

# Oneida Nation

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## BC Resolution # 01-24-24-A

### Recognition of the Service of Members Serving on the Executive Committee 1937 to 1969

- 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 Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1, of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council; and
- WHEREAS,** members of the Oneida Nation have stepped forward to provide guidance and leadership for the Oneida community for generations; and
- WHEREAS,** Oneida members adopted a constitution in 1936 which was implemented in January 1937 with the selection of the first Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, on January 14, 1937 at a General Tribal Council meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** those first officers were selected by members to set forth how the Oneida Nation would proceed during a difficult time and for many years these officers were paid \$2.00 per meeting where they made decisions regarding land assignments, loans, and enrollment; and
- WHEREAS,** over the years officers were elected and continued to serve because many members were serving in the military (September 1, 1943 minutes regarding July 1943 elections); and
- WHEREAS,** during this period the Treasurer's Report identifies a savings account balance ranging from \$36 to the greatest amount of \$6000 and issuance of loans to build houses for \$100 to \$500; and
- WHEREAS,** in 1955 the Executive Committee scheduled Labor Picnic which was later canceled because of a "polio epidemic" (August 6, 1955 minutes); and
- WHEREAS,** in 1960 the Executive Committee began scheduling a pow wow to be held on May 28<sup>th</sup> through 30<sup>th</sup> which involved "mak[ing] necessary arrangement to have Leslie Danforth deputized...[and] pay necessary expenses involved in securing a badge, etc. (May 26, 1960 minutes); and
- WHEREAS,** in 1967 Oscar Archiquette, Vice Chair, made a motion, seconded by Joycelyn Ninham, Treasurer, "to adopt Mr. George Farah into the Oneida Tribe on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July as an honorary member of the tribe and as a Pine Tree Chief", which carried; and

**WHEREAS,** the examples above are only a few of the unique issues which faced the Executive Committee and for which they made decisions that set the foundation of the Oneida Nation under its new constitution;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Oneida Business Committee adopts this resolution recognizing the members who have served as Chairmen, Vice Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers on behalf of this Nation.

Term	Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
Jan. 1937 to August 1937	Morris Wheelock	Anderson Skenandore	Katie Cornelius	Harrison Smith
August 1937 to August 1938	Morris Wheelock	Chauncey Adams	Lydia W. Powless	Harrison Smith
August 1938 to August 1939	Morris Wheelock	Chauncey Adams	Lydia W. Powless	Harrison Smith
August 1939 to August 1940	Mark N. Powless	Lydia W. Powless	Chauncey Adams	Raymond Parkhurst
		Andrew Beechtree	Lydia W. Powless	
August 1940 to August 1941	Raymond Parkhurst	Oscar Archiquette	Lydia W. Powless	Anderson S. Cornelius
August 1941 to August 1942	Raymond Parkhurst	Oscar Archiquette	Lydia W. Powless	Anderson S. Cornelius
August 1942 to August 1943	Raymond Parkhurst	Oscar Archiquette	Lydia W. Powless	Anderson S. Cornelius
	Hyson D. Cornelius	Sherman Skenandore		
August 1943 to August 1944	Hyson D. Cornelius	Sherman Skenandore	Lydia W. Powless	Anderson S. Cornelius
		Julius Danforth	Luella Cornelius	Sherman Skenandore
August 1944 to August 1945	Hyson D. Cornelius	Julius Danforth	Luella Cornelius	Sherman Skenandore
			Ephrain Schuyler	
August 1945 to August 1946	Hyson D. Cornelius	Julius Danforth	Ephrain Schuyler	Sherman Skenandore
			Andrew Beechtree	
August 1946 to August 1947	Hyson D. Cornelius	Julius Danforth	Andrew Beechtree	Sherman Skenandore
August 1947 to August 1948	Julius Danforth	Anderson John	Andrew Beechtree	Sherman Skenandore
			Mark Powless II	
August 1948 to August 1949	Julius Danforth	Anderson John	Andrew Beechtree	Sherman Skenandore
August 1949 to August 1950	Julius Danforth	Oscar Archiquette	Mamie Smith	Sherman Skenandore
August 1950 to August 1951	Oscar Archiquette	Julius Summers	Mamie Smith	Charles Allen Hill
August 1951 to August 1952	Andrew Beechtree	Simeon Adams	Mamie Smith	Charles Allen Hill
	Oscar Archiquette			
August 1952 to August 1953	Dennison Hill	Irene Moore	Mamie Smith	Charles Allen Hill
August 1953 to August 1954		Irene Moore	Mamie Smith	
August 1954 to August 1955	Julius Danforth	Melissa Cornelius	Mamie Smith	Norin John
August 1955 to August 1956	Julius Danforth	Norbert Skenandore	Cecil Skenandore	Norin John
August 1956 to August 1957	Julius Danforth	Irene Moore	Cecil Skenandore	Althea Schuyler
August 1957 to August 1958	Julius Danforth	Irene Moore	Cecil Skenandore	Althea Schuyler
			Charles Allen Hill	

<b>Term</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
August 1958 to August 1959	Julius Danforth	Irene Moore	Eva Danforth	Althea Schuyler
August 1959 to August 1960	Julius Danforth	Irene Moore	Eva Danforth	Althea Schuyler
August 1960 to August 1961	Julius Danforth	Irene Moore	Eva Danforth	Althea Schuyler
August 1961 to August 1962	Julius Danforth	Irene Moore	Eva Danforth	Althea Schuyler
August 1962 to August 1963	Julius Danforth	Irene Moore	Eva Danforth	Althea Schuyler
August 1963 to August 1964	Irene Moore	Lee McLester	Eva Danforth	Althea Schuyler
August 1964 to August 1965	Norbert S. Hill	Lee McLester	Woodrow Webster	Althea Schuyler
August 1965 to August 1966	Norbert S. Hill	Lee McLester	Jacqueline Wacek	Althea Schuyler
August 1966 to August 1967	Norbert S. Hill	Oscar Archiquette	Ira P. Cornelius	Joycelyn Ninham
August 1967 to August 1968	Purcell Powless	Oscar Archiquette	Loretta Ellis	Joycelyn Ninham
August 1968 to August 1969	Purcell Powless	Irene Moore	Amelia Cornelius	Joycelyn Ninham

### 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; 7 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024; that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 6 members for, 0 members against, and 0 members not voting\*; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

  
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 Lisa Liggins, Secretary  
 Oneida Business Committee

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