



SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 98-19

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 Tribal Council has selected an Elder Committee as an advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Heritage Committee has developed the Elders Committee By-laws; and,

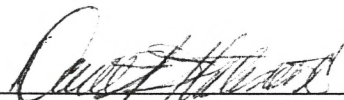
WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council has reviewed the Elders Committee By-laws; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby approve and adopt the Elders Committee By-laws, effective December 17, 1998.

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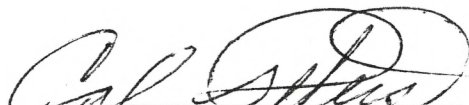
CERTIFICATION

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 12th day of Dec, 1998, at which time a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



Dave Whitener, Sr., Chairman

Attested by: Sue McFarlane
Sue McFarlane, Secretary



Cal Peters, Vice Chairman

Squaxin Island Tribe

Elder's Committee By-Laws

The purpose of the Elder's Committee: The Elder's Committee is established by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council to provide advice and recommendations concerning tribal issues when necessary. In addition, the Tribal Council recognizes the need for the Squaxin Island Tribal Elders to address and decide their specific needs.

The Authority of the Elder's Committee: The Elder's Committee is authorized to provide advice and recommendations to the Tribal Council and the Heritage and Culture Department. The committee may hold public hearings as approved by the Executive Director to solicit community comments on topics and issues. The committee is not authorized to give direction to any staff members or independently establish policies.

ARTICLE I.

Membership.

Exception – Sec. 24 Commission and Committees Policy Ordinance

Section 1. Eligibility. Members of the Committee shall be all enrolled Squaxin Island Elders who are age 55 or older. (There are approximately 60 tribal Elders who should all be members of the Elder's Committee.)

Section 2. Appointments. The council shall approve the elected executive officers of the committee.

Exception – Sec. 24

Section 3. Terms. Terms are not necessary because anyone over the age of 55 is considered a member.

ARTICLE II.

Officers.

Section 1. Election of Executive Officers. At its first regularly scheduled meeting, the committee will, by secret ballot elect a Committee Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and three Members-at-Large. Election of executive officers will be conducted each February.

Section 2. Terms of Executive Officers. The officer's terms will be one year.

Section 3. Duties of Officers.

A. Chairperson

- 1) The Chairperson will conduct meetings
- 2) Call meetings (establish regular time and place)
- 3) Set agendas
- 4) Act as liaison with the Tribal Council, and when necessary
- 5) Call for changes in committee organization and/or functions.

B. Vice-Chairperson

- 1) Shall serve when the Chairperson is unavailable.

C. Secretary

- 1) Responsible for coordination of minutes with the Heritage and Culture Department representative.

D. Treasurer

- 1) Follow all Tribal requirements concerning protection of committee funding.
- 2) Responsible for managing and reporting of all funds.

E. Member-at-Large

- 1) Support the executive committee as needed.

ARTICLE III.

Decision Making Process.

Section 1. Decision Making Process. The Elders Committee will attempt to make every effort to make all decisions by consensus. However, if the committee feels it necessary, voting may be by showing of hands, at which time every vote will be recorded and passing will be by majority vote.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings.

Section 1. Schedule of Meetings. Meetings will be quarterly and as necessary. Notification of meetings shall be by mail through the Heritage and Culture Department. Emergency meetings shall be called by the Chairperson. Tribal Council, Executive Director or the Heritage & Culture Director may request the Chairperson to call an emergency meeting. Emergency meetings require phone calls to every executive member of the committee.

Section 2. Meeting Structure. A quorum will consist of two (2) executive officers with one being Chairperson or Vice-Chair, and at least 3 members. The Chairperson

will wait a reasonable time (15 min.) before canceling the scheduled meeting due to lack of quorum. The meeting structure will be in a cooperative and respectful manner. Issues will be presented from an agenda. The agenda will be developed by the Chairperson and the Heritage & Culture Department. Discussions will occur on each item, the Chairperson will call for outcome/decision.

ARTICLE V.

Minutes.

Draft minutes will be presented to the Elder's Committee of the prior meeting. Upon committee approval, copies of minutes will be given to the Council Secretary and the original files will be maintained in the Heritage & Culture Department.

ARTICLE VI.

Vacancy.

Section 1. A vacancy shall exist and shall be reported in writing by the Elder's Committee Chairperson to the Tribal Council through the Council Secretary, and member vacating his or her seat whenever a committee member fails to attend three consecutive meetings without good cause entered in the minutes.

Section 2. Any notice of resignation shall be submitted in writing to the Elder's Committee Chairperson and forwarded by the Chairperson to the Council Secretary. Any vacancy caused by the death, disability or any circumstance shall be reported in writing by the Elder's Committee Chairperson to the Council Secretary.

Section 3. Whenever the Tribal Council receives knowledge of a vacancy, from whatever source, it shall proceed to fill the vacancy pursuant to Section 21 of the Commission and Committee Policy Ordinance.

ARTICLE VII.

Reporting.

Section 1. Following the Commission and Committee Policy Ordinance, the Chairperson in cooperation with the Heritage & Culture Department shall submit an annual report. The annual report is due to the Tribal Council Secretary and the Executive Director on or before November 15th of each year.