

# Oneida Business Committee

Regular Meeting 8:30 AM Wednesday, October 12, 2022 BC Conference Room, 2nd floor, Norbert Hill Center

#### **Minutes**

#### REGULAR MEETING

**Present:** Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens, Secretary Lisa Liggins, Council members: Marie Cornelius, David P. Jordan, Kirby Metoxen;

Not Present: Chairman Tehassi Hill, Treasurer Tina Danforth, Councilwoman Jennifer Webster;

Arrived at: Councilman Daniel Guzman King at 8:40 a.m.;

Others present: Jo Anne House, Larry Barton, Todd Vandenheuvel (via Microsoft Teams¹), Katsitsiyo Danforth (via Microsoft Teams), Kaylynn Gresham (via Microsoft Teams), Danelle Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Rhiannon Metoxen (via Microsoft Teams), Kristal Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Rae Skenandore (via Microsoft Teams), Lisa Summers (via Microsoft Teams), Clorissa Santiago (via Microsoft Teams), Loucinda Conway (via Microsoft Teams), Melanie Burkhart (via Microsoft Teams), Lori Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Nicole Rommel (via Microsoft Teams), Carolyn Salutz (via Microsoft Teams), Jameson Wilson (via Microsoft Teams), Christopher Johnson (via Microsoft Teams), Patricia King (via Microsoft Teams), Debbie Melchert (via Microsoft Teams), Brooke Doxtator (via Microsoft Teams), Carol Silva (via Microsoft Teams), Mark A. Powless, Sr. (via Microsoft Teams), Jonas Hill (via Microsoft Teams), Mary Graves (via Microsoft Teams), Mike Debraska (via Microsoft Teams), Deke Suri, Aliskwet Ellis;

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens at 8:36 a.m.

For the record: Chairman Tehassi Hill is out on vacation, Treasurer Tina Danforth is out on medical leave, and Councilwoman Jennifer Webster is out on approved travel attending the Administration for Children & Families Tribal Advisory Committee in Sequim, WA.

# II. OPENING (00:00:31)

Opening provided by Councilman Kirby Metoxen

#### A. Special recognition for years of service

Sponsor: Todd VanDen Heuvel, Executive HR Director

Special recognition for years of service by Vice-Chairman Brandon Stevens of the following individuals: 35 years of service - Carmen Danforth, Rebecca Schommer, Mercie Danforth; 30 years of service - Blair Braaten, Jodi Skenandore, Helen Huff, Sylvia Cornelius, Tonya Webster, Sherry Flauger, Deanna Stevens, Susan Higgs, Lloyd Zeise, Margaret Kruse, Dale Metoxen, Kerry Cornelius, Shad Webster; 25 years of service - Stacy Buckley, Rosa John, Jean Veraghen, Larry Hill, Jean Olson.

Councilman Daniel Guzman King arrived at 8:40 a.m.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Microsoft Teams is software which provides a communication and collaboration platform for workplace chat, file sharing, and video meetings.

# III. ADOPT THE AGENDA (00:04:22)

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to adopt the agenda with two (2) additions [1) under the Travel Request section, add item entitled Approve the travel request - Councilwoman Marie Cornelius - Wis DOT Inter-Tribal Task Force (ITTF) meeting and the Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference (WTTC) - Baraboo, WI - October 24-26, 2022; and 2) under the New Business section, add item entitled Accept the Purple Heart Reservation designation signs update], seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

#### IV. OATH OF OFFICE

#### A. Oneida Nation Veteran Affairs Committee - Deke Suri (00:05:40)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Oath of office administered by Secretary Lisa Liggins. Deke Suri was present.

#### V. MINUTES

# A. Approve the September 28, 2022, regular Business Committee meeting minutes (00:07:41)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Marie Cornelius to approve the September 28, 2022, regular Business Committee meeting minutes, seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

#### VI. STANDING COMMITTEES

#### A. LEGISLATIVE OPERATING COMMITTEE

1. Accept the September 21, 2022, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes (00:08:02)

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

Motion by Marie Cornelius to accept the September 21, 2022, regular Legislative Operating Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

#### VII. STANDING ITEMS

# A. ARPA FRF and Tribal Contribution Savings Submissions

1. Consider the request for an ARPA FRF and Tribal Contribution Savings funded community park improvement project (00:08:26)

Sponsor: Dylan Benton, Tribal Member

Motion by Lisa Liggins to forward the request to the General Manager's office for review and to bring back an initial discussion to the November BC work session, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

2. Adopt resolution entitled Obligation for Beef Discount Project Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings (00:11:35)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by David P. Jordan to adopt resolution entitled 10-12-22-A Obligation for Beef Discount Project Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Kirby Metoxen

Abstained: Marie Cornelius, Lisa Liggins

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

For the record: Councilwoman Marie Cornelius stated I don't see that this was brought to the BC work session in September. It's not clear to me on what this was about, so I can't really vote for it. I'm going to abstain. Thank you.

3. Adopt resolution entitled Obligation for Oneida Nation Farm Combine Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings (00:30:50)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Daniel Guzman King to adopt resolution entitled 10-12-22-B Obligation for Oneida Nation Farm Combine Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings with one (1) correction [1) in line 45, correct "2022" to "2023"], seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Kirby

Metoxen

Abstained: Lisa Liggins

# 4. Adopt resolution entitled Obligation for Oneida Nation Farm Office Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings (00:40:15)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Daniel Guzman King to adopt resolution entitled 10-12-22-C Obligation for Oneida Nation Farm Office Utilizing Tribal Contribution Savings, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Kirby

Metoxen

Abstained: Lisa Liggins

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

For the record: Secretary Lisa Liggins stated I abstained from items VII.A.2, 3, and 4, because I was not present at the September 20, 2022, BC work session where these requests were discussed as I was out on approved travel, attending the Tribal Constitutions Native Nations Institute seminar.

Motion by Lisa Liggins to direct the General Manager to submit the approval notice from the APRA FRF office to BC Agenda Requests regarding items VII.A.2., 3, and 4, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

#### VIII. TRAVEL REPORTS

A. Approve the travel report - Secretary Lisa Liggins - National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid Year Conference & Marketplace - Anchorage, AL - June 12-16, 2022 (00:50:28)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by David P. Jordan to approve the travel report from Secretary Lisa Liggins for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid Year Conference & Marketplace in Anchorage, AL - June 12-16, 2022, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

B. Approve the travel report - Secretary Lisa Liggins - Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee Fundraiser - Wisconsin Dells, WI - July 26-27, 2022 (00:50:50)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Marie Cornelius to approve the travel report from Secretary Lisa Liggins for the Assembly Democratic Campaign Committee Fundraiser in Wisconsin Dells, WI - July 26-27, 2022, seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

C. Approve the travel report - Secretary Lisa Liggins - Tribal Constitutions Native Nations Institute Seminar - Phoenix, AZ - September 18-20, 2022 (00:51:12)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Marie Cornelius to approve the travel report from Secretary Lisa Liggins for the Tribal Constitutions Native Nations Institute Seminar in Phoenix, AZ - September 18-20, 2022, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

## IX. TRAVEL REQUESTS

A. Approve the travel request - Chairman Tehassi Hill - Indian Child Welfare Act Events - Washington, D.C. - November 8-10, 2022 (00:52:26)

Sponsor: Tehassi Hill, Chairman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the travel request for the full Business Committee to attend the Indian Child Welfare Act Events in Washington, D.C. - November 8-10, 2022, seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

For the record: Councilman Kirby Metoxen stated I want anyone who's on here understands the severity of this Indian Child Welfare in the Supreme Court and it is a case where it's some non-tribal entities challenging tribal sovereignty and should this case be in favor of the non-tribal, this is an attempt to chip away at our sovereignty. The non-tribal entity is arguing that it's race-based and should they win at this case, it starts chipping away at our Indian Health Service trust responsibility of the federal government to tribes, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, it's now could be an opening door to start chipping away at tribal sovereignty. And so, across the country they are asking for tribes and tribal communities to support this effort of Indian Child Welfare is not a race-based law, it's a political law. We just want to make sure that we're supported and heard and there's four tribes in this case and Oneida is one of the tribes that are behind this in full force. Ultimately, I'd like to see a bus or two buses of tribal members going to Washington and I'm hoping tribes, the 567 tribes across the country, are rallying to this rally before the Supreme Court in Washington. I think it's very critical and I want to make sure that tribal members understand it. If you are listening here and you have the time and money, you know, support this effort for tribes, this is a time where we need all the support we can get in cases like this. Thank you.

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve more than fifteen (15) employees to attend the Indian Child Welfare Act Events in Washington, D.C. - November 8-10, 2022, in accordance with section § 219.4-3(c), seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

Motion by Lisa Liggins to direct the Secretary, Chief Counsel, General Manager, and the Intergovernmental Affairs Director to work together to determine funding and travel arrangements for the additional attendees, noting some requests may require e-poll approval, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

B. Approve the travel request - Councilwoman Marie Cornelius - Wis DOT Inter-Tribal Task Force (ITTF) meeting and the Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference (WTTC) - Baraboo, WI - October 24-26, 2022 (01:09:43)

Sponsor: Marie Cornelius, Councilwoman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the travel request for Councilwoman Marie Cornelius to attend the Wis DOT Inter-Tribal Task Force (ITTF) meeting and the Wisconsin Tribal Transportation Conference (WTTC) in Baraboo, WI - October 24-26, 2022, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

#### X. NEW BUSINESS

A. HRD follow up from September 28, 2022, regular Oneida Business Committee meeting and directives for FY-2023 budget (01:10:18)

Sponsor: Todd VanDen Heuvel, Executive HR Director

Motion by Lisa Liggins to defer the follow up from the Executive HR Director to the October 26, 2022, regular Business Committee meeting, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

B. Review the Surveillance (Chapter 15) Oneida Gaming Minimum Internal Control Standards and determine next steps (01:11:12)

Sponsor: Mark A. Powless, Sr., Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the notice of the Oneida Gaming Minimum Internal Control Standards - Chapter 15 - Surveillance approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on September 6, 2022, and direct notice to the Oneida Gaming Commission there are no requested revisions under section § 501.6-14(d), seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

C. Review the Craps Rules of Play and determine next steps (01:11:54)

Sponsor: Mark A. Powless, Sr., Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the notice of the Craps Rules of Play approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on September 22, 2022, and direct notice to the Oneida Gaming Commission there are no requested revisions under section § 501.6-14(d), seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

## D. Review the Four Card Poker Rules of Play and determine next steps (01:12:40)

Sponsor: Mark A. Powless, Sr., Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the notice of the Four Card Poker Rules of Play approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on September 22, 2022, and direct notice to the Oneida Gaming Commission there are no requested revisions under section § 501.6-14(d), seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

# E. Review the Mississippi Stud Rules of Play and determine next steps (01:13:22)

Sponsor: Mark A. Powless, Sr., Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the notice of the Mississippi Stud Rules of Play approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on September 22, 2022, and direct notice to the Oneida Gaming Commission there are no requested revisions under section § 501.6-14(d), seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

# F. Review the Three Card Poker Rules of Play and determine next steps (01:14:11)

Sponsor: Mark A. Powless, Sr., Chair/Oneida Gaming Commission

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the notice of the Three Card Poker Rules of Play approved by the Oneida Gaming Commission on September 22, 2022, and direct notice to the Oneida Gaming Commission there are no requested revisions under section § 501.6-14(d), seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

#### G. Post one (1) vacancy - Oneida Land Claims Commission (01:15:04)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by David P. Jordan to post one (1) vacancy for the Oneida Land Claims Commission, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

#### H. Post one (1) vacancy - Oneida Police Commission (01:15:53)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by David P. Jordan to post one (1) vacancy for the Oneida Police Commission, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

## I. Accept the Purple Heart Reservation designation signs update (01:16:12)

Sponsor: Marie Cornelius, Councilwoman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Purple Heart Reservation designation signs update, seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

## XI. GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

# A. Approve the notice for the tentatively scheduled November 15, 2022, semi-annual General Tribal Council meeting (01:19:24)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve the notice for the tentatively scheduled November 15, 2022, semi-annual General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

# XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (01:25:40)

Motion by David P. Jordan to go into executive session at 10:02 a.m., seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

Motion by Marie Cornelius to come out of executive session at 11:56 a.m., seconded by Kirby Metoxen. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

#### A. REPORTS

#### 1. Accept the Chief Counsel report (01:26:45)

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

Motion by Lisa Liggins to approve an exception to General Tribal Council Meeting Stipend Payment Policy, section § 111.4-2(b) and direct that registration end on November 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. CST for the semi-annual General Tribal Council meeting, tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2022, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

Motion by Lisa Liggins to direct the Virtual General Tribal Council Meeting Team to assess the meeting processes to identify solutions and bring the registration deadline as close to the in person General Tribal Council registration deadline as possible for future General Tribal Council meetings held in a virtual environment, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

Motion by Lisa Liggins to direct that the information/statistics for the semi-annual General Tribal Council meeting, tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2022, be limited to the information/statistics currently collected at an in-person General Tribal Council meeting, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the Chief Counsel report, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

# 2. Accept the General Manger report (01:28:57)

Sponsor: Mark W. Powless, General Manager

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the General Manger report, seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

#### B. AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. Accept the August 18, 2022, regular Audit Committee meeting minutes (01:29:13)

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

Motion by Lisa Liggins to accept the August 18, 2022, regular Audit Committee meeting minutes, seconded by Marie Cornelius. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

2. Accept the Cage/Vault/Kiosk compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement (01:29:28)

Sponsor: David P. Jordan, Councilman

Motion by David P. Jordan to accept the Cage/Vault/Kiosk compliance audit and lift the confidentiality requirement, seconded by Lisa Liggins. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

#### C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve the attorney contract amendment - Oneida Law Office - file # 2019-1119 (01:29:43)

Sponsor: Jo Anne House, Chief Counsel

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to approve the attorney contract amendment - Oneida Law Office - file # 2019-1119, seconded by David P. Jordan. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

2. Enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved updated job description for DR05 and approve the request to post (01:30:01)

Sponsor: Lisa Liggins, Secretary

Motion by Kirby Metoxen to enter the e-poll results into the record regarding the approved updated job description for DR05 and approve the request to post, seconded by Daniel Guzman King. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

# XIII. ADJOURN (01:30:20)

Motion by Marie Cornelius to adjourn at 12:00 p.m., seconded by Daniel Guzman King. Motion carried:

Ayes: Marie Cornelius, Daniel Guzman King, David P. Jordan, Lisa Liggins,

Kirby Metoxen

Not Present: Tina Danforth, Tehassi Hill, Jennifer Webster

Minutes prepared by Aliskwet Ellis, Information Management Specialist. Minutes approved as presented on <u>October 26, 2022</u>.

Lisa Liggins, Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE