

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 32: Historical Societies and Associations

Chapter 1: Cherokee Heritage Center Act of 2020–2025 Amendments

§ 1005. Structure of CNHS (2020)

Cite as: 32 CNCA § 1005

CNHS (2020) shall be governed by a Board of Directors, (hereafter "Board)", which shall be subject to the following requirements:

A. The Board shall be composed of no more than seven (7) members, all of whom must be citizens of the Cherokee Nation and appointed as follows:

a. One appointed by the Principal Chief, Seat 1, for an initial 7 year term, and succeeding 5 year terms thereafter;

b. One appointed by the Council of the Cherokee Nation, Seat 2, for an initial 6 year term, and succeeding five year terms thereafter;

c. One appointed by the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation, Seat 3, for a five **year term** and succeeding 5 year terms thereafter; and

d. Four additional members shall be appointed by the aforementioned initial board members (Seats 1-3) as follows:

i. Seat 4, for an initial term of 4 years and succeeding 5 year terms thereafter;

ii. Seat 5, for an initial term of 3 years and succeeding 5 year terms thereafter;

iii. Seat 6, for an initial term of 2 years and succeeding 5 year terms thereafter; and

iv. Seat 7, for an initial term of 1 year and succeeding 5 year terms thereafter.

B. No member of the Board shall be an elected official of the Cherokee Nation, nor be a spouse or relative within the first degree of consanguinity of an elected official of the Cherokee Nation.

C. The Board may create such additional non-governing auxiliary bodies as it deems appropriate to support fundraising, public outreach, or to provide subject matter expertise and support.

D. The Board may establish membership criteria for the purpose of fundraising and public engagement.

E. The Principal Chief, Deputy Principal Chief, Speaker of the Council of the Cherokee Nation and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation shall serve as non-voting ex-officio members of CNHS (2020).

F. The CNHS (2020) Board shall adopt bylaws, rules, procedures and other policies consistent with this Act, a copy of which shall be provided to the Principal Chief and the Council of the Cherokee Nation.

G. CNHS (2020) Board members shall be entitled to any lawful reimbursement of expenses in connection with their board service and may receive compensation for said service should any such compensation be provided through the Cherokee Nation appropriation process or through such other enactment of the Council of the Cherokee Nation.

Historical Data

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