

WAGANAKISING ODAWAK STATUTE 2006-002
Membership in MAST, NIGA, and NCAI

SECTION I. PURPOSE

The Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians wishes to maintain a regional and national presence in Indian Country through membership in the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST), National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). This statute repeals and replaces all prior actions authorizing membership in MAST, NIGA, and NCAI by Tribal Council

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

- A. The "Tribe" shall mean the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

SECTION III. MEMBERSHIP AUTHORIZED

- A. The Tribal Council authorizes annual membership in the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, National Indian Gaming Association and the National Congress of American Indians.

SECTION IV. REPRESENTATION AT MEETINGS

- A. The Tribal Council recognizes the Tribal Executive as the ambassadorial branch of the government and authorizes the Tribal Chair to choose and send delegates and alternates to the MAST, NIGA, and NCAI meetings.

SECTION V. APPROPRIATION

- A. The Tribal Council has by prior action appropriated the funds necessary to pay annual dues for these organizations and hereby directs the Executive to place appropriate allocations in for future budget requests.
- B. The Executive is authorized to release the information necessary for each organization to determine dues, votes, and other membership conditions.

SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, phrase or portion of this Statute is, for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION VII EFFECTIVE DATE

Effective upon signature of the Executive or 30 days from Tribal Council approval which ever comes first.

Certification

As the Legislative Leader and Tribal Council Secretary, we certify that this Statute was duly enacted by the Tribal Council of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians at a regular meeting of the Tribal Council held on February 6, 2006 at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 absent as recorded by this roll call:

	In Favor	Opposed	Abstained	Absent
Regina Gasco Bentley	X	_____	_____	_____
Fred Harrington, Jr.	X	_____	_____	_____
Dexter McNamara	X	_____	_____	_____
Mary Roberts	X	_____	_____	_____
Rita Shananaquet	_____	_____	_____	X
Alice Yellowbank	X	_____	_____	_____
Shirley Oldman	X	_____	_____	_____
Melvin L. Kiogima	X	_____	_____	_____
Beatrice Law	X	_____	_____	_____

Date: _____

Beatrice A. Law, Legislative Leader

Date: _____

Melvin L. Kiogima, Secretary

Received by the Executive Offices on _____ by _____

Pursuant to Article VII, Section D, Subsection 1 of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution adopted on February 1, 2005 the Executive concurs in this action of the Tribal Council.

Date: _____

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairperson

