

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Constitutional Review Committee

Proposed Constitution Changes Survey

Please indicate your answers by placing a check by your response. Please feel free to add comments in each area or to attach additional sheets.

NAME - What should the name of the Tribe be?

- Leave it as is: Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Change it to:
 - Iowa Nation
 - Iowa Nation of Oklahoma
 - Other: _____

MEMBERSHIP OF TRIBE – Who should be a member of the Tribe ?

- Leave blood quantum requirement as is: 1/8 or more
- Reduce blood quantum requirement to 1/16 or more
- Reduce blood quantum requirement to 1/32 or more
- Any Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma blood quantum
- Leave requirement that one parent must be on roll
- Remove requirement that one parent must be on roll
- Any blood quantum with 1 parent on roll
- ¼ more blood quantum with no parent on roll
- Leave as is to disallow changes in tribal enrollment from another Tribe
- Allow change in membership from another Tribe so long as the member has not accepted a per capita by virtue of enrollment with another tribe

GENERAL COUNCIL – What powers should the General Council have?

- Leave article as is: General Council has powers to ratify ordinances, elections, recall, initiative, referendum, and constitutional amendments.
- Limit General Council powers: Specify _____
- Expand General Council powers: Specify: _____

OFFICERS – What should be the term for elected officers?

- Leave as is: 2 years
- 1 year
- 3 years
- 4 years

COMMITTEES –

What should be the powers of the Business Committee?

- Leave as is: transact all business, except for powers reserved to General Council
- Expand powers: Specify _____
- Limit powers: Specify _____

What should be the powers of the Grievance Committee?

- Leave as is: not defined

_____ Define powers to include: Specify _____
What should be done if the Grievance Committee does not perform their duties when called upon?

Should the General Council and/or Business Committee be allowed to form other committees as needed?

- _____ Should be power of General Council only
- _____ Should be power of Business Committee only
- _____ Should be power which can be exercised by either General Council or Business Committee

Should each member of the Committees, including the Business Committee, be given the right to vote?

- _____ Leave as is: Chairperson does not vote per Robert's Rules of Order
- _____ Change so that each member votes

MEETINGS

- _____ Leave as is: Election can only take place if Annual Meeting has quorum; election takes place at rescheduled meeting even in absence of a quorum
- _____ Change so that election is not contingent on quorum at the Annual Meeting

How many regular General Council meetings should be held each year?

- _____ Leave as is: 1 per year
- _____ 2 per year
- _____ More than 2 per year, specify _____

How often should the Business Committee hold regular meetings?

- _____ leave as is: 4 quarterly meetings
- _____ 1 per month
- _____ Other: _____

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS -- Should all eligible tribal voters be allowed to vote by absentee ballot?

- _____ Leave as is; in Election Ordinance, only out-of-state voters allowed to vote by absentee ballots
- _____ Change to allow both in-state and out-of-state voters to vote by absentee ballot

Should there be sanctions if the Election Board fails to perform their duties?

- _____ Leave as is: not specified
- _____ Provide for sanctions to be adopted so elections can be conducted in the event of Election Board failure

FILLING VACANCIES – How shall vacancies in the Business Committee be filled?

- _____ Leave as is: Business Committee fills the vacancy, except in office of Chair, where Vice-Chair moves up and Business Committee fills the Vice-Chair position
- _____ Require a vote by the General Council
- _____ Require a special election be conducted by the Election Board

REMOVAL, RECALL AND FORFEITURE – How shall removals and recalls be conducted?

- _____ Leave as is: elected or appointive bodies have power to remove members for cause
- _____ Develop a recall and removal ordinance which specifies procedures and provides for due process
- _____ Require that only the General Council can remove elected members for cause

BILL OF RIGHTS - Should the language in this section be reviewed for legal accuracy?

- _____ Leave as is
- _____ Review for changes

DUTIES OF OFFICERS – Should officer duties be clarified, limited, or expanded?

Chairperson—

Leave as is: “general supervision of the affairs of the General Council and Business Committee”

Clarify duties: Specify _____

Expand duties: Specify _____

Limit duties: Specify _____

Treasurer -- Audit—

Leave as is: require annual tribal audit

Change audit requirement: Specify _____

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Should all candidates be bondable?

Leave as is: Allow candidacy from individuals who have past felonies provided 5 years have passed.

Change to allow candidacy from individuals who have past felonies provided 10 years have passed.

Require that all candidates be bondable, i.e. no felony convictions

Should candidacy be allowed for persons who have been removed from office?

Leave as is: not specified

Allow candidacy if 5 years has passed since removal

Allow candidacy if more than 5 years has passed, specify _____

Should there be an educational requirement for candidate?

Leave as is: no required

High school graduation or GED

College graduate

Other: Specify _____

QUORUM – Should there be a quorum changes?

Election Board

Leave as is: not specified

2 members required for quorum

General Council

Leave as is: 20 required

Change: Specify _____

Grievance Committee

Leave as is: 2 required

Change: Specify _____

Business Committee

Leave as is: 3 required

Change: Specify _____

DEFINITION OF TERMS – Should this section be reviewed for legal accuracy?

Leave as is

Review for changes

Add other terms: Specify _____

COURTS – Should a new article be included which defines the creation, jurisdiction, review, terms of appointment, vacancies, and effective date of the Iowa Tribal Court(s)?

Yes
 No

AMENDMENTS -- How should the Constitution be amended?

Leave as is, only with approval by Secretary of the Interior
 Do not require approval by Secretary of the Interior

SAVINGS CLAUSE – Should all previous ordinances or resolutions continue in effect unless revoked or amended after the date of adoption of any amended Constitution?

Yes
 Re-do all resolutions and ordinances

Optional information: (All responses are strictly confidential.)

Survey submitted by _____
Contact me for follow-up: Telephone _____

Return completed surveys to:

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Please submit survey by MARCH 28, 2007