

Oneida Indian Historical Society, Inc.
Oneida, Wisconsin

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ARTICLE I.

The name of the organization shall be the Oneida
Indian Historical Society, Inc.

ARTICLE II. Purposes and Objectives.

The purposes shall be

1. Exclusively educational and specifically to gather, collect and preserve books, documents, records, artifacts and physical objects relating to the history of the Oneida Indian Nation in Wisconsin, New York and Canada.
2. To establish and operate a local history museum and local history library.
3. To preserve, advance and disseminate knowledge of the aforesaid local in a manner prescribed in its Bylaws and on regional and state-wide levels through membership in the Wisconsin Council for Local History and through affiliation with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE III. Offices.

The principal office of the organization shall be located in Oneida, Wisconsin 54155.

ARTICLE IV. Membership.

- A. Eligibility. Membership is open to all Oneidas and non-Oneidas, but only Oneidas on the Wisconsin rolls shall be eligible to serve as officers of the organization.

ARTICLE IV. Membership. (continued).

- B. Qualifications. There shall be three categories available for membership:
1. Youth membership, for individuals between the ages of 14 and 18 years.
 2. Individual adult membership, for individuals 18 years of age and older.
 3. Family membership, which includes members of the immediate family or household.
- C. Membership activities.
1. Members are involved in determining the activities of the organization which serve to carry out the purposes and objectives, as stated in the Bylaws, Article II.
 2. Only members of the organization may serve on its committees, and are eligible to serve as its representatives for designated events.
- D. Membership dues.
1. Payment of membership dues is annual, and provides for a newsletter which reports the activities of the organization, and for necessary secretarial and accounting services.
 2. The amount of dues and qualifications for membership are subject to change by a majority of the members, at a meeting called by the Board of Directors for that purpose.
 3. Dues collected shall be \$2.50 for the Youth membership, \$5.00 for individual adult memberships, and \$7.50 for Family membership.

ARTICLE IV. Membership. (continued).

D. Membership dues. (continued).

4. Dues category is determined by the individual or family, as they apply for membership.
5. No lifetime memberships are available at this time.

E. Voting privileges.

1. Those individuals in membership categories 1 and 2 (Bylaws, Article IV, Section B) shall each have one vote. A family membership shall have two votes.
2. One quarter of the membership must be present for a vote to take place.
3. All three officers of the organization must be present for a vote to take place.
4. The Chairperson does not vote except in the case of a tie.

ARTICLE V. Meetings.

A. Regular meetings of all members of the organization are held semi-annually, during the third week of March and of September of each year, in such place as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate.

B. Minutes of regular meetings shall be recorded by the Secretary-Treasurer.

C. Committees.

1. Committees are organized to coordinate specific projects of the organization, and shall meet as designated by the committee chairperson.

ARTICLE V. Meetings. (continued).

C. Committees. (continued).

2. Committees are responsible directly to the Board of Directors.
3. All committee chairpersons shall provide a report of committee activities during the semi-annual meetings, and also a full report upon termination of the committee project.
4. Consultants or specialists may be enlisted to advise committees, being either members or non-members. Only members shall vote within the committees.

ARTICLE VI.

A Registry of Accomplishment shall be maintained in the offices of the organization, publicly listing the participation and achievements of individual members, and a description of the committees on which they have served.

ARTICLE VII. Officers.

A. Officers. Officers of the organization shall be a three-member Board of Directors: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer.

B. Terms of office. The Board of Directors shall serve five-year terms of office for the first five years of the organization's existence, and elected three-year terms thereafter.

C. Duties. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for managing the corporation, and seeing that the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws are carried out.

ARTICLE VII. Officers. (continued).

D. Election of officers.

1. The Board of Directors shall be elected by the voting membership, pursuant to the provisions in Article VII, Section B, at a time designated by the current Board.
2. Eligibility. Only Oneidas on the Wisconsin rolls shall be eligible for election to the Board of Directors.
3. Nominations of candidates for office shall occur at a regular meeting, accepted from the floor by the current Board of Directors.
4. Individuals nominated for office shall be present to accept the nomination.
5. Elections will be held by secret ballot.
6. In the case of a tied vote, another election shall be called by the Board of Directors.
7. Vacancies.
 - a. A letter of resignation must be submitted to the Board of Directors, if one of the Board leaves office.
 - b. A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Board, if the vacancy occurs within one year prior to a regular election. Otherwise, an election is called by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy for the remaining term of office.