

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



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



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.

## BC Resolution 09-24-14-C

### Adopting Standards for the Roles and Responsibilities for Oneida Business Committee Liaison Assignments

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the duly recognized governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS,** the General Tribal Council has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section I of the Oneida Tribal Constitution; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee may be delegated duties and responsibilities by the Oneida General Tribal Council and is at all times subject to the review powers of the Oneida General Tribal Council; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee believes that communication between the boards, committees, and commissions of the Tribe and corporations of the Tribe helps to create a shared understanding of the vision and strategy of the Oneida Business Committee and the Tribe itself; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee believes that setting standards for liaison responsibilities assists in setting expectations and reduces misunderstanding between the Oneida Business Committee, liaison, and the board, committee, commission or corporate entity; and

**WHEREAS,** Oneida Business Committees have discussed liaison responsibilities and taken actions at various times, the earliest documented occurrence is at the September 29, 1987 meeting of the Oneida Business Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** the most recent discussion of the liaison roles occurred in July of 2011 where the roles and responsibilities were discussed by the Oneida Business Committee drawing up a list of those expectations; and

**WHEREAS,** the Oneida Business Committee believes that these roles and responsibilities should be formally adopted by the Oneida Business Committee;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Oneida Business Committee adopts the roles and responsibilities standards for liaison assignments.

1. Liaisons shall foster open communications and a good working relationship with liaison areas.
2. Liaisons shall maintain and respect confidentiality of information passed from the Oneida Business Committee to the liaison area and from the liaison area to the Oneida Business Committee.
3. Liaisons shall act as a communication agent and/or act to facilitate the transfer of information between the entity and the Oneida Business Committee through communication (phone, e-mail, correspondence, and presentations), attending liaison area meetings, and scheduling meetings between the liaison and the chairperson of the liaison area.
4. Liaisons shall present information, concerns, and questions from the Oneida Business Committee to the liaison area and from the liaison area to the Oneida Business Committee in a timely manner in order to allow the greatest possible opportunity to resolve concerns and address questions by the Oneida Business Committee or liaison area.
5. Liaisons shall act as the governmental spokesperson for the liaison area at times when government-to-government communication is required, to provide testimony at public hearings where testimony is solicited, and shall be responsible for obtaining Oneida Business Committee approval of all such testimony presented in order to maintain a consistent Tribal position throughout the Tribe or Indian country as appropriate.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Oneida Business Committee directs that liaisons are not assigned as members of the board, committee, commission or corporate board, and shall take such precautions as to avoid influencing the actions of the liaison area other than presenting information. Liaisons may identify where the Oneida

Business Committee has taken action, but shall refrain from expressing an opinion regarding how the Oneida Business Committee may act.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that liaisons are authorized to participate in executive sessions of the liaison area, except where prohibited by law, regulation or in common good sense the liaison should be excused from attending the meeting.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLT RESOLVED** that this resolution supersedes all prior actions.

#### **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 quorum; 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Lisa Summers, Tribal Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee

\*According to the By-Laws, Article I, Section 1, the Chair votes "only in the case of a tie."