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Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently



UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE
Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States, was made possible.

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WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin is an open and clear, self-defining body that invites the participation of its membership of asserting its inherent rights of all its citizens and those for seven generations to come, and

WHEREAS, a renewed commitment to our traditional family values will generate self-worth, growth, progress, equality, and justice for all time, and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Operating Committee integrates these values into clear statements for the laws and policies of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oneida Nation does hereby adopt the "Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Legislative Operating Committee By-Laws" and the "Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Legislative Operating Committee Policies and Procedures", and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this action will supersede all other actions pertaining to their specific issues referring to Oneida Nation Legislative Operating Committee By-Laws or Policies and Procedures.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of 9 members of whom 5 members constitute a

**ONEIDA NATION OF WISCONSIN
LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Government of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin is an open and clear, self-defining body that invites the participation of its membership of asserting its inherent rights of all its citizens and those for seven generations to come. A renewed commitment to our traditional family values will generate self-worth, growth, progress, equality, and justice for all time. The Legislative Operating Committee integrates these values into clear statements for the laws and the policies of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin.

I. PURPOSES:

The purpose of the Legislative Operating Committee is to enhance the capability of the Oneida Business Committee to observe their constitutional and delegated responsibilities to provide oversight and review to establish past, current, and future laws, policies, regulations, and procedures for the conduct of Tribal administration, programs, and enterprises; and to consult with the staff of the Tribe, the various operating boards, commissions, and committees of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, as well as individual Tribal members.

II. AUTHORITIES

1. Constitution and By-Laws of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
2. Oneida General Tribal Council Directives
3. Oneida Business Committee Minutes of 4/28/93
4. Legislative Operating Committee By-Laws, Policies and Procedures

III. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

A. Goals:

1. To coordinate Tribal oversight, inquiries, legislative development, and public hearings.
2. To recommend and/or comment upon Tribal legislation, codes, policies, regulations, and procedures.
3. To ensure the integrity and accountability of the Tribal management system and program processes.
4. To promote and improve awareness of the Oneida Nations laws and policies to the Oneida Membership.

B. Objectives:

1. Legislative Operating Committee meetings are used for ongoing participation in Oneida Business Committee decision making processes.
2. Legislative Operating Committee meetings are used for ongoing participation by Tribal committees, boards, and commissions.
3. Legislative Operating Committee meetings are used for the development of Tribal recommendations and testimony for Federal, State, local and Tribal legislative hearings.
4. Legislative Operating Committee meetings are used for review and creation of proposals for the development of new programs and enterprises prior to submission to the Oneida Business Committee.
5. Legislative Operating Committee meetings will be used as public hearings in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and to encourage participation and testimony by interested individuals.

IV. MEMBERSHIP:

- A. The Legislative Operating Committee shall consist of the five (5) Oneida Business Committee Councilpersons.
- B. Legislative Operating Committee Officers shall consist of a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. Legislative Operating Committee Officers shall be appointed to office by seniority.
- C. The Legislative Operating Committee Aide shall act as the Recording Secretary.
- D. The Oneida Business Committee officers may attend any regular or special Legislative Operating Committee meeting.

V LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE TENURE:

- A. The members of the Legislative Operating Committee shall serve a three-year term, consistent with the Tribal election.

VI. VOTING AND DECISION MAKING:

- A. A quorum of the Legislative Operating Committee shall consist of

three (3), one of which shall be either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson.

- B. The Legislative Operating Committee will make decisions based upon the majority of a quorum of voting members present at a regularly called or special meeting of the committee.

MEETINGS:

- A The Legislative Operating Committee shall meet regularly every Thursday and Friday of the week. Regular meeting time will be conducted as follows:

8:15 A.M.-9:00 A.M.-Delegated Legislative Operating Committee
Administrative Time

9:00 A.M.-Completion of Approved Agenda

- B. Special meetings
 1. Special meetings are to address a specific purpose and/or convene at a time outside of regular meeting time.
 2. Special meetings require a written notice to each of the Legislative Operating Committee members within a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to convening the meeting.

REPORTING:

- A Oneida Business Committee

The Chairperson of the Legislative Operating Committee shall submit all Special and Regular meeting minutes to the Tribal Secretary upon approval by the Legislative Operating Committee.

2. Specific issues referred to the Business Committee agenda for action through Legislative Operating Committee minutes must have completed material, at a minimum-the proposed material along with the sign-off of the Legislative Operating Committee Chairperson attached to the corresponding Legislative Operating Committee minutes upon submission.

- B. Administration

1. The Chairperson of the Legislative Operating Committee shall submit all Special and Regular Legislative Operating Committee approved meeting minutes to the General Manager.

2. All Legislative Operating Committee actions and directives will be followed up by the General Manager.

C General Tribal Council

1. The Chairperson of the Legislative Operating Committee shall submit a semi-annual report to the Oneida General Tribal Council.

D. Boards, Committees, and Commissions

- 1 The Legislative Operating Committee will notify all Boards, Committees, and Commissions of Legislative Operating Committee actions and directives which pertain to their area.

WAIVER OF LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- A A scheduled Legislative Operating Committee meeting may be waived in deference to a request by the Tribal Chairperson or a majority of the Business Committee. Waiver of Legislative Operating Committee meetings requires a sign-off of the Tribal Chairperson and/or the majority of the Business Committee.

X. TRAINING/INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION:

- A The Legislative Operating Committee Chairperson shall, at his/her discretion, request presentation by the Tribal administration, program directors, internal consultants, etc., through the General Manager to improve Legislative Operating Committee knowledge and expertise on a given task.
- B. The Legislative Operating Committee Chairperson may request of the Business Committee an expert to consult on specified matters.
- C. Legislative Operating Committee members shall improve their level of expertise through continuous education.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

- A. The Legislative Operating Committee shall request legal opinions, resolutions analysis, drafts of ordinances, codes, policies, laws, etc., from the Legislative Attorney. The Legislative Attorney shall be responsible to the Internal Tribal Attorney.

XII. AMENDMENTS:

- A. Amendments to these "Legislative Operating Committee Policies and Procedures" shall be approved by a majority of a quorum of the Oneida Business Committee.

Chairperson in the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson. In case of resignation or death, the Vice-Chairperson shall become the Chairperson for the remainder of the three (3) year period.

Section 4. Additional Responsibilities: The Officers of the Oneida Legislative Operating Committee shall perform such other duties and functions as from time to time may be required by the Oneida Tribal Business Committee or by the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin Constitution and By-Laws or by directive of the Oneida General Tribal Council.

Section 5: Tenure: The Legislative Operating Committee and the Officers shall serve a three (3) year term, consistent with the Tribal election.

Section 6. Personnel: The Legislative Operating Committee may employ such personnel as it deems necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities as prescribed by law, budget, and the approval by Oneida Tribal resolution. The compensation and selection of such personnel shall be determined by the process of the Oneida Tribal Human Resources Department.

ARTICLE III-MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings: The Legislative Operating Committee shall meet every Thursday and Friday of the week. Regular meeting time will be 8:15 A.M.-Delegated Legislative Operating Committee Administrative Time, and 9:00 A.M.-Completion of approved Agenda.

Section 2: Special and Emergency Meetings: a. Special meetings are to address a specific purpose and/or convene at a time outside of regular meeting time.

b. Special meetings require a written notice to each of the Legislative Operating Committee members within a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours prior to convening the meeting.

Section 3. Quorum: A quorum of the Legislative Operating Committee shall consist of three (3) persons, one of which shall be either the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson of the Legislative Operating Committee.

Section 4. Voting: The Legislative Operating Committee will make decisions based upon the majority of a quorum of voting members present at a regularly called or special called meeting of the committee.

ARTICLE IV-REPORTING

Section 1 Oneida Business Committee: a. The Chairperson of the Legislative Operating Committee shall submit all Regular and Special meeting minutes to the Tribal Secretary upon approval by the Legislative Operating Committee.

b. Specific issues referred to the Business Committee agenda for action through the Legislative Operating Committee minutes must have appropriate background material and/or proper summary accompanied by the procedural sign-off documents before consideration by the Business Committee.

Section 2. Administration: The Chairperson of the Legislative Operating Committee shall submit all Regular and Special Legislative Operating Committee approved meeting minutes to the General Manager within five (5) working days.

Section 3. General Tribal Council: The Chairperson of the Legislative Operating Committee shall submit a semi-annual report to the Oneida General Tribal Council.

Section 4. Boards, Committees, and Commissions: The Legislative Operating Committee will notify all Boards, Committees, and Commissions of Legislative Operating Committee actions and directives which pertain to their areas.

ARTICLE V-INTER-DEPARTMENTAL COOPERATION


Section All Legislative Operating Committee actions and directives to be followed up by the General Manager will be through the Oneida Business Committee meeting minutes disbursed by the Oneida Tribal Secretary.

ARTICLE V-AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to By-Laws: The By-Laws of the Legislative Operating Committee shall be amended only with the approval of a quorum of the Legislative Operating Committee and with subsequent approval of the Oneida Tribal Business Committee.

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quorum. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 27th day of October, 1993; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
Oneida Business Committee