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CHIEFS/DELEGATES: CHIEF PHILLIP MANESS, Chippewas of Sarnia
CHIEF NORMAN AGUONIE, Sheguiandah
CHIEF LARRY NAPONSE, Whitefish Lake
CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, Whitefish River
CHIEF VERNON ROOTE, Saugeen
CHIEF ALFRED BISAILLON, Thessalon
CHIEF RENO DOKIS, Dokis
CHIEF HARVEY TRUDEAU, Spanish River
CHIEF HOWARD JONES, Chippewas of Nawash
CHIEF GREG SARAZIN, Algonquins of Golden
Lake
CHIEF NORM STINSON, Chippewas of Rama
CHIEF CHRISTI PERVAIS, Fort William
CHIEF DENNIS JONES, Garden River
CHIEF YVONNE BRESSETTE, Chippewas of
Kettle & Stony Point
CHIEF JOSEPH HARE, West Bay
CHIEF NORA BOTHWELL, Alderville
LEANDER SNAKE, Munsee-Delaware
ROSELLA KINOSHAMEG, Wikwemikong
MARTHA ALBERT, Chippewas of the Thames
LANA NOGANDSH, Magnetawan
HOWARD PAMAJEWON, Shawanaga
KENNETH KING, Beausoleil
NELLIE ASHAWASEGA, Henvey Inlet
NELSON TOULOUSE, Serpent River

ELDERS: ELSIE KNOTT, Southeast
HARRY MISKOKOMON, Southwest
FRANK LEWIS, Lake Superior
ERNEST DEBASSIGE, Robinson-Huron
FLORA TABOBONDUNG, Robinson-Huron

OBSERVERS:

Sara Peltier, Wikwemikong
Warion McGregor, Whitefish River
Celina McGregor, Whitefish River
Andy McGregor, Whitefish River
Margaret Shawanda, Whitefish River
Richard Noganosh, Magnetawan
Loretta McKend, Henvey Inlet
Dora Tabobondung, Parry Island
Rita Rose, Curve Lake
Tom Bressette, Chippewas of Kettle
& Stony Point
Frank Shawbedees, Saugeen
Arnold Solomon, Garden River
Angus Toulouse, North Shore Tribal
Council
Robert Corbiere, United Chiefs &
Councils of Manitoulin

UOI STAFF:

Joe Miskokomon, Grand Council Chief
Bob Watts, Program Manager
Peter Akiwenzie, Intergovernmental
Affairs
Myra Wabegijig, Executive Assistant

1. EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT/DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF

The terms of office were reviewed by Joe Miskokomon. Chief Stinson recommended that the following be included: " that the duties/responsibilities may be amended from time to time."

Elder Miskokomon questioned as to whether or not this is a full-time position; and also what range in salary is being considered?

Joe clarified that the position is full-time; it is a political representative - there will be a split of duties between the Grand Council Chief and the Executive Vice-President. A Special Chiefs' Assembly will be called for mid-October; the purpose will be to hold an election for this position; the actual term of office will be for the remaining term of the present Grand Council Chief (18 months or so); then the two positions would run on a regular Grand Council electoral basis.

Chief Naponse questioned also questioned as to the salary level and where would the dollars come from?

Joe responded that the range of salary being considered is \$45,000 -- salary; with a \$15,000 travel budget. In terms of funding allocation; the Finance Committee would have to make room within the present budget allocations. Once a decision has been made regarding the office space and re-location; there would be some savings in the overall budget.

RESOLUTION # 1:

THAT we accept the terms of office for the Executive Vice-President/Deputy Grand Chief; with the amendment that the duties/responsibilities may be amended from time to time.

MOVED BY: CHIEF JOSEPH HARE, West Bay
SECONDED BY: CHIEF NORM STINSON, Chippewas of Rama

CARRIED.

Terms of Office attached as Appendix A.

2. CONSTITUTIONAL BY-LAWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Joe proceeded to review recommended changes to the By-Laws of the Corporation, which were prepared by Czernik & White, for the inclusion of a Executive Vice-President/Deputy Grand Chief position. These are attached as Appendix B.

Elder Miskokomon expressed concern with respect to the term of office for this position; he suggested that for continuity, that a staggered term between the Grand Council Chief and the Executive V-P/Deputy Grand Chief be looked at.

Chief Hare recommended that the term of office be on a team basis; that they be elected together. He pointed out that on a staggered basis, there could be potential for division between the two positions.

By a show of hands, the Chiefs/Elders identified their preference: same term -- 26; staggered -- 1.

RESOLUTION # 2:

THAT we accept the proposed amendments to the Union of Ontario Indians' Constitutional By-laws.

MOVED BY: CHIEF GREG SARAZIN, Algonquins of Golden Lake
SECONDED BY: CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, Whitefish River

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION # 3:

THAT a Union of Ontario Indians' Special Chiefs' Assembly be held October 18, 1989 at Spanish River First Nation (Community Centre) in order to hold elections for the position of Executive Vice-President/Deputy Grand Chief.

FURTHER THAT the term of office will be for the remainder of the present President/Grand Council Chief's term.

MOVED BY: CHIEF LEONA NAHWEGAHBOW, Whitefish River
SECONDED BY: CHIEF RENO DOKIS, Dokis

CARRIED.

3. LEGAL DEFENSE

Peter Akiwenzie relayed a concern of Chief Roy Michano in regard to the required \$1,000.00 yearly contribution to the fund by First Nations; Chief Michano would like to see some consideration given to smaller First Nations paying less after the initial first year contribution because of the band support dollars they receive.

Chief Sarazin suggested that the amount be based on the On-Reserve population, rather than the total Reserve population.

Peter indicated that this is something the Review Board can deal with.

Chief Hare further suggested that \$1,000.00 be the minimum contribution by all First Nations; and that the larger First Nations contribute more.

Chief Nahwegahbow advised that there are some small First Nations who can afford to pay the \$1,000.00.

Peter recommended that any changes to the terms of reference can be brought through the Executive; and that they can also look at the amount of the contribution in relation to the smaller First Nations. He advised on a concern of Chief Sarazin; in that the lawyers who are advising the Review Board are also lawyers representing First Nations; this is very close to a conflict of interest. The Executive will need to clearly state the advisory services of the lawyers; they will also need to discuss the present situation involving LaForme Henderson (that being, Harry LaForme is now Commissioner of the ICO and Bill Henderson has moved to Blaney McMurtry).

RESOLUTION # 4:

THAT we adopt the terms of reference for the Legal Defense Program, including the amendments proposed by the Executive.

MOVED BY: CHIEF VERNON ROOTE, Saugeen
SECONDED BY: CHIEF CHRISTI PERVAIS, Fort William

CARRIED.

4. ONTARIO NATIVE COUNCIL ON JUSTICE (ONCJ)

Bob Watts advised the Chiefs that the Union is still a member of ONCJ; and that commitment was stated at the ONCJ Annual Meeting. ONCJ is in the process of planning a policing symposium; they have been advised that this symposium should not be dealing with First Nation jurisdiction over First Nation policing.

Chief Pervais questioned as to how the Union of Ontario Indians' representative is appointed. She expressed concern on the lack of attendance to some meetings.

Joe advised that Henry Peltier had been the representative at one time; but unfortunately, was not able to attend many meetings. He further stated that the Union would participate when we can.

It was then agreed that the Union would advertise with the membership requesting a representative for ONCJ.

5. OFFICE SPACE - RELOCATION

Four proposals were received -- North Shore Tribal Council; Nipissing; Whitefish River; and Munsee-Delaware. The following resolution was made:

RESOLUTION # 5:

THAT the Executive Council, along with the Secretary-Treasurer (Chief Norm Stinson) and an Elder (appointed by the Elders Council), review the proposals on office relocation that came forward from:

1. North Shore Tribal Council
2. Nipissing
3. Whitefish River
4. Munsee-Delaware; and,

that their recommendation(s) be distributed to all the First Nations prior to October 18, 1989 for ratification at the Union of Ontario Indians' Special Chiefs' Assembly, October 18, 1989.

MOVED BY: CHIEF YVONNE BRESSETTE, Kettle & Stony Point
SECONDED BY: CHIEF NORA BOTHWELL, Alderville

CARRIED.

TERMS OF OFFICE

TITLE:

Executive Vice-President/Deputy Grand Chief

REPORTING TO:

Grand Council Chief , Chiefs-in-Assembly, Board of Directors and/or as designated in the By-Laws.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- (a) To assure that staff in the program areas are working in accordance with resolutions;.
- (b) To act as an negotiator on behalf of the Anishinabek with the Federal and Provincial governments;
- (c) To consult with First Nations of the Anishinabek regarding local, regional and national issues;
- (d) To act as a lobbyist in the absence or at the direction of the Grand Council Chief;
- (e) To sit as a delegate of the Anishinabek on Planning and Priorities Committee of the Chiefs of Ontario;
- (f) To assume an active role on behalf of the Anishinabek with the Assembly of First Nations;
- (g) To divide responsibilities with the Grand Council Chief in dispute resolution structures;
- (h) To assume other duties as directed by the Grand Council Chief, the Chiefs-in-Assembly, the Board of Directors and/or as described in the Corporate By-Laws;
- (i) To act as a political representative on behalf of the Anishinabek.

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