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GTC Resolution # 12-02-19-A Establishing Rule Regarding Presentations and Speakers

- WHEREAS,** the Oneida Nation is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** the General Tribal Council meets regularly in Annual and Semi-Annual meetings and in special meetings; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2008 the General Tribal Council adopted a stipend payment for attendance at meetings which has increased attendance; and
- WHEREAS,** this increase in attendance has resulted in a greater need to standardize some actions of the General Tribal Council consistent with prior actions and understandings to avoid unnecessary delay and confusion; and
- WHEREAS,** since 2008, the General Tribal Council has adopted motions which set three-minute time limits on speakers during discussion in 34 of the last 71 meetings, more often occurring in recent General Tribal Council meetings, and
- WHEREAS,** since 2008, the General Tribal Council has adopted various motions identifying when a speaker may speak again during discussion, most of which have involved limiting the speaker to either once per topic or once until all others have had a chance to speak; and
- WHEREAS,** the stated reasons for setting the three-minute time limit to speak and limiting the ability to be recognized to speak per topic has been to allow a greater number of members to ask questions or comment on a topic before the body, *see, for example, Richard Hill, July 11, 2009, p. 1; Madelyn Genskow, January 30, 2010, p. 2; Kelly Elm McAndrews, May 23, 2011, p. 4; Nancy Skenandore, June 1, 2015, p. 4; Julie Clark, February 13, 2017, p. 3; Linda Dallas, March 19, 2017, p. 6; Michelle Danforth, October 8, 2017, p. 4;* and
- WHEREAS,** since 2008, 'once per topic' has come to be understood as once under discussion, and once under each motion and amendment thus allowing a member at least four opportunities to speak (*discussion, main motion, and two amendments*), *see, for example, Tina Danforth, February 20, 2017, p. 2;* and
- WHEREAS,** since 2008, the General Tribal Council has adopted motions which set fifteen-minute time limits on each presenter in 23 of the last 71 meetings, more often occurring in in 2008-2009 meetings; and
- WHEREAS,** since 2008-2009 and the initial establishment of a fifteen-minute time limit on each presenter, most presentations have stayed within this time limit; and

WHEREAS, establishing a formal rule regarding speakers and presenters would provide consistency and reduce the time necessary to develop a motion and/or amendment to the motion which address the speaker and presenter limitations; and

WHEREAS, the General Tribal Council desires to clearly identify a permanent rule of order under which to operate its meetings which recognizes the history and uniqueness of itself as a governing body of the Oneida Nation in order to allow additional time to be spent on matters identified on the agenda for the meeting rather than adoption of the agenda for the meeting, see *Linda Dallas, March 19, 2017, p. 6 and Corrinne Robelia-Zhuckkahosee at p. 9;*

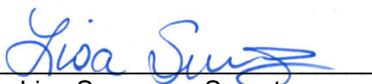
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Tribal Council adopts the following procedural rule for General Tribal Council meetings.

Setting Time Limits. The following time limits shall be applied upon calling the meeting to order. Any member calling for a privileged question or point or order is excluded from this rule.

1. *Speakers.* Upon calling the meeting to order, members are limited to three minutes per person. A member must make all comments, ask all questions and make any requested motions within the three-minute time period.
2. *Once per Topic.* Upon calling the meeting to order, members are limited to speaking once per topic until all interested parties have had an opportunity to speak and may be recognized one (1) additional time. Topic is defined as the discussion period, main motion, and any amendments. *(Example: A member may speak during discussion, after the main motion, and after any amendment for a total of four opportunities to speak.)*
3. *Presentations.* Upon calling the meeting to order, presentations are limited to 15 minutes per presenter. *(Example: Petitioner, Oneida Business Committee or division of the Nation.)*

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida General Tribal Council, in session with a quorum of 1,652 members present, at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 2nd day of December, 2019; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a majority of those voting and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in anyway.



Lisa Summers, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee