

BY-LAWS OF
MENOMINEE LANGUAGE & CULTURE COMMISSION

ARTICLE I – NAME:

The name of this commission shall be the Menominee Language & Culture Commission.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE:

To preserve, protect and promote the rights of the Menominee Nation and to follow the mandates of the Language & Culture Code Ordinance 96-22.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS:

The membership of the commission shall be limited to nine (9) members, consisting of five (5) eminent elders and four (4) community members.

Preference for membership will be an elder Menominee who is knowledgeable of Menominee language, history, culture and traditions provided that such member of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin has been appointed by the Tribal Chairperson and approved by the Menominee Tribal Legislature in accordance with its rules and procedures.

The term of membership shall be a lifetime appointment unless removed by the Menominee Tribal Legislature for cause.

Any member desiring to resign from the commission shall submit his/her resignation in writing to the Secretary of the Commission, who shall present it to the Commission for action. The Menominee Tribal Chairperson shall appoint a new member which would be concurred by the Menominee Tribal Legislature.

Any member absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Commission without a valid excuse shall no longer be considered a member of the Commission.

The Commission shall recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature a person(s) for membership on the Menominee Language & Culture Commission.

There shall be no membership fees collected from any member of the Commission.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS:

The officers of the commission shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and a Secretary. Officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these by-laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Commission.

No member should hold more than one office at a time. Officers will be elected annually at the regular meeting in May.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS:

The regular meetings of the Commission shall be held once a month.

The commission shall hold one regular meeting per month unless the Chairperson or three commission members determines that tribal business requires additional meetings, subject to the approval of the Menominee Tribal Chairperson.

Meetings of the commission shall be open to tribal members unless otherwise stated in meeting notice.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or three members of the Commission. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the meeting posting. At least seventy-two hours notice shall be given in accordance with the Menominee Tribal Constitution.

Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI - REMUNERATION:

Members of the commission shall receive meeting per diem and mileage at the rate established by Menominee Tribal Legislature. Members must be physically present for the meeting to collect the above remuneration. Commission members shall be paid twenty dollars (\$20.00) an hour for assignments.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS:

These by-laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the commission by a two-thirds (six) vote, provided that previous notice of the amendment was given to all members at least eight (8) days in advance, and with final approval by the Menominee Tribal Legislature.

ARTICLE VIII - REPORTS TO THE LEGISLATURE:

The Menominee Language & Culture Commission Director shall submit reports and represent the Commission on recommendations sent to the **Menominee Tribal Legislature**. All minutes will be transcribed and submitted to Chairperson Staff. All written reports and minutes shall be provided to the Menominee Tribal Legislature and Commission on a timely basis.

All recommendations shall be consistent with tribal and other applicable law, as well as any and all contracts or agreements the Tribe or any of its programs may have entered into.

ARTICLE IX - COMMISSION ASSISTANCE:

Program Directors, Attorneys, and other Tribal Support Services shall be made available to assist the Commission in carrying out any of its lawful and proper duties.

ARTICLE X - ROBERT' S RULES OF ORDER:

Meetings will be conducted following the Robert's Rules of Order, Red Book Edition. However, the meeting will be less rigid.

ARTICLE XI – MENOMINEE LANGUAGE & CULTURE TEACHER LICENSE

The Menominee Language & Culture Commission shall administer and orally test Menominee individuals being considered for a Menominee Language & Culture teacher license.

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**Menominee Language & Culture Commission
Regular Monthly Meeting
May 12, 2004, at 3:00 p.m.
Commission Building**

ACTION SHEET

Motion made by Sarah Skubitz to approve and recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature the amended changes to the Menominee Language & Culture Code By-Laws. Seconded by Earl Wescott, Sr. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lorene Pocan to approve and recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature two research projects the (1)Healthy Moms Study and (2)NARCH Cancer Project. Seconded by Davey Jean Reiter. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 8-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.