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 possble.

Resolution <u>05-12-10-I</u>

Extension of Emergency Amendments to the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions to Disallow Stipend Increases and Stipends for Conferences and Training

- WHEREAS, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin 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 Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS, when the budget for Fiscal Year 2010 was being finalized by the Oneida Business Committee, revenue projections were calculated according to best practices used in economic and financial projection and planning; and
- WHEREAS, the Oneida Business Committee reviewed those revenue projections and determined that revenues were not being generated as anticipated, causing shortfalls; and
- WHEREAS, there was and still is a need to address these shortfalls to reduce deficit spending and Tribal debt; and
- WHEREAS, the spending restrictions and cost containment adopted by the Oneida Business Committee in the fall of 2009, and extended through FY2010 per resolution BC-3-26-10-A, does not address expenses for Boards, Committees and Commissions; and
- WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions authorizes stipends in the amount of \$50 per meeting for members of boards, committees and commissions; and
- WHEREAS, section 11-4 of the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions allows for stipend amounts greater than \$50, provided that the notice and Oneida Business Committee approval provisions are followed; and
- WHEREAS, section 11-5 of the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions allows for stipend payments in addition to any per diem, to members who are authorized to travel on behalf of the entity in the amount of \$100.00 for each full day they are present at the conference; and

- WHEREAS, BC-11-12-09-C amended the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions on an emergency basis so that no stipends could be increased, and so that no stipend could be paid to a member for attending a conference or training; and
- WHEREAS, the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) authorizes the Oneida Business Committee to enact legislation on an emergency basis, to be in effect for a period of six (6) months, renewable for an additional six (6) months; and
- WHEREAS, extension of the emergency adoption of amendments to the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions addressing stipend payments to board, committees and commissions is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare of the reservation population, and observance of the regular APA adoption requirements for passage of laws would be contrary to public interest.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following amendments to the Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees and Commissions are hereby extended on an emergency basis for an additional six months after the original emergency amendment expires:

- 11-4. Exceptions to the amount of the stipend may be made by the Oneida Business Committee, provided the following procedures are followed:
 - a. The entity petitions the Oneida Business Committee for an exception through a Resolution which indicates the reasons why the stipend should be different, and what would be an appropriate stipend.
 - b. This resolution shall be posted in the Kalihwisaks two weeks prior to adoption by the Oneida Business Committee. All interested parties are asked to submit comments in writing to the Oneida Business Committee, care of the Tribal Secretary's Office.
 - c. The Oneida Business Committee shall adopt or reject the resolution at a duly called meeting of the Oneida Business Committee.
- 11-5. Payment of stipends, in addition to any per diem, to members who are authorized to travel on behalf of the entity shall be in the amount of \$100.00 for each full day they are present at the conference. Provided that, no payments shall be made for those days spent traveling to and from the conference.
- 11-5. Per diem payments to persons authorized to travel on behalf of an entity shall be paid in accordance with the Oneida Travel and Expense Policy.

a) No stipend in addition to per diem shall be paid to a member for attending a conference or training.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution shall supersede all other resolutions or actions which authorized stipends for board, committee or commission members for attending conferences or training.

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. 6 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 12th day of May 2010; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 3 members for; 1 member against; and 1 member not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Patricia Hoeft, Tribal Secretary, Oneida Business Committee

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