



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE ADVISORY BOARD FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 7-23-08 B

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article III, Section 2 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") provides that the government of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be composed of four (4) branches: General Council, Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Constitution grants the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(i) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to negotiate and enter into treaties, compacts, contracts, and agreements with other governments, organizations, or individuals; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(j) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to authorize and appropriate funds to employ legal counsel in accordance with applicable law; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(r) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to protect and foster Ho-Chunk religious freedom, culture, language, and traditions; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(x) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact any other laws, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes necessary to exercise its legislative powers delegated by the General Council pursuant to Article III; and
- WHEREAS,** the General Council held its 2002 Annual General Council Meeting on November 16, 2002, at the DeJope Bingo Hall in Madison, Wisconsin; and
- WHEREAS,** at the Annual General Council passed a Resolution for the Legislature to create and fund a Constitutional Reform Task Force; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature passed Resolution 6-20-07 A to create a Constitutional Reform Committee; and

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WHEREAS, the Constitutional Reform Committee consist of a Task Force Committee and an Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the delegates and alternates to the Task Force Committee have been selected at the Area Meetings and confirmed by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Advisory Board have not yet been appointed by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, at its December 6, 2007 meeting, the Administration Committee passed a motion to place an advertisement in the *Hocak Worak* and on the Nation's website regarding the formation of the Constitutional Reform Committee; and

WHEREAS, the relevant portion of the advertisement regarding the Advisory Board stated that "An Advisory Board will be formed to assist in the process. The board will consist of: elders, veterans, current and former elected and appointed tribal officials; framers of the current and past Constitutions; and Tribal Members who have special expertise. Tribal members who are willing to serve on the advisory board should submit a letter of interest and/or resume to the aforementioned address for appointment to the Advisory Board."

WHEREAS, Cecil Garvin and Richard Mann wrote a letter of interest to serve on the Advisory Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature selects Cecil Garvin and Richard Mann to serve on the Advisory Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Cecil Garvin and Richard Mann shall be eligible for financial reimbursement for their service on Advisory Board consistent with the delegates and alternates on the Constitutional Reform Committee and pursuant to the requirements of Section 27 of the *Finance Manual* (5 HCC § 5).

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **10 members**, of whom **8** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held on the **23rd day of July, 2008**, that the foregoing resolution was adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **7 members, 0 opposed, and 1 abstaining**, pursuant to the authority of Article V, Section 2(a) and (x) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.


 Elliott Garvin, Tribal Secretary

7-23-08
 Date