

Cherokee Nation At-Large Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

5/13/2020

(Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Present:

Chief Hoskin
Deputy Chief Warner
Councilor Shaw
Councilor Coates
Cynthia Ruiz
Patsy Edgar
Robert Wood
Adam McCreary
Kim Teehee
Kevin Stretch
Dawni Squirrel
Lindi Conover

1. Introductions of everyone on the call
 - a. Chief, Kim Teehee, and Adam McCreary had to leave the call about 30 min in
 - b. Chief discussed the purpose of the call and the committee
 - c. Kim Teehee explained the work that she'd been doing regarding advocacy in Washington, DC.

2. Discussion regarding the purpose of the At-Large Advisory Committee
 - a. The committee was organized to help guide CCO
 - b. A question was raised about the nature of these meetings. Are they subject to the Open Meetings Act?
 - c. Action: Kevin will work with the Attorney General's office to get guidance on whether or not these advisory committee meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act.

3. Discussion regarding the Executive Order
 - a. The purpose of this meeting is to receive feedback from organizations on the Executive Order
 - b. As it currently stands, the order requires 51% of the board need to be Cherokee Nation citizens and 100% of the officers must be Cherokee Nation citizens. There needs to be some clarification on this for the organizations. In the past, there has been confusion regarding board v. officers.
 - c. There was additional discussion about the hierarchical, non-traditional language surrounding officers. Organizations need to follow certain board structures to be granted a 501c3 status. Organizations may consider using hybrid language to satisfy the government and also stay true to more traditional methods of organizing.
 - d. Action: It was decided that each of the 24 At-Large Organizations would be divided between the four committee representatives. Each representative would provide a copy of the Order to their respective organizations and seek feedback which would be shared at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

4. Discussion regarding the \$1000 grant to at-large organizations
 - a. In the future, organizations should have a 501c3 designation with the IRS, but this year, CCO will work with organizations who do not have that designation to grant the funds
 - b. CCO puts the burden of obtaining the 501c3 designation on each organization, but is also here to help with the process, if needed.
 - c. Organizations need guidance on how to spend their grant funds.
 - d. Action: A member of the committee will research what it would take to incorporate through the Nation.