RESOLUTION 34-66

WHEREAS, Article II - Membership, of the Revised Constitution and Bylaws of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe provides for membership in the Tribe and the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe desires to maintain a current membership roll; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1961, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe designated the April 14, 1941, Annuity Roll as the Basic Membership Roll; and

WHEREAS, the said 1941 Annuity, containing information on sex, date of birth and reservation and band affiliation, was designated in the Revised Constitution of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe as the Basic Roll; and

WHEREAS, in making enrollments based on the 1941 Annuity Roll, the officers of the Tribal Executive Committee were assigned the duty of reviewing applications and presenting them to the Tribal Executive Committee with recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the officers in carrying out said assigned duty followed certain rules hereinafter stated,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the rules followed by the officers are ratified and approved and adopted as follows:

MINNESOTA CHIPPEWA TRIBE

PROCEDURES FOR DEVELOPING CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROLL

I. Basic Membership Roll

A. Membership cards developed for each name appearing on the basic roll to include the following information:

(1) The name, date of birth, sex, the Annuity Roll number, and band affiliation shown on the basic roll.

(2) Blood degree as shown in Minnesota Agency working copy of the 1941 Annuity Roll.

(3) The names of parents where this can be determined from information on the 1941 Annuity Roll. Where this information cannot be determined from the 1941 Annuity Roll, other Minnesota Agency records will be used as the program develops.

B. Deaths

(1) Information on death of members whose names appear on the basic roll is obtained from all available sources. Minnesota Agency file of death certificates, probate records, and correspondence are used as a source of information. County death certificates that appear in the county court houses in the area are reviewed for information. Signed statements from individuals who have knowledge of deaths of members are

received and filed to serve as substantiating death information. The date of death, the source and whereabouts of the information are recorded on the membership cards and such cards are removed from the file of the current living members and placed in a file of deceased members.

C. Relinquishments

(1) Members who have requested, in writing, relinquishment of Tribal affiliation with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe shall be honored and their cards will be removed from the current membership roll. New enrollees who claim eligibility through members who have relinquished their enrollment with the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe will not be considered as meeting eligibility requirements, after date of relinquishment.

II. New Enrollments

A. Membership cards are developed for all applicants approved for enrollment by the Tribal Executive Committee in the following manner:

(1) Names of new members, sex, date of birth, parents, and reservation affiliation are taken from the application.

(2) The parents are identified, as to whether or not they are the natural parents.

(a) If their names appear on the basic roll, their basic roll number, blood degree, reservation affiliation and band designation are noted.

(b) If both parents have the same reservation affiliation, the new applicant will assume the band designation of the mother unless a specific request is made to the contrary on the application. This is consistent with the practice followed on all prior Annuity Roll developments.

(c) If the parents are of different reservation rolls and the application specifically requests enrollment with the father's reservation, their request will be honored and the name of the new enrollee is place on the reservation of the father, and he then also assumes the band designation of the father.

(3) The dégree of Indian blood

(a) New enrollees will assume 1/2 of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe blood of both the father and the mother combined.

(b) Unless the application is signed by an alleged father or a statement accompanies the application which in effect can be considered that the father is acknowledging paternity of the applicant, only the blood quantum of the mother will be considered.

(4) Deathes and relinquishments of new enrollees will follow the same

procedure as in I.B. and C. above.

(5) The latest address, and date of such, of all members as obtained from the applications and correspondence is noted in pencil on the face of the membership card.

We do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by a vote of 10 for and 1 silent at a regular meeting of the Tribal Executive Committee, a quorum being present, held on January 7, 1966, at Bemidji, Minn.

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