



Pawnee Nation Governing Documents Committee
Quarterly Report to the Pawnee Business Council
1st Quarter
January – March 2022

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; and Victoria Lefthand, Member.

II. Meetings:

The Committee has met on the following dates during the first quarter: January 24 & 31, February 28, and March 21 & 28.

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 will co-host along with the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee a third tribal forum on the PN DRIPA. The date has been set for April 23rd.
- ii. Pawnee Nation Attorney General Act: Continued work on this document. The Committee will look at additional revisions after the Constitution Convention.
- iii. Revisions to Governing Documents and Comment Period: The Committee did review a submission from the PN Tax Commission for changes to the Tax Act and will make the recommendation to the PBC for approval.
- iv. PN Constitution Convention: The Committee requested for a six-month extension on the Convention and was approved by the PBC on March 10th. Also, at the March 10th meeting the Convention Committee was appointed. These two documents can be reviewed on the Governing Documents website.

The Governing Documents Committee will work on the Convention with the new Committee and be sending out correspondence to each of



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the members. Planning and organizing has started and will be sending out information to the Committee members at the start of May.

- v. PN Governing Documents Scholarship Program: The Committee scholarship has been uploaded to the website and will be advertised along with the other Committee Scholarships.

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 did submit the necessary documentation to carryover the \$400.00 raised for scholarships into the Committees 2022 budget.

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.