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**Oct. 26 GTC Meeting**

I am compelled to share my thoughts about the recent GTC meeting regarding the BC vacancy. Numerous weeks prior to the meeting, the Business Committee spent many hours going over all the options with the intent to provide the GTC the most information to assist in their

decision making. We recognize that it is not, nor has it ever been our role as Business Committee members to tell you, the GTC, what to do. We do however feel that it is our responsibility to research and provide the best information to you so that you, the GTC, can make well informed decisions.

The Oneida Appeals Commission ruling that Mr. Leyne Orosco cited that day at the GTC meeting, actually reaffirms that all of the options presented were viable actions that GTC could have taken. This is also in accordance to Chief Council's legal review and opinion dated October 27, 2014. Mr. Orosco's interpretation of the appeals commission ruling was inaccurate and should not have been a reason for the

motion to go with option E to be called out of order. The motion was only out of order because the individual who made the motion did not include the name of the next highest vote getter. The simple fix would have been for the Chair to ask the individual to add the name to the motion and for the seconder to concur. A GTC member did try to make that amendment, but was not allowed to.

Another irregularity was the vote to reconsider option B (election process). Normally we would have had two votes in the reconsideration process. The first vote would be to see if there is support to readress the previous action to vote down option B. If

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that vote succeeded, then we would revote on option B. We only voted once and it was recognized as the actual vote for option B. I feel this action was out of order.

#### **FY2015-2016 Budget**

I would also like to speak to the budget and our budget process. We, the Business Committee, through strategic planning decided: (1) we wanted a budget that had goals; (2) we wanted a budget that was aligned to the strategic direction of the Nation; (3) we wanted a budget that gives value to our Nation; and (4) we wanted a budget that coincides with the budget constraints of our current

economy.

We have started the process of alignment for the FY 2015 budget however; we do not have time to fully implement this new process for FY2015. This means this process will then roll into FY2016.

We recognize the importance of employee input and know that we cannot align a budget without the valuable knowledge and expertise of the people within the organization. We have asked the organization to align with the strategic direction of the Nation. This is also why we have asked all areas in the organization to prioritize all the programs that are currently supported by

the Nation. We believe that the people working day in and day out throughout the organization can provide the best information to create the best efficiencies while still providing for our people, our community and our Nation. To obtain that information, management will be meeting with frontline employees to gather ideas that they feel would create efficiencies that will align with the current direction of our budget. With that being said, we ask for your patience with this new budget process.

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