

Election Reform Committee

SUMMARY

DECEMBER 23, 2014 1:02 PM – 3:32 PM

C1 BALLROOM
CHOCTAW CASINO & RESORT

HANDOUTS	None
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INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT

SANDY STROUD

Sandy showed the group her Great Aunt's Choctaw Bible, a picture of her Great Aunt, and a picture of her Great Niece, who was born the day their family buried Sandy's mother. These items were used to put the committee's mission into context that we are doing this for our future. She gave the group a small piece of sage, which can be bitter or sweet, as a reminder that we have a responsibility to words and how we create things with our words. This is a reminder that as we go through the day we should have kindness in our hearts. She gave the group another gift by allowing them to pick from three rocks (rose from the West (Seattle), quartz from Arkansas since our ancestors had to travel through this area, smooth from the Great Lakes which are said to be healing waters).

COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

1. Ground rules were determined during this meeting:
 - a. Be respectful.
 - b. Timeframe of one hour and 30 minutes.
 - c. When someone speaks, please state your name.
2. Motions were presented for committee vote. Details regarding process for each committee recommendation were not determined as these are broad items that require further review by Chief and Tribal Council.
 - a. A motion to vote on a recommendation that access be given to community centers for tribal political candidates passed unanimously.
 - b. A motion to vote on a recommendation that we have a standalone electoral publication for tribal political candidates to use as a platform passed unanimously.
 - c. A motion to vote on a recommendation that Chief begin the process to reform and regulate campaign financial transactions passed unanimously.
 - d. A motion to vote on a recommendation that Chief review and regulate to protect the integrity of the absentee ballot process that is fair to voters and candidates passed unanimously.
 - e. A motion to vote on a recommendation to consider releasing voter registration list with regard to tribal member wants and needs passed with majority.
3. The next meeting is January 15, 2015 at 1pm (CST).
 - a. There was a member request to vote on public access to committee discussion.
 - b. There will be a discussion regarding Choctaw Nation employment of candidates with relation to how it is dictated by other tribal nations' election codes.

ACTION ITEMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Committee recommendations are due to Chief for review by January 1, 2015.2. Set up space for next meeting.
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