

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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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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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.

## ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MARCH 18, 1998 BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

**PRESENT:** Deborah Doxtator - Chair, Julie Barton - Secretary, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, Ernie Stevens, Jr., Shirley Hill, Leland Danforth - Council Members

**EXCUSED:** Gary Jordan -Vice Chair, Tina Danforth, Sandra Ninham - Council Members

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jeff Budzman, Dottie Krull, Leyne Orosco, Mary Adams, Clifford Doxtator, Warren Skenandore, Frieda Clary, Ken Webster, Laurel Meyer, Karen Cornelius

**OPENING:** Buddy Powless

**CALL TO ORDER BY DEBORAH DOXTATOR AT 9:00 A.M.**

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**A. ADDITIONS:**

**TO TRAVEL REPORTS:**

- Gerald I. Hill RE: Hearings on S.1691
2. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: 1st American in Arts

**TO TRAVEL REQUEST:**

- 4 Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: Portland, OR March 29 - April 1, 1998  
Annual NIGA Conference
- 5 Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: Albuquerque, NM - NIAA Youth Conference, April  
15-19, 1998

**TO EXECUTIVE SESSION NEW BUSINESS:**

- 3 Deborah Doxtator RE: Applications to Board, Committees and Commissions

**B. DELETIONS:**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY  
LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**IV. MINUTES TO BE APPROVED:**

**Regular Business Committee Minutes of March 11, 1998**

**Page 1 - Under Others: Correct the name of Danielle to Danette**

**APPROVED AS CORRECTED**

**V TABLED BUSINESS:**

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| 1 | Leland Danforth | Three Percent Room Tax Revenue-<br>Resolution and Statement of Effect. |
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**Excerpt from the March 11, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY GARY  
JORDAN TO TABLE THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK AND REFER IT TO THE  
BUSINESS COMMITTEE CAUCUS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION  
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due March 18, 1998.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 3-18-98-A, SECONDED BY  
ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**



**BARTON. ERNIE STEVENS, JR. ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**I. FOLLOW UP REPORTS/BC DIRECTIVES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Neil Cornelius/Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation RE: The cumulative profitability of the Casino and Oneida Airport Hotel Corporation.

**Excerpt from the March 11, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO DIRECT THE GAMING GENERAL MANAGER TO MEET WITH THE ONEIDA AIRPORT HOTEL BOARD TO DISSEMINATE AND JUSTIFY THE MANAGEMENT DECISION TO ELIMINATE THE \$5.00 FOOD VOUCHER AND TO RECONSIDER A DECISION THAT, OVERALL, REPRESENTED THE CUMULATIVE PROFITABILITY OF THE ONEIDA BINGO AND CASINO AND THAT THE ONEIDA AIRPORT HOTEL CORPORATION WITH A RESPONSE DUE WITHIN ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due March 18, 1998.**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE A ONE WEEK EXTENSION, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

1. Frieda Clary RE: Grant application to the Administration for Native Americans for an Environmental Regulatory Enhancement grant.

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 3-18-98-B, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Laurel Meyer RE: The Oneida Housing Authority be designated as the "Tribally Designated

Housing Entity.

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO TABLE FOR A PRESENTATION FROM THE TEAM TO THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE BEFORE THE END OF MARCH - MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SUPPORT**

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING TEAM TO PRESENT THE COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING PLAN TO THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ON MONDAY, MARCH 23, 1998 AT 2:00 P.M., SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO TABLE THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF 3-23-98, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. ERNIE STEVENS, JR. ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. REQUESTS**

- 1 Marianne Close RE: Request to change the position of Food Service Worker to a pool position.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE CHANGING THE POSITION OF FOOD SERVICE WORKER TO A POOL POSITION, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 2 Julie Barton RE: Accept resignation and repost vacant position to the Oneida Nation Museum Advisory Board.

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CAROL. O. SMART AND APPROVE REPOSTING THE VACANT POSITION FOR THE ONEIDA NATION MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 3 Julie Barton RE: Post (1) vacancy for the Environmental Resource Board.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE POSTING OF ONE VACANT POSITION FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE BOARD, SECONDED BY**

**SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Deborah Doxtator RE: (6) Regulars and (6) Alternates Board recommendations to the Oneida Election Board.

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SIX REGULARS: PRISCILLA LEVERANCE, JEAN WEBSTER, HENRIETTA OUDENHOVEN, VICTORIA L. JOHNSON, BENJAMIN D. VIEAU AND LISA M. SCHWARTZ, AND THE SIX RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALTERNATES: LEYNE C. OROSCO, TONYA BOUCHER, DEBBIE COTTRELL, JOHN A. WEBSTER, MARY ADAMS, JEAN FUNK TO THE ONEIDA ELECTION BOARD, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. SHIRLEY HILL ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Shirley Hill abstained for clarity of the law.

5. Deborah Doxtator RE: (1) Board recommendation to the Oneida Utilities Commission.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF FREDERICK MUSCAVITCH TO THE ONEIDA UTILITIES COMMISSION, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Deborah Doxtator RE: (3) Board recommendations to the Oneida Nation Arts Board.

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE THREE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS OF ROCHELLE POWELESS, TOMAS ESCAMEA AND KENNETH B. METOXEN TO THE ONEIDA NATION ARTS BOARD, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Deborah Doxtator RE: Request to designate Bill Gollnick to the Honor Our Neighbors Origins and Rights, Inc. (H.O.N.O.R.)

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DIRECT THE GENERAL MANAGER TO DESIGNATE THE COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT TO WRITE GUEST ARTICLES FOR THE H.O.N.O.R DIGEST, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

8. Gary Jordan RE: Request to delay the March 25, 1998

Regular Business Committee Meeting.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DENY THE REQUEST TO DELAY THE MARCH 25, 1998 BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

For the Record, Julie Barton agreed with the motion because she wasn't sure when this Mr. William H. Fruth was designated to speak.

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO RESCIND THE MOTION AND TO POSTPONE THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING UNTIL 10:00 A.M., SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

9. Jeff Mears

RE: Hobart/Oneida Nation RFP Curbside garbage Recyclable Collection.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DEFER THIS ITEM, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE HOBART\ONEIDA NATION RFP CURBSIDE GARBAGE RECYCLABLE COLLECTION, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

10. Julie Barton

RE: Accept resignation and repost (1) vacant position to the Oneida Personnel Commission.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CHRIS MELCHERT AND TO APPROVE POSTING THE VACANT POSITION FOR THE ONEIDA PERSONNEL COMMISSION, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS**

**D. TRAVEL REQUESTS**

1 Deborah Doxtator

RE: Testimony before Commerce Committee RE: Tobacco Settlement Bill - Washington, D.C. - March 18-19, 1998.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST,**

**SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

2. Deborah Doxtator RE: Testimony on Indian Gaming Regulatory Act -  
Ernie Stevens, Jr. Washington, D.C. - March 24-25, 1998.

**MOTION BY JULIE BARTON TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST AND/OR HER DESIGNEE, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS TO WRITE THE WRITTEN AND ORAL TESTIMONY, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

For the record, notification of a date change from March 24-25, 1998 to April 1, 1998 occurred this afternoon.

3. Deborah Doxtator RE: Testimony on Barriers to Credit on  
lending in Indian Country - Washington,  
D.C. - March 31-April 1, 1998.

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO DIRECT KATHY HUGHES TO TESTIFY ON CREDIT AND LENDING IN INDIAN COUNTRY, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DIRECT THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS TO WORK WITH CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND BILL MENACHER, PRESIDENT OF BAY BANK ON DEVELOPING WRITTEN AND ORAL TESTIMONY, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

For the record, through notification this afternoon, the March 31, 1998 meeting date has been cancelled. Notification of future hearings will be brought back at a later date.

4. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: Portland, OR March 29 - April 1, 1998  
Annual NIGA Conference

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. Ernie Stevens, Jr. RE: Albuquerque, NM - NIAA Youth  
Conference, April 15-19, 1998

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. ERNIE STEVENS, JR. ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**E. VACATIONS**

**VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**IX. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

**X. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO RECESS FOR FIVE MINUTES, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. ONEIDA LAND CLAIMS - 1st Wednesday of the Month - Patty Hoelt**

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

1 Jo Swamp

RE: Samurai Ltd.

**Weekly Up-date.**

2. Deborah Doxtator/Shirley Hill

RE: General Manager Contract.

**Excerpt from the February 25, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY TINA DANFORTH TO DIRECT THE CHAIR AND SHIRLEY HILL TO RECTIFY THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT IN THREE WEEKS SPECIFYING THE CURRENT LIMITATIONS AND WHAT THEY PLAN TO DO WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE CONTRACT, EITHER TERM IT OUT OR ENTER INTO A NEW ONE WHICH WOULD SUPERSEDE THE CURRENT CONTRACT, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. JULIE BARTON ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Response Due March 18, 1998.**

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO APPROVE A ONE WEEK EXTENSION, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. SHIRLEY HILL ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Gerald L Hill

RE: G.T.C. Action of Special Meeting Opinion

**Excerpt from the February 25, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO SEND THIS ITEM TO CHIEF COUNSEL FOR AN OPINION TO BE BROUGHT BACK IN TWO WEEKS, SECONDED BY TINA DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due March 11, 1998.**

**Excerpt from the March 11, 1998 Business Committee Meeting: MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO DEFER THIS ITEM FOR ONE WEEK, SECONDED BY LELAND DANFORTH. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Response Due March 18, 1998.**

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO DIRECT CHIEF COUNSEL TO WRITE A LETTER FOR CHAIR'S SIGNATURE, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**C. NEW BUSINESS**

- FYI**
1. Kathy Hughes RE: IRS Inquiry.
  2. Kathy Hughes RE: Mileage Audit.

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DIRECT INTERNAL AUDIT TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS TO DETERMINE IF THERE ARE POTENTIAL IRS VIOLATIONS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO HAVE KATHY HUGHES TO SET UP A MEETING WITH FRANCIS SKENANDORE ON MARCH 19, 1998 AND IF ANY BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE AVAILABLE, THAT THEY ATTEND REGARDING THE PERSONNEL ISSUE, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO HAVE THE TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER UPDATE THE TRAVEL POLICY, TO BE BROUGHT BACK IN 30 DAYS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO HAVE KATHY HUGHES SET UP A MEETING WITH THE GENERAL MANAGER FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH FRANCIS SKENANDORE, AND THAT ALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE ATTEND WITH QUESTIONS OUTLINED, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO REQUEST THE GENERAL MANAGER TO PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION FOR EACH MONTHLY MILEAGE REQUEST IN QUESTION TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD IN QUESTION, BACK IN 30 DAYS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. Deborah Doxtator RE: Applications to Board, Committees and Commissions

**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO RESCIND THE PREVIOUS SEOTS APPOINTMENT OF MADELYN GENSKOW AND REPOST, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. Bill Gollnick RE: Grandfather Language Update

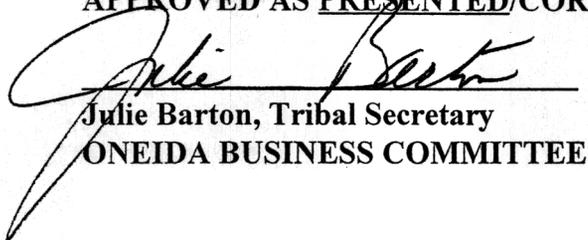
**MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO ACCEPT THE REPORT, SECONDED BY ERNEI STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION BY LELAND DANFORTH TO RECESS UNTIL 1:30 P.M., SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**XIII. RECESS/ADJOURN - 3:10 P.M.**

**MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO RECESS, SECONDED BY JULIE BARTON. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**APPROVED AS PRESENTED/CORRECTED ON March 25, 1998.**

  
Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary  
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE