

March 9, 2017

Oneida Nation  
Oneida Election Board



Dear General Tribal Council

**SUBJ: 2017 GENERAL ELECTION CAUCUS**

The 2017 General Election Caucus is set for Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Business Committee Conference Room at the Norbert Hill Center.

Nominations will be conducted for the vacancies listed. Any person nominated at the Caucus must be present to accept/decline the nomination. All other individuals may petition to have their name placed on the 2017 General Election Ballot.

All individuals, whether they have been nominated and accepted at the caucus or petitions for their name to be placed on the 2017 General Election Ballot, will need to complete a separate application for each position vying for. Applications will be available at the Caucus or may be picked up at the Business Committee Support Office. The deadline for all application forms to be submitted to the Business Committee Support Office:

**FRIDAY - MARCH 31, 2017 BY 4:30 P.M.**

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Oneida Election Board by email at [Election\\_Board@oneidanation.org](mailto:Election_Board@oneidanation.org).

Sincerely,

Racquel Hill, Chairperson  
Oneida Election Board

## ***2017 GENERAL ELECTION VACANCY INFORMATION***

### **BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

One (1) vacancy – Chairperson, 3-year term

One (1) vacancy – Vice Chairperson, 3-year term

One (1) vacancy – Treasurer, 3-year term

One (1) vacancy – Secretary, 3-year term

Five (5) vacancies – Council Member, 3-year term

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older on the day of the election.
- c. Must be a resident of Brown or Outagamie County.

### **GAMING COMMISSION**

One (1) vacancy – 5-year term

- a. Must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older on the day of the election.
- b. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- c. Must have a minimum of three (3) years of education experience, employment experience and/or regulatory experience in Gaming Operations related to Gaming Activity, Gaming law, Gaming control or regulation, or Gaming accounting or of any combination of the foregoing; and
- d. Must disclose all conflicts of interest as defined by the Nation's Conflict of Interest Policy.
- e. Must have a background investigation completed.
- f. Unless pardoned by the applicable government, must not have been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to, any of the following:
  - i. Any gambling-related offense;
  - ii. Any offense involving Fraud or misrepresentation;
  - iii. Any offense involving a violation of any provision of chs. 562 or 565, Wis. Stats., any rule promulgated by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Division of Gaming or any rule promulgated by the Wisconsin Racing Board;
  - iv. A felony not addressed in paragraphs 1, 2, or 3, during the immediately preceding ten (10) years; or
  - v. Any offense involving the violation of any provision of Tribal law regulating the conduct of Gaming Activities, or any rule or regulation promulgated pursuant thereto.
- g. Must not be determined by the Nation to be a person whose prior activities, criminal record if any, or reputation, habits, and associations pose a threat to the public interest or to the effective regulation and control of Gaming, or create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable, unfair, or illegal practices, methods, or activities in the operation of Gaming or the carrying on of the business and financial arrangements incidental thereto

- h. Must not possess a financial interest in or management responsibility for any Gaming Activity or Gaming Services vendor.
- i. Unless pardoned by the applicable government, must not have been convicted of a crime involving theft, Fraud, or conversion against the Nation.

## **JUDICIARY**

Three (3) vacancies – 6-year term

One (1) vacancy – Trial Court Judge

Two (2) vacancies - Court of Appeals Judge

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be 30 years of age or older on the day of the election.
- c. Must not have been convicted of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, any offense involving fraud or misrepresentation or any felony, unless:
  - i. a pardon has been granted in accordance with the Nation's pardon law at least ten (10) years before the election is held or the appointment is made; or
  - ii. the conviction has been removed from his or her record by executive pardon or state court order at least ten (10) years before the election is held or the appointment is made.
- d. Must not be mentally disabled or mentally unstable.
- e. Must submit to a thorough backgrounds investigation prior to being placed on the ballot.
- f. If elected, cannot be employed by the Oneida Nation.
- g. If elected, cannot be elected or appointed to serve on any Tribal board, committee or commission, including a Tribally-chartered board, committee or commission.
- h. Must hold at least one (1) of the following from an accredited institution:
  - i. a master's degree;
  - ii. a juris doctor degree; or
  - iii. a bachelor's degree in one (1) of the following fields of study, provided that a degree in a similar field of study shall also qualify:
    - A. Criminal Justice
    - B. Education
    - C. Political Science, including Government, Politics or Public Policy
    - D. Human Rights
    - E. Journalism
    - F. Legal Studies
    - G. Native American Studies
    - H. Psychology

- I. Sociology
- J. Public Administration
- K. History
- L. Business Administration
- M. Economics or Finance
- N. Philosophy
- O. Judicial Studies
- P. Paralegal Studies
- Q. Family Law

### **GTC SUPERVISING ATTORNEY**

One (1) vacancy – 4-year term

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older on the day of the election.
- c. Must hold a Juris doctorate from an accredited law school and two (2) years of previous successful experience practicing law; and/or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- d. Must have current licensure to practice law in the state of Wisconsin and in good standing with the Wisconsin Bar Association.
- e. Must comply with the Judiciary Rules of Admission; must be admitted to practice before the Judiciary prior to becoming a candidate.

### **LEGAL OFFICE ADVOCATE**

Two (2) vacancies – One 3-year term & one 2-year term

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older on the day of the election.
- c. Must hold one (1) of the following an accredited institution and two (2) years of experience in litigation, negotiation, or advocacy and/or equivalent combination of education and experience:
  - i. an associate's degree in one of the following fields of study, provided that a degree in a similar field of study shall also qualify:
    - A. Criminal Justice
    - B. Education
    - C. Political Sciences (including Government, Politics or Public Policy)
    - D. Human Rights
    - E. Journalism
    - F. Legal Studies

- G. Native American Studies
- H. Psychology
- I. Sociology
- J. Public Administration
- K. History
- L. Business Administration
- M. Economics or Finance
- N. Philosophy
- O. Judicial Studies
- P. Paralegal Studies
- Q. Family Law

- d. Must comply with the Judiciary Rules of Admission; must be admitted to practice before the Judiciary prior to becoming a candidate.

### **LAND CLAIMS COMMISSION**

One (1) vacancy – remainder of term ending 8/2019

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be twenty-on (21) years of age or older on the day of the election.
- c. If elected, cannot serve in the capacity as a consultant, contractor, or staff person of the Oneida Land Claims Commission or attorney assigned to the Oneida Land Claims Commission.

### **LAND COMMISSION**

Three (3) vacancies – 3-year term

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older on the day of the election.
- c. Must be a resident of Brown or Outagamie County.
- d. If elected, cannot be employed by the Division of Land Management.

### **ONEIDA NATION COMMISSION ON AGING (ONCOA)**

Three (3) vacancies – 3-year term

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be fifty-five (55) years of age or older on the day of the election.
- c. Cannot serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms; must have one full term gap in service.
- d. Must reside in Brown or Outagamie County.

## **ELECTION BOARD**

Three (3) vacancies – 3-year term

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older on the day of the election.

## **TRUST/ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE**

Two (2) vacancies – 3-year term

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older on the day of the election.
- c. Must live on or near the reservation (within the external boundaries of the Oneida Reservation or in a surrounding community).
- d. Must have the ability to honorably protect and uphold the purpose of the Oneida Trust/Enrollment Committee with integrity, diligence and foresight.
- e. Must be able to obtain a fiduciary bond.

## **SCHOOL BOARD**

Three (3) vacancies (Parent positions) – 3-year term

- a. Must be an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation.
- b. Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older on the day of the election.
- c. Must be parent/guardian of a student attending the Oneida Nation School System.

***\*\*NOTE: Candidates for election to office found in violation of governing documents may be disqualified from taking office. These governing documents include, but are not limited to the: Constitution of the Oneida Nation; Election Law; Judiciary Law; Oneida Nation Gaming Ordinance; Comprehensive Policy Governing Boards, Committees, & Commissions; and applicable bylaws.***