



Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

It is understood that each candidate's tribe will provide essential resources during the term of their office with ATNI; i.e., time, finances, and technical support. That tribal governing bodies are expected to pay the expenses of such officers attending meetings and conventions of this organization.

The duties of each officer shall be as follows:

A. The President shall:

1. Be the chief executive officer of this organization shall preside over all Annual Conventions, Conferences, and meeting of the organization; and
2. Countersign all legal documents and resolutions; and
3. Call special meetings of the Executive Council; and
4. Shall perform any other duties delegated by the Executive Council or the Executive Board; and
5. Serve as the Area Vice-President of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) organization.

B. The Vice-President(s) shall:

1. Assume the responsibilities of the President in sequential order of their rank during the absence or incapacity of the President; and
2. Shall perform any other duties delegated by the Executive Council or the Executive Board; and
3. Serve as the alternate to the President as the Area Vice-President to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) organization.

- C. The Secretary shall record and distribute minutes of all the meetings, maintain official files, actions and resolutions, and shall countersign his/her signature of such documents. The Secretary shall also perform any other duties delegated by the President, the Executive Council or the Executive Board.
- D. The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary and act in the capacity of the Secretary in the Secretary's absence. The Assistant Secretary shall also perform any other duties delegated to him/her by the Secretary or the President.
- E. The Treasurer shall perform and oversee financial duties as outlined in the ATNI policies and procedures manual and Constitution. The Treasurer shall work with the Executive Director to ensure that the financial functions of ATNI are carried out and shall make financial reports at conferences and meetings of the Executive Council and Executive Board.
- F. The Executive Director shall be the administrative head of the organization subject to directives and policy established by the Executive Council and/or the Executive Board.

ARTICLE II - ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

REVISED GUIDELINE (11-4-98)

SECTION I. The annual membership dues shall be in five classes:

- A. Tribal memberships. Payment shall be made on or before the day of officer elections. A Tribal resolution authorizing the voting delegate and alternate(s) if other than the Tribal Chairman will accompany payment. If the representation remains the same a letter will suffice. The following scale shall be the basis of assessment for each Tribe:
 - 1. Total Tribal Membership of 0 to 500 members (5 votes); \$200.00
 - 2. Total Tribal Membership of 501 to 1,000 members (10 votes); \$400.00
 - 3. Total Tribal Membership of 1,001 to 2,000 (15 votes); \$500.00
 - 4. Total Tribal Membership of 2,001 to 3,000 (20 votes); \$1,500.00
 - 5. Total Tribal Membership of 3,001 and over (25 votes); \$2,000.00
- B. Individual Membership. Individual Membership dues shall be \$35.00 per individual and shall become due on or before the time of registration at each annual convention.
 - 1. Individual Indian voting membership: such members shall be entitled to vote, receive newsletters, meeting notices & mailings for such time preceding each annual election.

2. Non-Indian Individual membership: this class of membership is reserved for individuals with a lack of Indian ancestry. Such membership carries all the rights of individual except the right to vote.
- C. Individual Lifetime Memberships. Individual Lifetime Membership shall be \$200.00 per person.
- D. Tribal Organization Membership. Tribal Organization Membership dues are \$100.00. Such membership shall be entitled to receive newsletters, meeting notices & mailings.
- E. Nonprofit Organization Membership. Nonprofit Organization Membership dues are \$300.00. Such membership shall carry such rights and privileges as are accorded to Tribal organization membership.
- F. Corporate Membership. Corporate Membership dues are \$500.00. Such membership shall carry such rights and privileges as are accorded to Tribal organization membership.


ARTICLE III - COMMITTEE RULES

Each Standing or Ad Hoc Committee Chairman shall have the responsibility for determining the agenda to be addressed at each Annual Convention or Conference. He/She shall also provide a report to the Executive Council of the issues addressed and actions taken by the Committee(s).

ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be proposed and submitted by any member Tribe, or individuals or Executive Council member. The Executive Council may amend the Bylaws by a vote of two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the votes present at the meeting and amendments shall become effective at the next annual convention.

As amended on September 29, 1999


Ernest L. Stensgar, President


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