



SENECA-CAYUGA NATION

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MEETING

APPROVED JUNE 19, 2023

DATE	Wednesday, May 24 2023	TIME PLACE	6pm CDT Tribal HQ + Zoom	FACILITATOR	Charlie Diebold
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MEMBERS			
Roberta Smith	Present	Scott B Goode	Present - Zoom
Carrie Kneeland	Present - Zoom	Angela Anglen Kelley	Present
Natalie Dixon	Present	Earlyne Gentry	Absent
Diana Baker	Present	Jo Lynn Gentry	Present - Zoom
Yvonne Perryman-Matthews	Present	Others Present	Charlie Diebold, Dennis Sisco

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	Introductions and light discussion over CFR Statutes governing differently whether rewriting or amending tribal Constitutions.	
~6:05pm	Quorum was established at the Seneca-Cayuga Nation Constitution Advisory Committee meeting and the meeting called to order.	Charlie Diebold as SCN Chief
	Election of Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Chairperson – Carrie Kneeland Nominated by motion (Diana/Yvonne) – unanimous committee vote – motion carried - Carrie Kneeland elected Chairperson of this Committee ii. Vice-Chair – Roberta Smith Nominated by motion (Angela/Diana) – unanimous committee vote – motion carried – Roberta Smith elected Vice Chair of this Committee 	

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	iii. Secretary – Natalie Dixon Nominated by motion (Angela/Diana) – unanimous committee vote – motion carried – Natalie Dixon elected Secretary of this Committee	
	Discussion over other Native Nations and their own Constitutions’ reviews and rewritings.	
	Committee agrees that transparency and public input are important for the scope of our work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion over survey in newsletter and at General Council. • Carrie may be unavailable to speak for Committee at General Council on June 3, 2023, Roberta will address GC in that case. 	
	Discussion on frequency of meeting in reference to aforementioned CFR statutes and actual work requirements of this Committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion #1 (Roberta/Carrie) - to meet 1x/week on Mondays at 6pm – unanimous committee vote – motion carried - amended by Motion #4 to every other week • Motion #2 (Natalie/Diana) - <i>in effect</i> to request that Business Committee Secretary Kim Guyett cause to post regular Committee minutes alongside the already regularly posted Business Committee minutes, for Committee responsibility of transparency to tribal members - unanimous committee vote – motion carried 	
	Discussion on how to communicate regularly amongst group – group text message to work best.	
	Discussion over budget, particular line items including indirect expenses, postage, etc.	
	Motion #3 (Diana/Roberta) - for Diana & Roberta to finish budget – unanimous committee vote – motion carried – amended with unanimous consent 6/5/23 by Carrie from named Carrie & Roberta to Diana & Roberta.	
	Discussion over tribal community outreach at June 3, 2023 General Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yvonne, Angela, Diana, and Natalie to volunteer time at booth – Earlyne TBD • Secretary Natalie to email Joanna Hadley regarding set-up on advice of Charlie & Dennis 	

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	<p>Discussion over community survey for tribal member opportunities to speak to the changing Constitution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee agrees survey should be made available at June 3, 2023 General Council Committee booth • Following general questions agreed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As a tribal member what do you like & want to see stay the same in our Constitution? ○ As a tribal member what do you dislike & want to see changed in our Constitution? ○ What have you seen other Native Nations do with their Constitutions that you would like to see in ours? • Natalie to do a rough draft survey out for everyone's approval and review prior to General Council 	
	<p>Discussion over town hall possibilities due to numbers of tribal members located in Pawhuska.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel line of budget added for possible town hall meeting in Pawhuska 	
	<p>Further discussion over stipends and cost to citizens for us to meet 1x/week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion #4 (Natalie/Carrie) - to amend Motion #1 meeting frequency from 1x/week to once every other week due to budget concerns – unanimous committee vote – motion carried 	
	<p>Further discussion and agreement to have no postage line item by doing further tribal community survey outreach via pre-existing newsletter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next newsletter out in July – Natalie to email Joanna Hadley regarding survey and upcoming newsletter space once survey is Committee-approved 	
~7:50pm	Jo Lynn leaves meeting, quorum continues as does previous discussion.	
~8pm	Committee agrees to break.	
By 8:12pm	All parties present minus Jo Lynn and Earlyne.	

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	Motion #5 (Natalie/Roberta) - to approve the FY2023 Committee budget totaling \$79,614.14 - unanimous committee vote – motion carried	
~8:15pm	Motion #6 (Diana/Roberta) - to adjourn meeting – unanimous committee vote – motion carried	