PLACE	6pm CT Zoom only	FACILITATOR	Carrie Kneeland
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MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Not Present	Scott B Goode	Present – Zoom
Carrie Kneeland	Present – Zoom	Angela Anglen Kelley	Present – Zoom
Natalie Dixon	Present - Zoom	Earlyne Gentry	Present - Zoom
Kristi Birdsong Blansett	Present – Zoom	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present – Zoom
Yvonne Perryman- Matthews	Present - Zoom	Others Present	N/A

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6:01pm	<p>Called to Order - Quorum established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's regular Constitution Committee meeting.</p>	Carrie
	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes – December 18, 2023 minutes reviewed via shared screen, minor spelling and formatting changes made on the record, no objections to the alterations and minutes as they are – minutes APPROVED</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CERTIFICATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">On <u>01/01/2024</u> the minutes of <u>12/18/2023</u> were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on <u>01/04/2024</u>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attest: <u><i>Natalie Dixon</i></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">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 – DEC 18 2023 iii. Confirmation of next meeting – JAN 15 2023 	Natalie
--	<p>Planned Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housekeeping • Secretary's Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Newsletter Update + Plan ○ Enrollment Statistics for At-Large Representation • Agenda for public Business Committee meeting on Jan 2 2024 – attendance policy change, conditional Town Hall trip • Initial Advisory Report – Natalie and Jo Lynn • Feb 3, 2024 Town Hall – list update for Procurement • Any Other Business/Open Forum • Next Constitution meeting 01/15/2024 @ 6pm 	
Minutes Begin		
	<p>Secretary's Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter Update – deadline was missed to submit to tribal newsletter, no real presence this round <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Newsletter was drafted and reviewed, just not in time, does mean there is a draft for next newsletter ○ Secretary will email Marketing consultants (?) who do the tribe's newsletters for the date of next newsletter draft • Enrollment Update – statistics sent by Secretary-Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Data does contain limited amount of identifying tribal member information, Constitution Advisory Committee (CAC) notified not to distribute or otherwise share Excel workbook, final figures and workbook to be shared with CAC via email <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workbook contains counts of tribal members by the country and state ▪ Further data calculations done by CAC Secretary regarding the number of tribal members within the 4-state area in addition to the 150mi radius specified for the Qualifications of Officers ○ Return to previously tabled discussion on at-large representation after review of data 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 48% of General Council tribal members live outside of the 150mi radius ▪ Discussion on the possibility of raising # of Business Committee members – concerns include stipend costs, politics, job duties ▪ Discussion regarding possible avenues of at-large representation; specific language to call out the duties of Business Committee (BC) Councilpeople to include dialogue with at-large members, wording regarding benefits that entitle all to the same benefits provided there are no federal restrictions on the source of funding, and absentee balloting for all elections ▪ Discussion regarding a code of laws, what is currently implemented piecemeal and is registered in federal court • Communication from the Constitution Committee for the Quapaw Nation – constitution@sctribe.com received an email from their Chairperson looking to meet with ours, possibly with entire Committees together as well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CAC agrees to meet with them, Carrie will reply to email and keep that discussion going ○ Good to note that the Quapaw are renewing government, including a new Ethics Commission ○ Possible invite could be extended, will further discuss at the next scheduled Committee meeting 	
	<p>Discussion on the Jan 2, 2024 Business Committee meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several items needed from the BC including update on our attendance policy, conditional travel to Pawhuska depending on Jan 7, 2024 poll response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendance policy will depend, if we are created by resolution then it will take another resolution, otherwise there can be a new letter issued to us by the BC ○ Present at the meeting will be Scott, Earlyne, and possibly Roberta 	
	<p>Update from Kristi on polling questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 1 annual meeting – most votes, 19 total 15Y 4N • Felonies as a bar to Office – overall no votes • Lower voting age – all votes no 	
	<p>Update from Scott regarding Corporate Charters</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most all charters whether organized under Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act or Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) can trace their corporate charters to ones provided by the BIA under Sections 17 and 18 of the IRA • More charters still in review, topic will be ready for discussion included forwarded Corporate Charters by January 29th CAC meeting 	
	<p>Discussion regarding the rough draft Initial Advisory Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAC members emailed rough draft the day before New Year's Eve, reviewed briefly • Due to upcoming Town Hall on Saturday February 3rd we will focus the remaining 3 meetings on that, table this matter until February 12, 2024 	
	<p>Discussion on Saturday February 3rd, 2024 Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Quroum ○ At-Large Representation ○ Polling Questions + Facebook group ○ Subject matter from polling questions ○ Possibly Oath of Office 	
	<p>Return to previously tabled Oath of Office discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earlyne presents a Seneca-Cayuga Nation specific oath, drafted from Sac and Fox tribal court oath of office • Employees and taking Oath of Office discussion ensues – US federal employee oath of office read aloud 	
	<p>Return to discussion on Saturday February 3rd, 2024 Town Hall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation of list items, changes to list <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Addition of gallon Ziplocs, bowls, plates, silverware, additional 4lb bag of sugar, gallon size tea bags • To be sent to April Gonzalez by Natalie for Procurement 	
	<p>Open Forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pawhuska Town Hall – possible agenda, questions, format – further discussion, 160 tribal members of General Council in Pawhuska based on Enrollment data, further discussion to be had based on BC meeting input • Confirmations of enough polling questions up to Town Hall in February, can discuss having more later 	

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	Confirmation of next meeting on Monday, January 15 2024 @ 6pm Central – Virtual ONLY for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
7:48pm	Meeting Adjourned by Group Consensus	