

Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 07 / 27 / 16

2. General Information:

Session: Open Executive - See instructions for the applicable laws, then choose one:

Agenda Header:

Accept as Information only

Action - please describe:

SEOTS Quarterly Report
April - June 2016

3. Supporting Materials

Report Resolution Contract

Other:

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Business Committee signature required

4. Budget Information

Budgeted - Tribal Contribution Budgeted - Grant Funded Unbudgeted

5. Submission

Authorized Sponsor / Liaison:

Primary Requestor/Submitter: Jackie Zalim, SEOTS Vice-Chairwoman
Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor: _____
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Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) Advisory Board

QUARTERLY REPORT

April – June 2016

Submitted by	Jackie Zalim – Vice Chairwoman
Members	Dan Schiller – Chairman Jackie Zalim – Vice Chairwoman Tina Cottrell – Board Member Linda Langen - Board Member Casey Houtsinger – Board Member Renee Zakhar – Board Member
Business Committee Liaison	Chairwoman Tina Danforth

Minute Updates Minutes are not yet on record; in process.

Financial

Two (2) regular Board meetings were held this quarter.

The SEOTS Advisory Board budget is well under budget due to: several cancelled meetings, board meetings conducted with a reduced number of Board members, and unpaid stipends (since last year).

As a note, an important role of the role of the Board is to oversee the SEOTS budget which has been under budget during this quarter.

Special Events and Travel

No special events by the Board during the quarter.

As an outreach initiative, the community was encouraged to attend a listening session during a regular board meeting. While there was low attendance, the discussion was robust with new topics focused on community issues.

Also, Board members are responsible for supporting programming by attending events and programs, as well as to providing input on programs that are being explored.

Personal Comments

It is important to note that members are dedicated and loyal to SEOT's mission. They act as ambassadors, with the conviction of how grateful we should all be to have and be a part of an Oneida community in Milwaukee. They regularly volunteer at the many events held at SEOTS. During meetings, there are open discussion from...discussing serious issues of the native population in Milwaukee to...handling the responsibilities of overseeing the SEOTS budget and discussing programming and building updates.

Regarding meetings and stipends, completing and processing meeting stipends have long been a struggle for the Board for several reasons: untimely minute reports or lack of minutes along with obtaining signatures to verify the time spent is part of this board's problems. Also, other reasons include: cumbersome and changing processes with shifting contacts within the accounting department. These are all Board issues; surely not shifting blame on anyone. For these reasons stipends have not been paid since last year. We continue to work through it. Despite this, Board members are not deterred.

Focusing on one important and local event - Indian Summer Festival's held in Milwaukee in September – it appears that there will be no support from the Tribe. However, the Director is working to offer some support yet to be worked out. SEOTS will continue to make a presence at the event with cultural displays with a separate SEOTS table with information. And as mentioned prior, Board members will volunteer.

Further, in support of SEOT's personal and office, the board gives high praise to the Director and the staff for what they have accomplished. There are outstanding and new programming offered, such as, Decolonization Series and Presentations, Indian Jeopardy, Native American Veterans Events and the SEOTS Art Show with accomplished artists, to name only a few.

A personal comment on future board involvement; there appears to be renewed energy to gain synergy going forward. Members talk of community needs and concerns and how to be involved.

Goals and Objectives

The goals of the Board continue to be: encouraging community participation, communicating with all ages and keeping traditions on the forefront.

Meeting Requirements

Twice a month

Follow-up

The matter of a Board member who has not attended meetings needs to be taken up with a letter to the Liaison and a request to add the matter to a Business Community meeting. Therefore, we will be seeking a replacement.