

**MACPRA Minutes
February 22, 2007
Harbor Springs, MI**

Opening Prayer by Joe Mitchell, LTBB

Meeting was called to order by Chair Summer Cohen

Roll Call – Sign in sheet was signed by those present. Present: Burt Lake, KBIC, Lac Vieux Desert, Little River Band of Ottawa, Little Travers Bay Band of Odawa, Sault Ste Marie.

Others attending: Ms. Donna Budnick, State of Michigan, Buzz Long, USDA, Mary Finch, and Mellissa Guterrez USDA.

- (1) **Additions to Agenda:** None
- (2) **Review of Minutes:** tabled at the October Minutes that was held in Mt. Pleasant were not available at this time
- (3) **Approve Agenda:** Motion by Cecil Pavlat to approve the agenda, 2nd by Kay Tuohy, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Agenda approved.
- (4) **Officers Reports:**
 - a. **Treasurer's report** – giiwegiizhigookway presented the Treasurer's report. Motion by Winnay W. to accept the report as presented, 2nd by Cecil, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, Treasurers Report accepted.
 - b. **Secretary Report** – None at this time
- (4) **Special Order** – Election Results: Cecil Pavlat past president provided the results as follows:

Election Results 2006:

Chair: Bonnie Eckdahl and Summer Cohen were nominated. Summer Cohen is the newly elected President.

Vice-Chair: Winnay Wemigwase ran un-opposed and was re-elected as Vice Chair.

Treasurer: giwewiizhigookway Martin ran un-opposed and was re-elected as Treasurer.

Secretary: Alina McGeshick ran un-opposed and is the newly elected Secretary.

(5) **Old Business**

a. **Non-Profit Status:** Cecil had the paper work that was completed so everything is set to sign. We agreed previously that we would wait until the new officers were seated to sign the document to send in. The names would be updated by giwe, as well as addresses. All officers present today would sign and then giwe will take back to Alina for her signature and sign and mail out.

b. **Application Process for Recognition** as Indian Organization by State: Donna Budnick spoke to this issue and says if address and name are forwarded she added them to her list of Indian Organizations. However, Donna is leaving her position with the State of Michigan Civil Rights Office.

c. **MACPRA Website** – Needs to be updated. Changes need to be made. Saginaw Chippewa Tribe has assumed this responsibility and will work with us on this. Summer has contacted the webmaster there and will let us know what transpires and the responses that she gets.

Note: Chairman of LTBB Band Etiwagiishick stopped by to welcome MACPRA and also to let us know that we had an opportunity for some exposure with the Media as Channel 7 was at the Government Offices today to talk about the protection of Big Rock and this is MACPRA's mission. So we decided that Summer Cohen as the new President would speak to the news reporter that was there.

(6) **New Business**

MACPRA Repatriation process - Keith Cook, Portland, MI

-In January 2007, MACPRA (Cecil, Summer) were notified of an inadvertent discovery that took place at Portland, Ionia County, Michigan. The remains were sent to University of Michigan and were examined to determine the origin of the remains. It was determined that the remains were of a female approximately 12 years old, Native American.

- Remains are housed at the University until a time when they are claimed by a Tribe or band.
- Property Owner Keith Cook of Portland, Michigan, would like work with tribes to repatriate the remains. He is also open to letting Tribal people visit the burial area if there is interest.
- Summer will contact tribes with interest in Area 2, Grand River Bands, Hannahville Potawatomi, Little River Band, Match-e-be-nash-see-wish Bnad, Nottawasseppi Band, and the Pokagon Band.

Oregon State Repatriation notification – giwe

- Human remains are being stored at the Oregon State University (OSU). OSU has notified several tribes in Michigan of the circumstance. OSU is willing to turn these remains over to a Tribe in Michigan who claims them.
 - OSU does not give any indication in the Notice of the origin and how specialists came up with Michigan being the area of origin. OSU also does not justify what reason they have for determining them to be of Native American descent from Michigan.
 - Concern over tribes repatriating any remains was voiced. We need to know where these people came from and if they are truly Native American.
 - Summer will contact OSU to get further information for the next meeting.
- Detroit Institute of Arts – Repatriation of Ancestral Remains-Cecil

USDA – Melissa Gutierrez update on Section 106 notification process with Tribes. She was looking for any updates on contact information regarding the map with defined areas.

MDOT/Mary Finch updates the members on the upcoming Inter-governmental Training that is coming up in April and she is hoping that members of MACPRA will attend as well as the Tribes. She will also get a room for MACPRA to meet on issues before the training at the host site. She urged us to register and to make our hotel arrangements and the deadline was extended for the rates given in announcement.

MACPRA Brochure – Giwe had spoken with Summer about updates changes to the brochures and that all officers would be listed as contacts. But any decisions would be made by board. Each person made suggested changes and additions/and or deletions and giwe will do those and bring the updated brochure to next meeting. IT will also be emailed to all those present to make any further changes.

Orders of Communication- Summer presented a document for orders of communication and each person will take those back and review them and make comments and suggestions to Summer.

-On April 11th, Acme, Michigan prior to the MDOT training/conference (see above) Orders of Communication will be reviewed further.

(7) **Announcements:** Donna Budnick announced that she is leaving her job with the State of Michigan and is returning home to take the position as Legal Counsel for the LTTB of Legislative Affairs. This will be her last MACPRA meeting. She also had gathered a master file that had old documents and sheets from the earlier MACPRA meetings. Giiwe will take those and keep adding to it to keep a Master File of sorts for MACPRA.

(8) **Adjournment :** Motion to adjourn by giiwe Martin, 2nd by Cecil P. to adjourn the regular meeting at 12:10 p.m. and to come back to the training put together by LTBB for the Cultural Properties and GIS mapping. We will come back after lunch.