

Oneida Business Committee Meeting Agenda Request Form

1. Meeting Date Requested: 4 / 22 / 15

2. Nature of request

Session: ☒ Open ☐ Executive - justification required. See instructions for the applicable laws that define what is considered "executive" information, then choose from the list:

Agenda Header (choose one): New Business/Request

Agenda item title (see instructions):

Accept ONVAC 2nd quarter report FY '2015

Action requested (choose one)

☐ Information only

☒ Action - please describe:

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3. Justification

Why BC action is required (see instructions):

Per Business Committee mandate for Quarterly Report Schedule

4. Supporting Materials

[Instructions](#)

☐ Memo of explanation with required information (see instructions)

☒ Report ☐ Resolution ☐ Contract (check the box below if signature required)

☐ Other - please list (**Note:** multi-media presentations due to Tribal Clerk 2 days prior to meeting)

1. Quarterly Report

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2. Spirit of the Northwest Statue - flyer

4.

☐ Business Committee signature required

5. Submission Authorization

Authorized sponsor (choose one):

Requestor (if different from above): Mike Hill/cs Chairman, ONVAC

Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

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ONVAC Jan, Feb, Mar, 2015 2nd QUARTERLY REPORT – FY 2015

SUBMITTED BY: ONVAC CHAIRMAN, Mike Hill

ONVAC MEMBERS

OFFICERS: Mike Hill - Chairman
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MEMBERS:	Gerald Cornelius, Member	Arthur Cornelius, Member
	Kenneth House, Member	Carol Silva, Member
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OBC LIAISON: Jennifer Webster
Alternate: Fawn Billie

MINUTES

Meetings: January 13, February 9 and March 10, 2015

Summary Points for the 2nd Quarter, FY 2015

- I. ONVAC – FY 2015 Budget. The Tribal Budget has been approved and the ONVAC reported as requested and are living within the parameters of the approved FY 2015 Budget
- II. A sub-committee of the ONVAC members has been established for the purpose of 1) reviewing and recommending appropriate modifications to the ONVAC By-Laws, 2) establish and recommend a Color Guard and Flag Protocol, 3) develop, recommend and implement an ONVAC Policy and Procedure for responding to financial support requests from veterans, community members, tribal organizations, etc., and, to coordinate our efforts with the OBC Liaison to the ONVAC. One additional task was added to the sub-committee's list and that is to work with the Pow-Wow Committee on Recommendations to Consider for the Recognition of the Oneida Code Talkers and their families at this year's Annual Pow-Wow. This sub-committee will begin our work in March of 2015 with monthly reports to the ONVAC and subsequently, the OBC in our Quarterly Reports.

- III. ONVAC Member Loretta Metoxen has been appointed to the Governor's State Veteran's Museum Board, which meets quarterly. ONVAC financially supports her travel for these meetings. Ms. Metoxen was selected to represent all Wisconsin Tribes and their respective veterans organizations. Ms. Metoxen makes monthly verbal reports to the ONVAC and those notes are captured within our monthly meeting minutes.
- IV. The ONVAC continues to work with the Veterans Service Office (VSO) on paver sales, reporting and monument upgrades. As of 8-12-14 there is a total of 196 pavers sold. We will continue to market and advertise in the Kalihwisaks in order to support all veteran's families in providing the recognition due their family members.
- V. All Veteran Monument projects. ONVAC continues to work with the VSO, individual Veterans Organizations and the Oneida Tourism Department to enhance our Veterans Memorial site. We would also like to thank the Grounds Keeping Department of the Department of Public Works and the Tourism Department for their assistance in maintaining the landscaping of the site.
- VI. ONVAC continues to work with the VSO to have all Civil War headstones replaced at all local cemeteries. This is a continuing process.
- VII. The ONVAC and VSO continue to collaborate with all of the Oneida Veterans Organizations in serving as Honor and Color Guards for GTC and other Organizational Meetings, external Veterans Activities, meetings, funerals, etc.
- VIII. ONVAC representatives continue to assist the Security Department with "exiting procedures" for GTC meetings.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ONVAC Members along with Veterans from our Oneida Veterans Organizations participated in the "soft" opening ceremony of the Oneida Judiciary Courts Building in March.

ONVAC is working with the Pow-Wow Committee in determining and implementing special recognition of the Oneida Code Talkers and their respective families in the Annual Pow-Wow in 2015.

ONVAC Members participated in the State of the Tribes march with "colors" event at the State Capital in Madison.

ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION

It has been brought to the attention of ONVAC that the "Spirit of the Northwest Statue", located on the grounds of the historic Brown County Courthouse in Green Bay has been damaged (the feather atop of the Native Figure has been removed). The ONVAC would like to bring this issue to whomever is responsible for this statue, either Green Bay or Brown County, and request that it be repaired. Our issue is that this perhaps is a government-to-government issue and we would like to discuss this with the OBC, i.e., how this message should be forwarded to the responsible entity and by whom?

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

It is the Mission of ONVAC to ensure the Oneida Veterans are provided with quality service and assistance in the delivery of entitlement and benefits due the Oneida Veteran and their families. ONVAC accepts the responsibility to advocate for Oneida Veterans and their families, while protecting the integrity of the Veteran Community of the Oneida Nation

MEETING REQUIREMENTS

ONVAC meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm at the Oneida Veterans Office at 134 Riverdale Drive, Oneida.

ONVAC also holds “special meetings” as appropriate, to conduct business on issues of immediate concern and/or is directed by the Oneida Business Committee.

All meetings are open to the public.

WFC Spirit of the Northwest Statue, Green Bay, Wisconsin



This statue is located on the grounds of the historic Brown County Courthouse, Green Bay, Wisconsin

The plaque on its base reads as follows:

The Spirit of the Northwest

This statue, designed by Suamico native, Sydney Bedore, and dedicated on June 10, 1931 with Governor Phillip LaFollette among the speakers, represents a Fox Indian, Claude Allouez and Nicholas Perrot.

Native Americans lived in Wisconsin for about ten thousand years before the arrival of Europeans. These original settlers were ancestors of the Winnebago, Menominee and Santee Dakota. Other tribes, such as the Fox, Sauk, Mascouten, Kickapoo, Miami, and Chippewa moved into this region during the 1600's.

Father Claude Allouez, a Jesuit missionary, arrived in Green Bay in 1668. He established the St Francis Xavier mission at what is now De Pere. The following year he led an expedition to explore the Fox and the Wisconsin rivers.

Nicholas Perrot, a French explorer and fur trader, first arrived in Green Bay about 1664. Commissioned by the government of Canada, he took formal possession of the Bay and its surrounding land in the name of the King of France in 1689.

If you look closely, you may notice that the Indian's feather has been broken off. This happened once before and it was replaced in 1984 for the 350th anniversary of the arrival of Jean Nicolet at Red Banks, just north of Green Bay. If you stop to see this statue, be sure to go inside the Court house. A famous mural of Nicolet's landing can be seen on the wall of the foyer.

[See article on the statue and its sculptor from the Green Bay Press-Gazette](#)

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