

2020 report template

For Boards, Committees, and Commissions (BCCs)

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ONEIDA ELECTION BOARD – FY20 Q4 REPORT

Purpose:

Responsible for conducting fair and orderly elections for the Oneida Nation, and responsible to count hand and/or ballot votes at General Tribal Council (GTC) meetings.

BCC Members

Vicki Cornelius Chair 7/31/2021	Tina Skenandore Member 7/31/2023
Christina Liggins Vice Chair 7/31/2023	Vacant Member 7/31/2021
Melinda K. Danforth Secretary 7/31/2021	Vacant Member 7/31/2022
Patricia Moore Member 7/31/2022	Tonya Webster Member 7/31/2023
Racquel Hill Member 7/31/2022	

Alternate Members – Terms Expired when Final Report was Ratified

Twylite Moore, Interim Chairwoman
Margret King, Interim Vice-Chairwoman
Pat Moore, Interim Secretary
Kimberly Ninham, Alternate
Steve Webster, Alternate
Linda Langen, Alternate
Lisa Duff, Alternate
Ramona Salinas, Alternate
Terry Thomas, Alternate
Keenan Skenandore, Alternate
Wayne Cornelius Jr. Alternate
Clarissa Reyes, Alternate
Linda Nockideneh, Alternate
Kathryn LaRoque, Alternate
Danielle White, Alternate

Substantiated Complaints (if applicable)

Per § 105.12-4.(a) of the [Boards, Committees and Commissions law](#), annual and semi-annual reports shall contain information on the number of substantiated complaints against all members of the entity.

Per § 105.3-1.(q) a “Substantiated complaint” means a complaint or allegation in a complaint that was found to be valid by clear and convincing evidence.

NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS: 0

Meetings

Held every Thursday of the month due to the planning surrounding COVID-19 and providing safe measures for the Membership.

Emergency Meetings: 1

Contact Info

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Status report of Three-Year Outcomes/Goals

Outcome/Goal # 1

Conduct Oneida Elections in compliance with Oneida Law, Policy and/or Resolution.

IS THIS A LONG-TERM OR QUARTERLY GOAL? Long-term

GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Rule of Law - Ensuring the rules are known and applied equally to all with clear appeal (if needed) and are enforced by an impartial regulatory body, for the full protection of Oneida Nation stakeholders

HOW OUTCOME/GOAL SUPPORTS THE GOOD GOVERNANCE PRINCIPLE:

Being compliant with Oneida Law, Policy, and/or Resolutions gives General Tribal Council orderly and easily understood elections.

EXPECTATIONS/FUTURE PLANS REGARDING THE OUTCOME/GOAL:

In August the newly elected members of the OEB were sworn in. The first meeting in September, the board immediately began reviewing and updating SOPs. Due to COVID-19, a new precedence for voting processes was developed for the health and safety of GTC members. Also needed to update for next election cycle after reviewing the 2020 General Election.

Stipends

Per the Boards, Committees, and Commissions law, stipends are set via OBC resolution. BC resolution # 08-12-20-C sets the stipend amounts.

Budget Information

FY-2020 BUDGET: \$81,200

FY-2020 EXPENDITURES AS OF END OF REPORTING PERIOD: \$44,736

Stipends, 2020 General Election Materials

Expenditures were approved by COVID-19 Funding team for reimbursement through CARES Act totaling: \$12,830.79

Requests

In the 2020 General Election it became very apparent that a large number of Alternates are needed to run an Election due to recusals, resignations, two methods of voting, etc. The

board is requesting for the next election cycle that there be no limit to the number of alternates appointed in accordance with the BCC Law and Election Law.

102.4-7 The Business Committee may appoint or reappoint a sufficient number of alternates to the Election Board, as recommended by the Election Board, to assist with election day and preelection activities.

Other

The first month of this quarter the 2020 General Election was held. COVID-19 created new challenges for the Nation including a safe voting process. A major question that arose was absentee voting. This would require an amendment to the Nation's Constitution, which has been presented to General Tribal Council previously, and has been turned down. With the recent Pandemic it may be something to consider given the new precedence.

Election results were sent to the OBC in accordance with the Election Law and it was ratified on August 26, 2020.

All litigation against the Election Board has been resolved and dismissed.