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## OFFICIAL MESSAGE FROM THE ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE PLEASE SHARE AND POST FOR THOSE NOT ON OUTLOOK

The Oneida Business Committee received official notification from the Interior Board of Indian Appeals (IBIA) regarding the challenge to the Oneida Secretarial Election [which](#) amends the constitution. The IBIA has [dismissed](#) the challenge. After eight months, the Oneida Business Committee will now be able to move forward to implement the changes to the constitution as voted upon by the enrolled members of the Oneida Nation.

After the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Secretarial Election on May 2, 2015, Madelyn Genskow filed a challenge to the Secretarial Election. *Under 25 CFR 81.22: Within 3 days after the election results are posted, any qualified voter may challenge the election results by filing grounds for the challenge.* The challenge was filed with the BIA Secretarial Election Board Chairman, Scot Cameron. Cameron is a BIA official and not a member of the Oneida Nation.

The Business Committee will be aggressively implementing the amendments.

The May 2, 2015 Secretarial Election made the following changes to the Oneida Constitution.

- 1) The minimum voting age is 18 years old.
- 2) The requirement to hold the annual and semi-annual meetings in January and July do not have to be held on the first Monday of the month.
- 3) The amendment has removed federal oversight authority and responsibility that was held by the Secretary of Interior.
- 4) The Judiciary has been formally recognized in the Constitution.
- 5) The Official name shall be the Oneida Nation.

**The General Tribal Council meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, at the Radisson will welcome all eligible 18 years and older enrolled Oneida to participate.**