



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 03-167

of the

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Tribe, its members, its lands, its enterprises and its agencies by the authority of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; **and**

WHEREAS, under the Constitution, Bylaws and inherent sovereignty of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of the tribal members, and with protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources and rights of the Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has been entrusted with the creation of ordinances and resolutions in order to fulfill their duty of protecting the health, security, education, and general welfare of tribal members, and of protecting and managing the lands and treaty resources of the Tribe; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe wishes to be a Member Tribe in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians; **and**

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribe meets all requirements for Tribal Membership, pursuant to Article 11, Section 2A of the Constitution and Bylaws of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI); **and**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, which is the official governing body of the above-named Tribe, hereby authorizes the Tribal Council Chairman who is the official principal tribal official, to take the necessary action to place the Tribe in membership in NCAI; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Tribal funds in the amount of \$5,000.00, based on Tribal Membership dues scheduled in the NCAI By-laws, Article III, Section 3B, are authorized to be paid for membership in NCAI; **and**

BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED that, based on the tribal citizenry of 762 persons, the Tribe shall have 110 votes, in accordance with Article II, Section 6c of the NCAI Constitution; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the NCAI Constitution, the Squaxin Tribe designates the following named persons as Delegate and Alternate Delegate(s), and instructs them to become Individual Members in Good Standing in NCAI in order to fulfill their responsibilities as Official Delegates to the NCAI Annual Convention, Mid-Year Conference and Executive Council Meetings.

Delegate Andy Whitener Term 1 yr Signature [Signature]

Alternate Vince Henry Sr. Term 1 yr Signature [Signature]

Alternate Rob Perry Term 1 yr Signature [Signature]

Alternate _____ Term _____ Signature _____

CERTIFICATION

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at the regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 30th day of September, 2003, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 6 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.

[Signature]
Dave Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by: [Signature]
Vince Henry, Secretary

[Signature]
Andy Whitener, Vice Chairman

National Congress of American Indians

2003-2004 TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP CREDENTIALING PROCESS



Tribal membership entitles the tribal delegate to **cast votes** for his or her tribe during elections, resolution votes, and any other matters on the floor of General Assembly and includes email updates for three addresses, one fax, and the *NCAI Sentinel*. NCAI dues were increased at the 2002 Annual Session, this dues increase is now in effect – please see the table below to determine your membership fee.

In order to become a **Tribal Member** in good standing you must follow these important steps:

1. Review the Tribal Membership Credentialing Process Form, page 1.
2. Fill out the Tribal Membership Application, page 2.
3. Submit your Tribal Resolution for Membership by re-typing the attached template on your letterhead, page 3.
4. All Delegates and Alternates listed on your resolution have to be individual members in good-standing with NCAI, page 4.

●ALL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE RENEWABLE AT THE ANNUAL CONVENTION EACH YEAR●

*Articles from the National Congress of American Indians
Constitution and By-Laws applicable to the membership process:*

Article II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 A: Tribal Membership

Any Tribe, band or identifiable group of American Indians or Alaska Natives shall be eligible for tribal membership provided it shall fulfill all the following requirements:

1. A substantial number of its members reside upon the same reservation or, in the absence of a reservation, in the same general locality;

2. It maintains a tribal organization, with regular officers and the means of transacting business and arriving at a reasonably accurate count of its membership;

3. It is not a mere offshoot or fraction of an organized tribe, itself eligible for membership; and

4. It is recognized as a tribe or other identifiable group of American Indians or Alaska Natives by the Department of the Interior, Court of Claims, the Indian Claims Commission, or a State.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 3B: Dues for Tribal

Membership-In accordance with the following table:

Income	Dues
5 million or over	\$5,000
1 million or over	\$1,000
\$500,000 to \$1 million	\$500
\$0 to \$500,000	\$100

If revenue exceeds \$10 million, please consider increasing your dues as a contribution to NCAI.

Article II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 6C: Votes

Each individual member is entitled to one vote. Each member tribe is entitled to 100-180 votes, depending upon the enrollment of the tribe. Each member tribe shall vote in accordance with the following table:

Members in Tribe	Number of Votes
up to & including 500	100
501 to 1500	110
1501 to 2500	120
2501 to 3500	130
3501 to 4500	140
4501 to 5500	150
5501 to 6500	160
6501 to 7500	170
7501 and over	180