

Spring 1988

## REPORT FROM THE TRIBAL COUNCIL

--REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS...Enclosed in this newsletter are the newly revised Tribal Constitution and By-Laws. We encourage tribal members to review this document and communicate your comments to the Tribal Council prior to the March tribal meeting. A vote to accept or reject the proposed amendments will be held at the May 21, 1988 General Election.

--LAWSUIT STATUS...As reported in previous newsletters, the tribe is pursuing litigation to re-establish our tribal status with the federal government. We recently received confirmation from the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), the nonprofit legal assistance agency which is representing the Brothertown Tribe, that the Administration for Native Americans has awarded NARF a grant to support the research needed to prepare our lawsuit. Anthropologist Jack Campisi will be performing this research. After this research is completed the Council will meet with NARF to evaluate the strength of the information collected and the prospects for a successful lawsuit. NARF has suggested that the tribe begin investigating whether the Wisconsin Congressional Delegation would support an effort to restore the tribe's status through legislation. The research performed by Jack Campisi would support both efforts (litigation or restoration legislation) and we will be working with NARF to coordinate contact with the Wisconsin Congressional representatives. For more information see REPORT FROM NARF.

--1988 TRIBAL ELECTIONS...A General Tribal Election will be held Saturday, May 21, 1988, at the Hamilton Building in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. and it will include election of the Tribal Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and a vote to accept or reject the proposed amendments to the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws. It is vitally important for all tribal members, 18 years old or older, to participate in the election. For those unable to attend the meeting, we urge you to contact the Tribal Secretary and request an Absentee Ballot.

--902 MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE...Tribal Treasurer and Computer Specialist, Leo Tousey, has been automating the tribal membership lists. After inputting a great deal of information, he has determined that there are 902 enrolled tribal members born before December 30, 1969, which makes them eligible to vote in the upcoming election. Now that this information is stored in the tribe's computer, we will be able to sort and extract information by category which will be extremely useful to the Tribal Council and in soliciting funding from government sources. Many thanks to Leo for his ongoing assistance.

--A BROTHERTOWN TRIBAL LAND BASE?...The importance of having a land base in order to facilitate federal recognition is currently under discussion by the Tribal Council. The Council will be working with NARF to determine how a land base might impact our chances of being recognized. The options of purchasing land, soliciting a donation of land, or soliciting grants in order to purchase land, are issues the Council will be discussing in 1988. The Council needs the input, comment, suggestion, and participation of tribal members in discussing these issues. The implications of these decisions are long range and will impact all tribal members and their children. The time to get involved is now.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

PROGRAM: Native American Programs. Grants may be used for such purposes as, but not limited to, projects aimed at increasing the capabilities of Indian tribes to take over services now provided by non-Indian controlled organizations; projects designed to meet the nutritional and emergency medical needs of Native Americans and to provide other needed services to promote individual and family self-sufficiency; providing for the establishment and operation of urban centers serving Indian people living off-reservation; providing for self-help and community economic development efforts.

--BROTHERTOWN COOKBOOK...Councilperson Phyllis Mattern is investigating the fundraising possibilities associated with producing a Brothertown Indian Cookbook. She is actively soliciting recipes from all tribal members and associate members. Send you favorite recipes to her at...1093 W. Cecil Street, Neenah, WI 54956.

--FINANCIAL REPORT...As of January 16, 1988, there is a balance of \$176.40 in the Brothertown Tribal Account. There are two outstanding bills...\$150 to the accountant who performed our last certified audit, and \$71.33 for the annual bulk mailing permit at the post office. The cost of the Hamilton Building has been raised and it costs us \$45 each time we hold a meeting at that location. We are in the process of trying to find a cheaper place to hold meetings. The cost of this mailing will be over \$80, a cost we incur four times a year. Clearly, the small amount of money we collect at general meetings is not adequate to meet our most basic operating costs.

At this time, the Council is reaching out to the 1350 enrolled members to ask for your assistance. We realize many of you cannot attend monthly meetings, but all of you can help in a very important way. If every Brothertown family would contribute \$5, or whatever amount you can afford, it would help immeasurably. Your contribution is tax-deductible, and it is absolutely critical if we are to succeed. Please contribute what you can.

--ENROLLMENT...Now that the membership list has been computerized, several discrepancies have been noted in the assignment of enrollment numbers. In the next few months the Council will be reviewing and acting on these as appropriate.

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THE BROTHERTOWN TRIBAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP. PLEASE SEND YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO...

BROTHERTOWN INDIAN TRIBE OF WISCONSIN  
c/o Leo Tousey, Treasurer  
2248 E. Sandy Acres Road  
West Bend, WI 53095

\*\*Please make checks payable to...BROTHERTOWN NATION, INC.

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--LONG-RANGE PLANNING...NARF has asked the Council to start thinking about what we want from federal recognition. It is a question all of us have thought about, but it is something we have to reach a consensus on and formulate into a long range plan. Questions such as...will Brothertowns move to live on a reservation if we secure a land base?...what type of services will the tribe want from the federal government--schooling, health care?...how will the tribe survive economically?...will you start an enterprise on the reservation?...will you open a Bingo Hall?...will have to be addressed and answered. This type of discussion cannot be done without the active participation of the majority of tribal members. The Council cannot make these decisions by itself, and we need to hear your voice before these decisions are made.

--GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES...The impact that federal recognition for the Brothertowns will have cannot be underestimated. Here is just a sampling of the services the federal government provides to recognized tribes...

#### BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

PROGRAM: Indian Tribal Government Operation. Assistance given to federally recognized tribes in developing tribal governing documents, in compiling tribal enrollment, in formulating tribal election procedures, resolving general organizational procedures, and in the formulation of draft legislation to provide for the disposition of judgment awards.

PROGRAM: Indian Social Services--Child Welfare Assistance. Direct payments with unrestricted foster home care and appropriate institutional care for dependent, neglected, and handicapped Indian children residing on or near reservations.

PROGRAM: Indian Employment Assistance. Project grants, vocational training and job placement, advisory services, and counseling services for Indians.

PROGRAM: Indian Loans--Economic Development. Loans for businesses, industry, agriculture, rehabilitation, education and for relending by tribes and Indian organizations to members of such organizations, assistance to obtain financing from private and governmental sources.

PROGRAM: Higher Education Grant Program. Provides financial aid to eligible Indian students to enable them to attend accredited institutions of higher education. Undergraduate scholarships and graduate fellowships.

#### US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

PROGRAM: Indian Education--Adult Indian Education. Grants to provide adult basic education and GED programs for Indian adults and to disseminate information and materials relating to, and evaluate the effectiveness of, programs for the improvement of educational opportunities for Indian adults.

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Dear June:

As I promised, I wanted to explain in writing our telephone conversations since this past December and January regarding the work done thus far on behalf of the Brotherton Indian Tribe. I regret that for lack of attorney time and resources, NARF was unable to begin and complete all the necessary research by the end of 1987. With Arlinda leaving and Rick Dauphinais assuming the Deputy Director position in Boulder, this office has been understaffed with only two attorneys. I recently completed a major case I was handling this past fall so I will be able to devote the necessary time to accomplishing the work required for the Brotherton case.

I have spoken with Rick Dauphinais and he informs me that the Administration on Native Americans (ANA) program contract was approved so NARF will be able to contract with Dr. Jack Campisi for him to begin researching the Bureau of Indian Affairs area and central office records as well as any other relevant documents within the Department of Interior. The ANA funding for this contract begins March 1, 1988.

As you know, we are now doing the necessary legal research to see whether a proposed suit will prevail given the Brotherton's choice to pursue litigation. As I have pointed out and as the previous correspondence between the Brotherton and NARF indicates, if for some reason the facts and historical record after the 1878 Act appears weak, then the option to pursue restoration legislation would be the logical fall back. Should it come to this, of course NARF will advise the Tribe and seek its decision as to what alternative course of action it wishes to pursue. Since you have explained to me that no one has yet informally checked with the Wisconsin delegation regarding their possible support for restoration legislation, it may prove useful to do so once the facts are more fully developed. In any case the facts developed for litigation should be equally relevant to pursuing a legislative alternative, so in that respect there would be no duplication of research nor would I anticipate any extensive delay.

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I am pleased that NARF can finally devote the resources and attorney time to finishing the federal and legal research. I look forward to working with you and the Brotherton Tribe in the coming new year. Best regards.

Sincerely,



Faith R. Roessel  
Staff Attorney

AMENDED ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE  
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#### ARTICLE VI

##### Elections

SECTION 1: A nominating committee shall be elected at the February meeting to consist of 3 voting members. The nominating Committee may pick one or several candidates for each vacancy with prior approval from nominee. The nominating committee will bring nomination names to the March meeting for all vacancies, whether it be one name or more for each office, at which time there may be nominations from the floor. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in May.

### BY-LAWS OF THE BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION OF WISCONSIN

#### ARTICLE I.

##### Associate Membership

SECTION 1: All spouses of a Brothertown Indian 18 years of age or older, and not affiliated with any other Indian Tribe, shall have the right to an Associate Membership

SECTION 2: Associate Members shall have the right to serve on committees. They shall not vote or hold an elected office in the Tribe.

ARTICLE II

Duties of Officers

SECTION 1: Duties of the Chairperson. Shall preside over all meetings of the Tribe, and shall preserve order. Where votes are equally divided in any meeting, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote. The Chairperson shall enforce the laws of the Tribe, its policies, rules and regulations approved by the Tribe and its By-Laws and Constitution, and shall decide question of order and usage. The Chairperson shall counter-sign all orders for payments of money by the Tribe and for withdrawing of all money on deposit of account. The Chairperson shall be bonded at the expense of the Tribe.

SECTION 2: Duties of the Vice Chairperson. Shall have the duty of assisting the Chairperson in all his/her responsibilities, and to take over in his/her absence. In the event of the termination, death, or resignation of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson.

SECTION 3: Duties of the Secretary. Shall conduct all correspondence for the Council and shall keep an accurate record of all matters transacted at Council and General Membership meetings. It shall be his/her duty to submit promptly to the Council, copies of all minutes of regular and special meetings of the Council, and to perform such other duties as the Council may direct.

SECTION 4: Duties of the Treasurer. Shall accept and retain all receipts, safeguard and deposit all funds, and be responsible for all monies of the Council. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of receipts, deposits, and expenditures, open to Council inspection and audit at the direction of the Council. The Treasurer shall make written reports of receipts, deposits and expenditures to the Council at each regular and special meeting. All checks shall be co-signed by the Chairperson and Treasurer. All bills shall be paid with a voucher. All bills shall be approved by the executive Board. The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Tribe.

ARTICLE III

Duties of Council Members

SECTION 1: Shall be the custodians of all bonds, certificates, awards, and other properties of the Tribe. No funds can be withdrawn without the signature of the Treasurer and Chairperson, and approved by the Executive Board. The Council members shall attend every meeting and oversee appointed committees.

SECTION 2: The Council reserves the right to censure a member as deemed appropriate if they remain in contempt of Council. The Council also has the power to issue an "official reprimand" if approved by the majority of the Council members.

## ARTICLE IV

### Executive Board

SECTION 1: The Executive Board, consisting of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Council Members, and also known as the Tribal Council, shall govern this organization through appropriate motions, resolutions, and ordinances subject to the limitations imposed by the Brothertown Indian Nation Constitution and By-Laws. The Tribal Council shall be the governing body of the Tribe and shall have the power to enact ordinances, resolutions and to make any decisions to forward the Tribe.

SECTION 2: All rights, privileges and responsibilities not specifically detailed in the Constitution and By-Laws are reserved by the general Membership through the Tribal Council.

## ARTICLE V

### Meetings

SECTION 1: An annual general membership meeting will be held the third Saturday in May for the purpose of holding elections, and to conduct any other Tribal business.

SECTION 2: A quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) enrolled Tribal members for general membership meetings. A minimum of three (3) Council members must be in attendance.

SECTION 3: The Tribal Council shall meet monthly to conduct Tribal business and is further authorized to hold other meetings as may be provided by Council resolution.

SECTION 4: General membership meetings are to be held in February for election of nominating committee; March for nominating committee report and nominations from the floor, with election to be held in May. These meetings to be held 3rd Sat. of these months in Fond du Lac.

## ARTICLE VI

### Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1: The rules contained in the current edition of "Parliamentary Law for Nonprofit Organizations," by Howard L. Oleck, shall govern the Tribe in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-Laws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

## ARTICLE VII

### Adoption

SECTION 1: An individual may be adopted into the Tribe under the following procedure. An adoption must be sponsored by an enrolled Tribal member, and the proposed "adoptee" must be "known" to the Tribal Council a minimum of five (5) years prior



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to adoption eligibility. The enrolled tribal member wishing to sponsor an individual must file a Notice of Sponsorship with the Tribal Council, at which time an initial interview may be scheduled with sponsor and potential adoptee. At the end of the mandatory five (5) year waiting period, the Tribal Council will consider Adoption which can only occur by a 3/4 affirmative vote of the full tribal Council.

SECTION 2: These individuals adopted into the Tribe may vote in Tribal matters, but they may not serve as an officer or member of the Tribal Council. They shall, however, have all other rights and privileges accorded to enrolled Tribal members.

SECTION 3: In no calendar year shall the total number of adoptions into the Tribe exceed 1% of the total number of enrolled Tribal members.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Amendment of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws

SECTION 1: After federal recognition of the Brothertown Indian Nation of Wisconsin, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Brothertown Tribe may only be amended by a special referendum called for that purpose by the Tribal Council.

SECTION 2: A petition may be circulated by the members of the Tribe to garner support for a referendum for constitutional amendments, but it must be signed by at least 20% of all enrolled Tribal members entitled to vote. If such a petition is presented to the Tribal Council, the Council shall have 90 days to post notice of referendum, and the referendum itself must be completed within 180 days after the filing of a qualified petition. The Council may, at its discretion, initiate a referendum to amend the Constitution.

SECTION 3: A minimum of 40% of all enrolled Tribal members entitled to vote, must vote in the referendum. A majority of those voting is required to approve an amendment, otherwise the proposed amendment(s) fail, and the current statutes remain in effect.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 15, 1988

General Tribal Meeting, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m., with a Social Hour following business. Tribal Council meets from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

February 20, 1988

General Tribal Meeting, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m., with a Social Hour following business. A Nominating Committee for the May 1988 general election will be formed at this meeting. Tribal Council meets from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

March 19, 1988

General Tribal Meeting, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m., with a Social Hour following business. The Nominating Committee presents their slate of candidates for the tribal election. Nominations will be taken from the floor at this meeting. Tribal Council meets from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

April 16, 1988

Tribal Council Meeting, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Tribal members may attend or request that their concerns be placed on the agenda.

May 21, 1988

General Tribal Meeting, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Meeting begins at 1:30 p.m., with a Social Hour following business. General Tribal Elections will be held and amendments to the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws will be voted on at this meeting. Tribal Council meets from 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

June 18, 1988

Tribal Council Meeting, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Tribal members may attend or request that their concerns be placed on the agenda.

July 16, 1988

Annual Brothertown Indian Picnic will be held at the Calumet County Park. Specifics will be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

August 20, 1988

Informational meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall in Gresham, Wisconsin. Meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., with a Social Hour following business.

September 17, 1988

Tribal Council Meeting, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Tribal members may attend or request that their concerns be placed on the agenda.

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Annual Brothertown Indian Homecoming is held at the Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Specifics to be announced in an upcoming newsletter.

November 17, 1988

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December 17, 1988

Tribal Council Meeting, Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Tribal members may attend or request that their concerns be placed on the agenda.

\*NOTE: Locations listed in this calendar are tentative and subject to change upon written notice to tribal members.

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REPORT TO BROTHERTOWN MEMBERS

June, 1988

The election of officers and Council members held May 21 was held in Fond du Lac at our general meeting. The results follow:

Chairperson--June Ezold  
Vice Chairperson--Mark Baldwin  
Secretary--Bonnie Hauman  
Treasurer--Leo Tousey  
Council Members--Bernard Sampson and Platt Welch

The address and phone numbers of your representatives is enclosed.

We now ask that we have your backing and cooperation in the task ahead, the task of getting the Brothertown Indian Tribe re-recognized. We want to thank all who exercised their right to vote and we want to thank you for your vote of confidence.

The Council want to thank the members who also ran for office. Thank you for your interest.

The By-Laws were approved as amended and a copy is enclosed.

The Tribal Chairperson will be meeting with the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) representative and Judicare, a law firm from Wisconsin, some time mid-June, to layout plans for the steps to be followed towards recognition. Will have more to report in our next report. Dr. Jack Campisi will be working with NARF and us again starting in June, according to the NARF representative.

A calendar of events for the balance of the year is again being enclosed for your information. Please try to attend a meeting, the picnic or homecoming. We, the Council, would like to meet each and everyone of you.

We are receiving numerous applications for enrollment and the enrollment committee may be meeting to review the additional applications on hand at some future date.

We have been hearing from some members that they are not receiving our reports that are mailed to them. We do our mailing at the reduced 3rd class rate. If a member has moved, the post office will not forward that piece of mail and will not return to sender. It is destroyed. So, if you know of anyone who has moved within the past few years, please send the corrected address to keep them up to date. We do try to keep up with corrected addresses, but it is a never ending task. People are on the move almost constantly.

Information for the upcoming picnic is enclosed. Please read it and send your answer to the name on the bottom of the page as soon as possible. We have always had a lot of fun at our picnic and homecoming. Why not come and join us. And a lot of work goes into the planning of these events. Hope to see you.

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#### ARTICLE VI

##### Elections

SECTION 1: A nominating committee shall be elected at the February meeting to consist of 3 voting members. The nominating Committee may pick one or several candidates for each vacancy with prior approval from nominee. The nominating committee will bring nomination names to the March meeting for all vacancies, whether it be one name or more for each office, at which time there may be nominations from the floor. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in May.

#### BY-LAWS OF THE BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION OF WISCONSIN

#### ARTICLE I.

##### Associate Membership

SECTION 1: All spouses of a Brothertown Indian 18 years of age or older, and not affiliated with any other Indian Tribe, shall have the right to an Associate Membership.

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SECTION 2: Associate Members shall have the right to serve on committees. They shall not vote or hold an elected office in the Tribe.

## ARTICLE II

### Duties of Officers

SECTION 1: Duties of the Chairperson. Shall preside over all meetings of the Tribe, and shall preserve order. Where votes are equally divided in any meeting, the Chairperson shall cast the deciding vote. The Chairperson shall enforce the laws of the Tribe, its policies, rules and regulations approved by the Tribe and its By-Laws and Constitution, and shall decide question of order and usage. The Chairperson shall counter-sign all orders for payments of money by the Tribe and for withdrawing of all money on deposit of account. The Chairperson shall be bonded at the expense of the Tribe.

SECTION 2: Duties of the Vice Chairperson. Shall have the duty of assisting the Chairperson in all his/her responsibilities, and to take over in his/her absence. In the event of the termination, death, or resignation of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson.

SECTION 3: Duties of the Secretary. Shall conduct all correspondence for the Council and shall keep an accurate record of all matters transacted at Council and General Membership meetings. It shall be his/her duty to submit promptly to the Council, copies of all minutes of regular and special meetings of the Council, and to perform such other duties as the Council may direct.

SECTION 4: Duties of the Treasurer. Shall accept and retain all receipts, safeguard and deposit all funds, and be responsible for all monies of the Council. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of receipts, deposits, and expenditures, open to Council inspection and audit at the direction of the Council. The Treasurer shall make written reports of receipts, deposits and expenditures to the Council at each regular and special meeting. All checks shall be co-signed by the Chairperson and Treasurer. All bills shall be paid with a voucher. All bills shall be approved by the executive Board. The Treasurer shall be bonded at the expense of the Tribe.

## ARTICLE III

### Duties of Council Members

SECTION 1: Shall be the custodians of all bonds, certificates, awards, and other properties of the Tribe. No funds can be withdrawn without the signature of the Treasurer and Chairperson, and approved by the Executive Board. The Council members shall attend every meeting and oversee appointed committees.

SECTION 2: The Council reserves the right to censure a member as deemed appropriate if they remain in contempt of Council. The Council also has the power to issue an "official reprimand" if approved by the majority of the Council members.



## ARTICLE IV

### Executive Board

SECTION 1: The Executive Board, consisting of the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and five (5) Council Members, and also known as the Tribal Council, shall govern this organization through appropriate motions, resolutions, and ordinances subject to the limitations imposed by the Brothertown Indian Nation Constitution and By-Laws. The Tribal Council shall be the governing body of the Tribe and shall have the power to enact ordinances, resolutions and to make any decisions to forward the Tribe.

SECTION 2: All rights, privileges and responsibilities not specifically detailed in the Constitution and By-Laws are reserved by the general Membership through the Tribal Council.

## ARTICLE V

### Meetings

SECTION 1: An annual general membership meeting will be held the third Saturday in May for the purpose of holding elections, and to conduct any other Tribal business.

SECTION 2: A quorum shall consist of fifteen (15) enrolled Tribal members for general membership meetings. A minimum of three (3) Council members must be in attendance.

SECTION 3: The Tribal Council shall meet monthly to conduct Tribal business and is further authorized to hold other meetings as may be provided by Council resolution.

SECTION 4: General membership meetings are to be held in February for election of nominating committee; March for nominating committee report and nominations from the floor, with election to be held in May. These meetings to be held 3rd Sat. of these months in Fond du Lac.

## ARTICLE VI

### Parliamentary Authority

SECTION 1: The rules contained in the current edition of "Parliamentary Law for Nonprofit Organizations," by Howard L. Oleck, shall govern the Tribe in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these by-Laws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

## ARTICLE VII

### Adoption

SECTION 1: An individual may be adopted into the Tribe under the following procedure. An adoption must be sponsored by an enrolled Tribal member, and the proposed "adoptee" must be "known" to the Tribal Council a minimum of five (5) years prior

to adoption eligibility. The enrolled tribal member wishing to sponsor an individual must file a Notice of Sponsorship with the Tribal Council, at which time an initial interview may be scheduled with sponsor and potential adoptee. At the end of the mandatory five (5) year waiting period, the Tribal Council will consider Adoption which can only occur by a 3/4 affirmative vote of the full tribal Council.

SECTION 2: Those individuals adopted into the Tribe may vote in Tribal matters, but they may not serve as an officer or member of the Tribal Council. They shall, however, have all other rights and privileges accorded to enrolled Tribal members.

SECTION 3: In no calendar year shall the total number of adoptions into the Tribe exceed 1% of the total number of enrolled Tribal members.

#### ARTICLE VIII

##### Amendment of the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws

SECTION 1: After federal recognition of the Brothertown Indian Nation of Wisconsin, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Brothertown Tribe may only be amended by a special referendum called for that purpose by the Tribal Council.

SECTION 2: A petition may be circulated by the members of the Tribe to garner support for a referendum for constitutional amendments, but it must be signed by at least 20% of all enrolled Tribal members entitled to vote. If such a petition is presented to the Tribal Council, the Council shall have 90 days to post notice of referendum, and the referendum itself must be completed within 180 days after the filing of a qualified petition. The Council may, at its discretion, initiate a referendum to amend the Constitution.

SECTION 3: A minimum of 40% of all enrolled Tribal members entitled to vote, must vote in the referendum. A majority of those voting is required to approve an amendment, otherwise the proposed amendment(s) fail, and the current statutes remain in effect.

MEETING WITH NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND ATTORNEY

A meeting was held with Faith Roessel, NARF Attorney assigned to the re-recognition of the Brothertown Tribe on Tuesday, August 16, 1988 at the Judicare office in Wausau, Wisconsin. In attendance were June Ezold, Tribal Chairman, Mark Baldwin, Vice Chairman, Maynard Thompson, Enrollment Chairperson, and John Wiley, Director of Judicare's Indian Law Unit. The meeting was part of research effort being conducted by NARF to determine the likelihood of a successful litigation effort to regain federal recognition and to explore the possibility of pursuing restoration legislation in the U.S. Congress.

Ms. Roessel explained that Jack Campisi had conducted research at the National Archives, at the Federal Archives in Chicago, and would be conducting research at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. The purpose of this research is to determine the extent to which the federal government continued to provide services to the Brothertown Tribe after the citizenship act of 1839. The bulk of this research should be completed by the end of August, and it is hoped that both Faith Roessel and Jack Campisi could make a formal report to the Tribal Council early this fall.

Another part of this research includes a land title search which is being conducted by Marcella Giles, NARF legal clerk. This is to determine how most of the fee patent land awarded to individual Brothertowns transferred into non-Indian ownership. Ms. Giles conducted research at the Calumet County Courthouse and elsewhere and we are awaiting the results of this title search as well.

In addition, Ms. Giles attended a congressional hearing held August 4, 1988 on a bill to restore the federal trust relationship to the Coquille Tribe of Indians located in the state of Oregon. An invitation from the Coquille was extended to elected representatives of the Brothertown Tribe to attend this hearing as a way of familiarizing ourselves with the restoration process. Unfortunately, the lack of lead time after a final hearing date was set and a lack of funds prevented anyone from attending. Ms. Giles, did, however, obtain the witness testimony, a copy of which was delivered to the Council to examine.

A great deal of effort was made by the Coquille Tribe to obtain community support for restoration legislation, and much of the testimony material contained formal letters of support from a wide variety of groups and individuals. Faith Roessel asked that the Brothertowns begin thinking about ways in which the tribe could gain similar support. The Council is in the process of compiling a list of contacts who could be helpful in this process, and a list of media outlets which could be used to communicate the Brothertown Tribes re-recognition effort. Your suggestions and ideas are encouraged. Please contact any member of the tribal Council to communicate your thoughts.

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An initial discussion was also conducted as to the "political climate" in Wisconsin and the extent of support the Brothertowns could expect from the Wisconsin congressional delegation if it determined to pursue restoration legislation. Again, if you have any insight or contacts within the Wisconsin Congressional delegation, please communicate them to the Tribal Council.

The criteria for re-recognition is less stringent for restoration legislation than it is through the federal acknowledgement process. The six criterion we would have to meet in restoration legislation would be....

1. There exists an ongoing, identifiable community of Indians who are members of the formerly recognized tribe or who are their descendants;
2. The tribe is located in the vicinity of the former reservation;
3. The tribe has continued to perform self-governing functions either through elected representatives or in meetings of their general membership;
4. There is widespread use of their aboriginal language, customs, and culture;
5. There has been marked deterioration in their socio-economic conditions since termination; and
6. Their conditions are more severe than in adjacent rural areas or in other comparable areas within the State.

After the results of the research conducted by NARF are presented to the Tribal Council, it will reexamine its options for pursuing re-recognition. The research which NARF performed will be supportive of any option we choose, whether that is litigation, restoration legislation, or a federal acknowledgment petition. It is important that as many people as possible become involved in this decision, and we look forward to reporting on NARF's efforts, and to hear your views at the annual Homecoming in October

## AUDIT OF THE BROTHERTOWN TRIBE'S RE-RECOGNITION EFFORT

The Administration for Native Americans hired an independent consulting firm, Orbis Associates, to conduct audits of past ANA grant recipients to see what type of progress they have made with the monies they received. The Brothertown Tribe was one of approximately 30 tribes selected from across the nation to be audited and to have a site visit conducted. The site visit was conducted over several days this past February, and it included interviews with members of the Tribal Council, tribal members, and volunteers, examination of the tribal archives, and a "community meeting" with Brothertown tribal members in the Gresham area.

A 28-page draft of Orbis's report was recently submitted to the Tribal Council. Along with a historical overview of the tribe, the report concentrates on the following six issues...

1. Has there been a change in the political/governance structure of the community? What? When did it occur?
2. What benefits, in terms of funding resources, have accrued as a result of the status clarification activities?
3. Has there been a change in the relationship of the Indian group/community to other non-Indian groups? What? When and why did the change occur?
4. Have there been changes in the community in terms of increased social cohesiveness/organization and improved communications among members of the group? What are the changes? When and how did they occur?
5. How has the community improved in terms of its economic health as a whole as well as in terms of the economic health of individual members. What are some changes? When and how did they occur?
6. Exactly how were ANA status clarification funds used? Were funds adequate? Were project objectives well-designed? Were timelines realistic?

Overall, the report is extremely positive of the efforts which have been made to achieve federal recognition and to further social and economic development. In it's conclusion it states...

"Having experienced some problems, in initially implementing their status clarification efforts, the tribe had gained a cohesiveness and communal expertise in research which should serve as a model to other tribes pursuing status clarification. The tremendous community response in terms of 1) collecting both oral histories and genealogical information, and (2) organizing and housing their archives should be lauded."

In addition to answering the six issues mentioned above, the report makes recommendations on how the Council could further their social and economic development activities.

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The Council is now responding to the report by correcting a few factual inaccuracies contained in it. Once the final report is completed, it will be made available for inspection at all tribal functions. Copies can be obtained by providing postage and copying costs (determined once the final report is received) by writing to the Tribal Chairman.

#### TRIBAL ENROLLMENT REMAINS CLOSED

At the June 18, 1988 meeting of Tribal Council, the issue of re-opening the rolls to admit new members was discussed. Many viewpoints were expressed, but the Council voted to keep the rolls closed at this time and reevaluate its decision in June 1989. After the NARF research is complete and the Council has an opportunity to review this material, a more realistic picture of which option to gain re-recognition is most feasible, and what the political ramifications of adding new members at this time would be. All enrollment applications which the tribe has received are kept on file, and all those eligible for enrollment will be enrolled when the rolls are officially reopened. Since the Council has set enrollment requirements, it has no choice but to accept everyone who meets those requirements.

#### ANA GRANT APPLICATION IS BEING PREPARED

A application to the Administration for Native Americans to fund reopening of a tribal office in Fond du Lac and to hire a Tribal Planner is being prepared. Among the responsibilities this Planner would have would be to develop a comprehensive database outlining community needs in terms of education, social welfare, health and employment. Other areas of priority are the development of a land acquisition feasibility study, development of a long range plan for economic development, developing mechanisms for administrative accountability (personnel policies, comprehensive planning activities, and management and organization planning structures), and soliciting financial support from local, state, federal and private sources. If funded, this grant would support these activities for a 2-3 year period. The application must be submitted to the ANA by October 14, 1988. If awarded, the project would begin in March 1989. If you know of any Brothertown Indian who might be qualified to serve as a Tribal Planner, please contact June Ezold as soon as possible.

#### UPCOMING TRIBAL EVENTS

##### September 17, 1988

Tribal Council Meeting. Fond du Lac Labor Hall. Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. If you have an item for the agenda, please contact the Tribal Chairman.

##### October 15, 1988

Brothertown Indian Homecoming. Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m.

##### November 19, 1988

Tribal Council Meeting. Fond du Lac Labor Hall. Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. If you have an item for the agenda, please contact the Tribal Chairman.

ANNUAL BROTHERTOWN NATION HOMECOMING

WHERE: Hamilton Building, 97 Forest Ave (corner Sophia-Forest Ave)  
Fond du Lac, Wi.

WHEN: Saturday, October 15, 1988

REGISTRATION: 10:00 A.M.

FEES: \$1.00 per person  
\$5.00 for family of 5 or more (must be same household)

WHAT TO BRING: Utensils, plates, cups, dish to pass. Native  
American foods welcome. COFFEE & MILK TO BE SERVED

ACTIVITIES

GENERAL MEETING: 10:30 a.m.

LUNCH: 12 noon

CEMETERY TOURS--all interested persons (after lunch)

INDIAN DANCERS, BEADWORK, INDIAN CRAFTS, ENTERTAINMENT

Being close to Halloween, all the children should bring a costume to put on later in the day. Parade around, be judged in age groups--bob for apples--draw faces on pumpkins--bag of treats for all.

PLUS a few other surprises.

Come and join us, have a learning experience and a fun day.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Number of adults \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ Dish to pass \_\_\_\_\_

Return to:

Irene Shady  
497 S. Hickory St.  
Fond du Lac, WI., 54935  
(414) 922-8132

Phone:

BROTHERTOWN INDIANS OF WISCONSIN  
QUARTERLY REPORT  
DECEMBER, 1988

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL

The Brothertown Council has been meeting monthly, except this Dec. we will continue to meet every 3rd Saturday of the month for 1989 at 10 A.M. unless we have something special planned as the picnic and homecoming. The Council meetings are to be held at the Union Hall, 50 E. Bank St., Fond du Lac, Wi. Please contact a council member, preferably the day before the meeting at the latest, if you wish to be on the agenda for a council meeting.

We have enclosed for your information and review an explanation of the ANA grant application sent in October. We feel you would be interested and it would be helpful to understand the ideas and what your Tribe will be working for. Mark Baldwin, your Vice chairman, has spent many hours working on the application and outlining for the Council for their approval or disapproval and finally working up the grant for presentation. The Tribe really owes Mark a huge debt of gratitude for the many hours he has spent. Thank you Mark for your interest and dedication.

Faith Roessel, our representative lawyer from Native American Rights Fund (NARF) has written a letter and put together a questionnaire for all to answer. This organization and Dr. Campisi are working towards helping to get our Tribe re-recognized. It is important to respond to the questionnaire if you have any information, no matter how small or trivial you may feel it is. This means any help you might have received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs towards your education, any health benefits, etc. Please read her letter and questionnaire very carefully and it just might jog your memory somewhat. The information you send will be very important towards reaching our goal of becoming re-recognized.

Phyllis Mattern is giving us some of her vacation to go to the Federal Archives in Chicago to search some of the records. If any of you can give some of your time for research, please let us hear from you.

As you can see, we have been somewhat busy. For the members who have sent in their enrollment forms and copy of their birth certificate since Sept. 1986, we are keeping all the applications on hand and will be reviewed in the not too distant future.

The general meetings to be held in 1989 are as follows. Please make a notation as to the dates and where they will be held.

- Feb. 18--1:30 P.M. Union Hall, 50 E. Bank St. Fond du Lac  
Election of nominating committee for election of 3 Council members.
- March 18--1:30 P.M. Union Hall. Nominations from floor for Council members
- May 20---1:30 P.M. Union Hall. Election of Council members
- July 15--10 A.M. Picnic--Calumet County Park, Stockbridge, Wi.
- Aug. 19--1:30 P.M. Gresham meeting. American Legion Hall, Gresham
- Oct. 21--10 A.M. Homecoming--Hamilton Building, Fond du Lac

We hope to see you at some of the future meetings.



LOOKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

It's that time of year again when the tribe comes to you and asks for your financial assistance. This quarterly report is one of the only means we have to solicit donations so we can continue our fight for federal recognition. Being as spread out as our membership is, we realize it might not be possible for everyone to attend meetings on a regular basis. It is still possible, for each member to contribute in a very important way—through your financial support.

The costs of sending out this quarterly report, of election notices, of renting meeting halls, insuring the contents of the tribal archives, long distance phone bills when communicating with the Native American Rights Fund, are expenses which members of the Council and those able to attend tribal meetings cannot handle alone. We need your help and we ask you to contribute what you can so our efforts can continue.

If every enrolled tribal member contributed \$1 would we be able to fund the cost of rental halls and mailing the quarterly report for a one-year period.

Please send what you can to                   Leo Tousey, Brothertown Treasurer  
  2248 E. Sandy Acres  
  West Bend, WI 53095

Please make checks payable to the Brotherton Nation, Inc. The Brotherton Nation Inc. is the tribe's nonprofit corporation and contributions to it are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Attorneys  
Henry J. Sockbeson (DC)  
Faith R. Roessel (DC, NM)  
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December 2, 1988

Dear Brothertown Member:

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) represents the Brothertown Indian Nation in its efforts to seek federal recognition. We have determined that we need more information about the type of services Brothertown members may have received from the federal government and more information about the status of the former Brothertown lands. Therefore, attached is a copy of a questionnaire we have devised to solicit input from tribal members.

We believe there may be documents in the Bureau of Indian Affairs records and the General Land Office records which may pertain to the Brothertown Nation if we can determine specific time periods. We have found that the records in the National Archives pertaining to these agencies are not catalogued by tribe and in fact BIA documents are missing for extended periods of time. Your ability to recall any Indian federal assistance or land issues will assist in filling in the gaps.

In addition to the above information, we are also trying to supplement our research with anything you may provide relating to general Brothertown history. We realize that what we are asking for will be difficult to recall from memory since so many of these events occurred in the 19th Century, but if there is anything you can provide, we would appreciate it very much.

Thank you for your help and for taking time to fill out the questionnaire. We realize it is rather lengthy and that the space provided may not allow full written answers. Please feel free to answer on a separate sheet of paper. Please send the completed questionnaire to me at:

Native American Rights Fund  
1712 N St. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Sincerely,



Faith R. Roessel  
Staff Attorney

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## ANA GRANT APPLICATION

A grant application was submitted to the Administration for Native Americans for its October 14, 1988 deadline. The proposed Brothertown Indian Federal Recognition/Social Development project contains a 36-month plan designed to accomplish the following objectives.

--Contract the Native American Rights Fund to perform research to determine the tribe's legal status enabling it to pursue the most appropriate means of achieving federal recognition.

--Operate a Brothertown Indian Social Development Center (tribal office) in Fond du Lac to provide members with access to all tribal records.

--Conduct a 6-month Needs Analysis of Brothertown tribal members to provide direction for future social and economic development activity.

--Develop a Financial Development Plan to identify and compete for assistance and result in the submission of 6 funding proposals by the end of the second project year.

--Develop a Land Acquisition Plan which will lead to the establishment of a Fund to secure a Brothertown Indian land base which will then serve as the center of all future social and economic development activity.

--Implement a Social Development plan to increase community involvement in tribal activity through automation of the tribal archives increasing community organization skills.

If awarded, the tribe would be able to hire a full-time Tribal Planner, a half-time Project Director and a half-time secretary. The federal funding request totals \$328,146. We estimate an in-kind contribution from the tribe of \$106,224. Federal guidelines require at least a 20% match of support from applicants.

The proposed project would begin April 1, 1989 and continue through March 31, 1992. If a grant is awarded, funding for the second and third years is noncompetitive, assuring us a stability of funding for duration of the project. The grant application is currently under panel review and a funding decision should be made by late December/early January 1989.

## BROTHERTOWN QUESTIONNAIRE

### I. Services

NARF is interested in any health, educational or social services that members of the Tribe may have received. Please copy any documents related to these services and try to remember if any one in your family received these services (even if it was a long time ago). Try to remember exactly when the services were received. The following questions represent the type of services NARF is interested in.

1) Have you or any members of the tribe that you know received any treatment, aid or benefits from the Indian Health Service?

Such services might include a) vaccination programs, b) nutrition counseling, c) alcohol/drug counseling, d) infancy/pregnancy counseling and e) surplus commodities (food) as well as regular medical treatment or hospitalization. Although many of these services are available through other federal programs NARF is particularly interested in care provided by the Indian Health Service.

2) Have you or any members of the Tribe that you know received any sort of educational services provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs?

Such services might include a) attending an Indian School (elementary, jr. high or high school), b) any vocational training provided by the BIA, c) any college grants, loans or scholarships provided by the BIA, d) and any job or skill training provided by the BIA.

3) Have you or any members of the Tribe that you know received any General Assistance from the BIA (this would include welfare payments provided by the BIA)?

4) Have the BIA or Indian Health Service ever denied you benefits? Please explain the circumstances and include copies of any letters from the BIA, IHS or your Congressman.

### II. Land

It is important that NARF be able to construct a clear picture of how individual Brothertown land was lost. Any documents you might have relating to Brothertown land is important. These include land patents, deeds and probate records. If you remember the specific circumstances a relative, friend or ancestor may have lost his land please describe the

circumstances, include any documents associated with the loss and try to remember exactly when the land was lost. The following questions deal with Brothertown land ---if you think of something not included in the questions that you think is important please include it.

1) Do you have any land patents, deeds, titles, plats or maps related to Brothertown land?

2) Do you remember hearing about how Brothertown land was patented? Please describe.

3) How was Brothertown land inherited in your family? Do you have any of your family's probate records?

4) Do you remember how and when your family's Brothertown land was lost? How was the land foreclosed? Please describe the circumstances and include dates if you remember them.

5) Do you remember any lawsuits or disputes related to Brothertown land? Describe the circumstances.

6) Do you have any letters from the BIA, the General Land Office (GLO) or any other government agency concerning Brothertown land?

7) Do you remember hearing how the Brothertown land was divided or about any of the surveys of Brothertown land (of particular interest is the Brothertown land in the 1800's)?

8) Do you remember hearing about a mill on the Brothertown land? How did the mill operate (did the Tribe run the mill)? How were mill profits divided?

### III. Brothertown History

The following questions deal with Brothertown history. Please include any stories you might have heard as a child or events you might have attended. Again feel free to include anything you think might be important or of interest. This includes any letters to members of the tribe, family and marriage records and letters from Congress and the Government.

1) Do you have records of or remember early Brothertown gatherings?

2) How often have you visited the Brothertown lands? Describe the occasions.

3) Do you recall hearing about past Brothertown leaders? Who were they and what did they do (this would include tribal chairman but also people who worked to keep the community

together).

4) Do you remember hearing about any Brothertown delegations to Congress or any members of the Tribe who might have visited Congress? Do you have any documents or proclamations relating to these visits?

5) Do you have any documents relating to lawyers who have represented the Brothertown Tribe in the past or have any information relating to previous Brothertown legal claims or actions? If you can describe the claim and result (of particular interest to NARF are claims dating from the late 1800's and early 1900's).

6) Where do you live now and how did you come to live there? Please describe how long you have lived in your present location and how you came to live there, also describe your contact with other members of the Tribe and how often you have returned to the former Brothertown lands.

#### IV. Additional Information

This questionnaire can not possibly cover all the important information or documents. Please include any documents or information you feel are important or useful in understanding the Brothertown and their legal rights.

**JUNE EZOLD**  
**BROTHERTOWN INDIAN NATION**  
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