

Proposed and Approved Constitutional Amendments

February 21st Meeting

Lance Foster made a motion to amend the constitution to correct typos, character-recognition errors and other easy fixes as listed below. The motion was seconded by Missty Slater. The motion was adopted with 11 in favor and 0 opposed by a voice vote.

- Article II, section 1.b: says "one of those parents" *typo, should be* **one of whose parents**
- Article II, section 1.b: says "possesses Iowa of Kansas and Nebraska" *dropped word, should be* **Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska**
- Article IV, section 1: says "The General Council¹ *character recognition, should be* **The General Council**
- Article VI, section 2: says "Recal¹" *character recognition, should be* **Recall**
- Article IX, section 3: says "Any member" *possible dropped word, probably should say* **Any enrolled member**
- Article XII, section 1.a: says "held on the third (3rd)" *character recognition, should say* **held on the third (3rd)**

March 7th Meeting

Missty Slater proposed a motion to add a definition to the constitution to define "tribal citizen" as any member of the tribe, meaning the terms "citizen and member" can be used interchangeably throughout the constitution. Jennifer Taylor seconded. The motion was adopted with 8 in favor and 2 abstentions by a roll call vote.

Dan Lewerenz proposed a motion to 1.) Recommend clarification to Article II, Section I, to clarify birthright membership/citizenship for persons eligible 2.) To amend Article II, Section III, to clarify that enrollment is not the same as membership and that one can be a member before they are enrolled and 3). To amend Article II, to remove the Secretary of Interior from processes in Section I and Section III. Rebekah Jones seconded. The motion was adopted 10 in favor and 0 opposed by a roll call vote.

Discussion was had regarding if in Article II, Section I, b the term parent should be changed to include additional family members. No motions were made and no actions were taken.

Discussion was had regarding disenrollment in the constitution. There is nothing currently in the constitution regarding disenrollment. It was unanimously agreed upon by a voice vote to not add anything regarding disenrollment to the constitution.

April 4th

Rebekah Jones proposed a motion to amend Article VI, Section I to ensure transparency in the removal of any executive committee member. The meeting cannot be held until 14 days after a written statement of the charges are released to the public. In addition, this meeting should be open to any citizen of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, virtually and in person to allow citizens the opportunity to observe the proceedings. Lance Foster seconded. The motion was adopted with 8 in favor and 0 opposed by a voice vote.

April 18th Meeting

Discussion was had regarding the pros and cons of term limits for executive committee members. No formal motions were proposed.

Rebekah Jones proposed a motion that when we return to the description of the executive committee members role description, the description should include being a representative of tribal citizens regardless of where they live. Misty Slater seconded the motion. The motion was adopted with 6 in favor and 2 opposed by a roll call vote.

May 2nd Meeting

Misty Slater proposed a motion to

1. Amend Article VI, Section 3 to change "sixty (60) qualified voters" in "Upon receipt of a petition signed by at least sixty (60) qualified voters, it shall be the duty of the Chairman to call and conduct within thirty (30) days, a special meeting of the General Council for the purpose of presenting to the voters for their determination any issue or question, except recall {See Section 2 of this Article for Recall) to 50% of the voters in the last regular election.
2. Amend Article XV, paragraph II to change "at least one hundred (100) qualified voters" in "It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment at the request of the General Council, the Executive Committee, or upon receipt of a petition of at least one hundred (100) qualified voters of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska to 75% of voters in the last constitutional election.

Aimee Kraus seconded. The motion was adopted with 10 in favor and 0 opposed by a roll call vote.

Misty Slater proposed a motion to change "approved by secretary of interior" to "certification by secretary of interior" in Article XV. Dan Lewerenz seconded the motion with an amendment of ensuring the change clarifies that the secretarial process is one for the administration of the process not for the discretionary approval or disapproval. The motion was adopted with 10 in favor and 0 opposed by a roll call vote.

June 6th meeting

Sarah James proposed a motion to amend Article IX, Section II to remove "Further, such ordinance shall require that no write in votes or absentee ballots be accepted in any tribal election since such elections shall be conducted during meetings of the General council." to pave the way for better voting opportunities. Rebekah Jones seconded. The motion was adopted with 8 in favor and 0 opposed by a roll call vote.

The group discussed the pros and cons of changing the constitution. No formal actions were made.

June 20th meeting

Discussion was had regarding adding a preamble to the constitution that would add protection and preservation of the land and water and preservation and perpetuation of our culture and language into the Constitution. Lance Foster recommended we look at other constitutions and provided examples. The examples are listed at the end of the document. We discussed the creation of a google document and emailing of ideas.

July 18th meeting

Discussion was had regarding adding a preamble to the constitution that would add protection and preservation of the land and water and preservation and perpetuation of our culture and language into the Constitution. We discussed that preambles are usually aspirational and do not vest individual rights. If we want something to be enforceable it should be in the body of the constitution.

September 5th meeting

Aimee Kraus proposed a motion to change the language in the constitution to be gender inclusive. Dan Lewerenz seconded. The motion passed by voice vote and no opposition.