



**Pawnee Nation Governing Documents Committee**  
Quarterly Report to the Pawnee Business Council  
4th Quarter  
October - December 2021

**I. COMMITTEE SUMMARY:**

The Committee assists in reviewing documents and making recommendations for revisions for Commissions and Boards.

The PN Governing Documents Committee is composed of the following members: Cynthia Butler, Chair; Walter Echo-Hawk, Co-Chair; Denise Miller, Member; Lisa Gover, Member; Joseph Reed, Member; Victoria Lefthand, Member; David Kanuho, Member and Terance Fields, Member.

**II. Meetings:**

The Committee has met on the following dates during the third quarter: October 4 and 25; November 1, 8, 15, and 29; and December 6, 13 and 20.

**III. Quarterly Goals and Objective:**

a. Description on Activities Conducted

- i. PN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (PN DRIPA) and UNDRIP Support – The Committee submitted to the PBC the recommendation of a Resolution of Support and a Resolution for approval of the PN DRIP Act. The PBC requested more time to get an understanding of what the support of this Act entails and the request is back at the Committee level. The Committee will co-host the Implementation Workshop with NARF and University of Colorado in November and hold a tribal forum for education purposes for the tribal membership. During the education period, the Committee presented the document to the Nasharo Council and continued outreach of tribal members. The Committee looks to receive a Resolution of Support to pass the PN DRIPA from the Nasharo Council at their next meeting. The Committee will make the recommendation for approval to the PBC sometime in the first quarter of 2022.
- ii. Pawnee Nation Attorney General Act: The committee will be looking at suggested changes to the Act in the first quarter of 2022 and re-submit to the PBC for recommendation of approval or denial. There were several concerns about the Act that will be addressed at the Committee level. The Committee looks to send the recommendation back to the PBC during the first quarter of 2022.



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- iii. Pawnee Nation Rakurâračihtisu (Declaration of Respect): The PN Rakuraracihtisu was submitted and approved by the Pawnee Business Council on November 9, 2021 by PBC Statute #21-04.
  - iv. Revisions to Governing Documents and Comment Period: The Committee reviewed two documents for suggested revisions. One for the PN Museum Board and the other for the PN Tax Commission. Both are in the 30-day comment period and will be brought back to the Committee for recommendation to the PBC for possible approval.
  - v. PN Constitution Convention: The Committee requested and was granted the authority to hold a Constitution Convention that will start in January of 2022 (approved by Resolution 21-93). More details will be sent out and the Committee will be appointed during the first quarter.
  - vi. PN Governing Documents Scholarship Program: The Committee will start advertising in the second quarter for the scholarship(s). Will also discuss donations and/or fundraisers for the program for 2022.
  - vii. Committee Participation in the ICW Angel Tree: The Committee made donations and sponsored two of the ICW angels from the angel this year. I want to thank the committee for their contribution.
- b. New Objective for Next Quarter
- i. Continue with planning of the Constitution Convention
  - ii. Fundraise for the Scholarship Program
  - iii. Continue the review for revisions to governing documents
  - iv. Review of the Pathway to Prosperity documents
  - v. Revisions to the PN Election Act (withdrawal of a candidate)

**IV. Financial Reporting**

The financial report is recorded in the comprehensive report. The Committee will carryover 400.00 for the scholarship program into 2022.

**V. Conclusion**

The Governing Documents Committee will continue to work on revisions to existing documents and the planning on the Convention. We look forward to a busy year next year and anticipate great things for the Pawnee Nation.