



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

APPROVED JUNE 26, 2023

DATE	Monday, June 05, 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
Natalie Dixon	Present	Earlyne Gentry	Present
Diana Baker	Present	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present later - Zoom
Yvonne Perryman-Matthews	Present later	Others Present	Dennis Sisco

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6:04pm	<p>Called to Order - Quorum established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's regular Constitution Committee meeting.</p> <p>All members present save for Yvonne and Jo Lynn who arrived late but we present and accounted for by Motion #7.</p>	Carrie
6:07pm	<p>Approval of Previous Minutes –</p> <p>May 24, 2023 minutes spoken to, 1 amendment to the record Motion #3 named Carrie and Roberta – corrected minutes approved unanimously</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>CERTIFICATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">On <u>6/05/2023</u> the minutes of <u>05/24/2023</u> were approved by unanimous committee consent. Copy emailed to BC Secretary on <u>6/08/2023</u>.</p>	Natalie

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	<p style="text-align: center;">Attest: <u><i>Natalie Dixon</i></u> Natalie Dixon, Secretary</p>	
	<p>Housekeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Roberts Rules Cheat Sheet ii. Procedural Clarifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Constitution@sctribe.com ii. Survey info iii. Meeting Locations iii. HR Forms reminder RE:Stipends 	Natalie
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Minutes Begin		
	<p>Discussion on constitution@sctribe.org email and access, Agreement on Yvonne and Carrie as back-ups</p> <p>Angela gives new email – theredcabin@gmail.com - on the record by request</p>	
	<p>Secretary's Report on Community Outreach - General Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Data – In Person and Online and Averaged survey responses – 19 paper and 9 online • Some differences in averages between Online & In Person Responses 	

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	<p>Impressions of those present at General Council June 3, 2022 – Present at GC were Angela, Diana, Earlyne, Yvonne, Natalie, Scott, and Roberta. Sign-In sheet rests with Secretarial Records.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall positive, lots of good response to survey • General Council 2023 was a good meeting, lots of business done and this seems like the right time for this work 	
	<p>Discussion over General Council implementation and concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Size of our community vs other Native Nations and their govt implementations (eg Congresses, Districting) • General Council works well for our people especially after positive community impressions given by Committee from GC regarding our request + general business transacted 	
	<p>Discussion over rewrite vs amending and who will do it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More educational and understandable for people • Needs legal professional review.but also to have a significant in-house touch • Discussion tabled regarding who will re-write 	
	<p>Motion #7 (Natalie/Yvonne) - for the Committee to proceed with a rewrite our Constitution due to the number of additions & amendments required (4+) and CFR Statutes governance considered - unanimous committee vote – motion carried</p>	
	<p>Discussion on Secretary of Interior sign off and clarifications on GC membership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Council as a meeting vs General Council as a whole governing body • CFR Title 25.81 governs Secretarial Elections 	
	<p>Discussion on bringing folks in to give advice over challenges etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yvonne to contact Jim Grey (Osage) for meeting with us • Congress, districting, at-large GC representative for Business Committee, all advice wanted for any form of tribal govt 	
	<p>Discussion over Constitution vs By-Laws</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution contains structure and form, is traditionally harder to change but this is not true in the SCN case • By-Laws contain responsibilities and duties, traditionally are easier to amend, same requirements for both in SCN case 	
	<p>Discussion on Corporate Charter and what it means for SCN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Committee is listed as Corporate Board for CC 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Nations do boards, non-profit structures 	
	<p>Discussion on Preamble writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural relevance should be here including language, introductory element requires it 	
8:26pm	Meeting Adjourned by Group Consensus	