



NonProfit Corporation History and the role of the Committee called the “Tribal Council”

(See attached Timeline for number references)

I first met with the G-8 group in 2015, the purpose of this meeting was two-fold: first to introduce me to their group (whom I assumed were my cousins) and second for me to show them the documents that I had found that proved our Indian ancestry. (1)

The meeting started on a Saturday and lasted through Sunday. Six individuals of their group were there. I had created six books on my family’s genealogy. After reviewing my books and comparing theirs to mine, we all agreed that we were cousins. Sunday afternoon we had a discussion about the plans that my brother and I had made, I then asked them if they would like to join me in our quest to reclaim our heritage which I felt that the US Government had stolen from us. They all said YES, they then called four other cousins and they also agreed to join.

At those meetings, we elected a Primary Chief, a Vice Chief, a Treasurer and a Secretary. We all agreed that we, eleven (11) people, would serve on a Tribal Council. Our first mission was to spread the information about our quest to family members and ask them if they would like to join. My brother and I had already done this with our Aunts and Uncles and their families. We thought that we were reorganizing our ancestral tribe; I later found out that we were only creating a “club” according to State law.

As our membership grew, we researched what we needed to do to acquire nonprofit status from the US Government so that we could apply for grants. The first thing we had to do was to create a corporation and register it in the state of Louisiana, which I founded in November, 2015. This was called the “Lac Noir Back Lake Tribe of Native Americans of Louisiana,” a nonprofit Corporation with no stock, shares or members. The Primary Chief became the President, the Vice-Chief became the Vice-President, the title of Treasurer and Secretary stayed the same. When the Articles of Incorporation was filed two months later, according to Louisiana Corporation law, the other “club” members all became a “committee of volunteers” under the legal authority of the nonprofit corporation. I have been the legal “Agent” of the Nonprofit Corporation since that date. (2)

Then we applied for an EIN number with the IRS for the Nonprofit Corporation. The “Tribal Council” as a committee, gave each volunteer a title of “Council Chief.” The purpose of this committee was for the volunteers to self-train themselves on how to run a Nation and to create subcommittees to achieve other goals. (3)

All these individuals were “vetted members” who belonged to my Tribal Registry which is part of my private business. I applied for a separate business license and obtained a separate EIN for my Tribal Registry business. (4)

Under the authority of my business license, I submitted all the Tribal Registry records to the State of Louisiana. The Legislative branch approved the application for State Tribal Recognition under my business name of Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana on May 2, 2017, but the Official paperwork was not received until January, 2018. (5)

After receiving State Recognition, I made a licensure agreement with the “Lac Noir” nonprofit corporation for the use of my business name as the corporation official name. This occurred on July 23, 2018. There was no change made in the function of the Tribal Council as a Committee under the authority of the Nonprofit Corporation, which was now named the “Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana.” (6)

Application was then made for IRS tax exemption status as a 501(c)(3) organization. After acquiring nonprofit we had to follow IRS guidelines and Federal laws. (7) Since 2018 to the present date, I have filed annual forms with both Federal and State governments for the Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana. Whereas the Form 990-N fulfills the financial obligations, the Louisiana form fulfills the public disclosure of Officers and contact information. (8)

On Dec. 10, 2024 the Board of Directors only had three members; Fred D Simon, Peggy Smith and Belinda Smith, as Janette Melton resigned as Vice-President earlier that year. Belinda Smith was removed from her position as Secretary for failure to perform her job in a professional manner. The two remaining Board members then terminated the committee called the Tribal Council for failure to meet their goals.

On Dec 28, 2024 the Board of Directors elected six new members for a total of eight Directors, of these David Stevenson was appointed to be Vice President and Kenneth Rachal as Secretary. We are operating as required by Louisiana Nonprofit Corporation and Federal Nonprofit laws.

The Board of Directors has created a new committee that will again be called the Tribal Council; it will be filled by volunteers who are listed in my Tribal Registry, which is a list of all vetted cousins. All volunteers must have the backing of their branch of our Tribal Family Tree.

Most of the members in my Tribal Registry know most of those that are in their Family Branch of our Tribal Family Tree, but there are distant members of every branch that are unknown to others. The Board of Directors is working to identify all members of each branch (This would have been completed if the original committee, called the Tribal Council, had done their job).

The Board of Directors is also working on our application for Federal Recognition. When we acquire Federal Recognition, the Board of Directors will turn over all Tribal operations to the Natchitoches Nation’s Tribal Government and cease to exist. At that time the BIA will require an election to be held for all positions of our Tribal Government. All members listed in my Tribal Register will become Citizens of the Natchitoches Nation and those verified to vote (according to Federal criteria) will be asked to participate in this election.

The future is up to you, the vetted members of the Tribal Registry. Will we be ready?

Fred D Simon
President/Primary Chief
Natchitoches Tribe of Louisiana
A nonprofit Corporation

Fred Simon

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HISTORICAL TIMELINE

All dates correspond to legal documents, posted at www.natchitochestribeoflouisiana.info

- (1) 2015: May through November
- (2) 2015-2016: November to January, 2016
- (3) 2016: May 23
- (4) 2016: June 17
- (5) 2017: May 2 (video recording of State proceeding)
- (6) 2018: July 23
- (7) 2018: October 28
- (8) 2018-2024: Forms 990-N and Charter 42013374N

CERTIFICATE *of* SIGNATURE

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