

# Oneida Business Committee Agenda Request

1. Meeting Date Requested: 10 / 28 / 15

## 2. General Information:

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

Agenda Header:

Accept as Information only

Action - please describe:

## 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, Vice Chairwoman SEOTS Board

Your Name, Title / Dept. or Tribal Member

Additional Requestor: Submitted by: Lora Skenandore, Executive Assistant/Office of Tina Danforth

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## **Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services (SEOTS) Advisory Board**

### **QUARTERLY REPORT**

July - September 2015

**Submitted by** Jackie Zalim – Vice Chairwoman

**Members** Dan Schiller – Chairman  
Jackie Zalim – Vice Chairwoman  
Renee zakhar – Board Member  
Tina Cottrell – Board Member  
Linda Langen - Board Member

**Business Committee Liaison** Chairwoman Tina Danforth

**Minute Updates** Minutes are on record.

#### **Action Taken**

Action was taken to fill one board position, and another was open for application.

#### **Financial**

Four (4) regular Board meetings were held this quarter. Training was conducted; special stipend expenses were submitted.

The SEOTS Advisory Board budget is well under budget due to: the board had the same budget set prior to the reduction in board stipends, there were several cancelled meetings and the board was conducted with a reduced number of Board members. Also, in every prior year, including 2015 budget, money was unused and returned. Also, it is important to note that the budget request for 2016 was decreased by over 50%.

#### **Special Events and Travel**

No special events by the Board during the quarter.

SEOTS hosted Loretta Metoxen, Patty Lowe, and Randy Cornelius among others since the transition to the new building. All events had good attendance despite the move. SEOTS is partnering with Spotted Eagle on a GED initiative and a "Native Jeopardy" night. In order to improve GED outcomes four focus groups were held for the GED between the two agencies. A strategy was developed and funds identified between the two for testing.

#### **Personal Comments**

With the new building opening on October 10th, there will be heighten focus meeting to assure that the Board is meeting its purpose to improve the quality of life of Oneida Tribal members, to strengthen their connection to Oneida, and working in partnership and advisement with the SEOTS Director. All board members will be in attendance and volunteering, and we have assembled a one-page flyer with brief board member bios and

photos to hand out to community members. We will be available for community input at the event.

Our yearly picnic was not well attended due to extreme heat and competition from another native event the same day and time but was well-received. Two board members volunteered.

SEOTS participation and development over the cultural area has been one of the most praised sections of the exhibit area based on comments of attendees and Indian Summer Board members. All SEOTs board members manned our booth at some point during the festival.

Our wall mural for the office has been approved and funding identified. Work will begin

We are researching options to improve the amplification of Southeastern Oneida "voice" through voter participation. We looked into robo-call plans. Monthly is too expensive but unique events once or twice a year are competitive and within our budget. We are considering if phone alerts will increase our numbers as several community members expressed dismay they missed the day despite several reminders. A previous survey by a local Native agency at Indian Summer three years prior determined cell phones was the most reliable and ubiquitous form of communication so we are trying to capitalize on this format for our southeastern membership.

### **Goals and Objectives**

The board completed training with Melanie Burkhart reviewing Robert's Rules of Order, SEOTS Advisory Board Bylaws (making edits in preparation to send to the LOC) and Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions, and conducted exercises such as making group decisions and communication skills.

We solidified our individual board objectives: Schiller: cultural content specifically indigenous nutrition and organizational eagle staff; Langen: completed board bios and an outline of eligibility for a board scholarship. We are in discussions with other Native MKE agencies such as Spotted Eagle and AICC to approve a common application for all local Indian scholarships as few apply; Cottrell will work with Schiller on indigenous nutrition; Zalim's concentration is board mentoring.

### **Meeting Requirements**

Twice a month (when approved by the LOC the second monthly meeting will be optional)

### **Follow-up**

The Board has one vacancy.