



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

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

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1990

Present: Chairman Rick Hill, Vice Chairman Debbie Doxtator, Secretary Amelia Cornelius, Council Members: Lloyd Powless, Russell Metoxen, Mark Powless, Julie Barton, Shirley Hill

Excused: Loretta Metoxen (vacation)

Others: Atty. Jerry L. Hill, Atty. Sharon Cornelius, Atty. Francis Skenandore, Mark Powless, Vera Wilson

Review of the policy on conflict of interest, professional and business ethics.

Discussion: the policy should include employee spouse and other household members. The time frame should be at least one year after employment. The implementation of the policy should be coordinated with the personnel policies. Some type of disciplinary actions needs to be a part of the policy.

Review of the history or evolvement of the attorney services provided to the Tribe.

- 1980-81 - Attorney Skenandore under contract
- 1980 - Attorney Hill under an employee contract
- 1983 - Attorney Cornelius under an employee contract with Attorney Hill
- Attorney Cornelius and Attorney Swamp joined Skenandore and Asso. Attorney Swamp left in 1989.
- Attorney Brezenski, Rosenberg, Cornelius employed by Attorney Skenandore
- Attorney Hill employed as internal attorney for Business Committee

Attorney Cornelius does internal work for the Housing Authority. OHA is a separate entity formed by Ordinance by the GTC. There are occasions when conflicts arise and OHA is advised to obtain other legal advice.

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Attorney Skenandore was involved with the start up of the hotel and accepts work from the hotel as long as it is not in conflict with the Tribe.

Discussion on whether the Business Committee should direct the hotel, Oneida Housing Authority and Oneida Environmental Inc., to contract with the tribal attorneys or outside attorneys who are not always knowledgeable of Indian law.

Discussion on conflict of interest. People need to continually work on conflict management and learn from past mistakes.

HUD construction issue. Mark A. Powless is the advocate for many of the homeowners. The homeowners have developed a petition to meet with OHA. The attorneys are trying to provide legal assistance.

Question on whether the tribe should hire an attorney to work with individuals. Will conflicts arise and how will they be handled?

What would happen if one of the tribal corporations went bankrupt, what is the responsibility of the Tribe in this event?

Request by Chairman for update on cases being handled by the attorneys.

Expressed needs:

- . provide attorney for tribal members to sue internally
- . provide attorney for external litigation by tribal members
- . legislative aide
- . contract, garnishment, appeal ordinances and policies
- . internal and external legal needs
- . Indian Child Welfare legal needs
- . legal options for tribal corporations
- . negotiations for gaming and environmental issues

Legal services are available for certain income levels through Judicare and Legal Services.

Suggestion to have a legal clinic with reduced fees for tribal members to hear complaints. Tribal members should have access to legal staff to hear their complaints.

Business Committee needs to prioritize work needed by legal counsel.

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Discussion on reports from attorneys and type and how frequent.

Pro bono services provided presently by attorneys varies upon need of the individual and amount of time needed. Many times tribal members are referred to outside attorneys for assistance.

An alternative to increase productivity of the attorneys would be to hire paralegals to do the research and legwork.

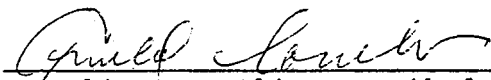
Another alternative is to rely on specialized attorneys in the areas such as copywrite laws, FCC laws, Land Claims, Bonding issues.

There will be a meeting with the Dept. of Justice on Sept 18 in Washington, DC.

The Mohawk situation is unchanged. The Canadian Army has surrounded the treatment center where the Mohawks have retreated.

Future update on

1. Dismissal of a lawsuit
2. Update on process for criminal investigations
3. Lawsuit against the hotel
4. Gaming Ordinance
5. GTC procedures, order and process



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Oneida Business Committee