

ARTICLE VIII. EXECUTIVE

A. Composition of the Executive Branch

The Executive power of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians shall be vested in the Tribal Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson.

B. Location of Offices

The Executive offices for the Tribal Chairperson and Vice-chairperson shall be maintained in the Tribal governmental offices.

C. Powers and Duties of the Chairperson

The Chairperson shall have the following powers and duties:

1. To represent the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in an ambassadorial capacity;
2. To execute and administer the laws and resolutions of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians;
3. To receive, prepare and submit nominations to the Tribal Council for consideration for the appointed positions set out in this Constitution or future Tribal statute;
4. To make recommendations to the Tribal Council on matters of interest or benefit to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians;
5. To oversee all Tribal Executive departments, boards, commissions and committees created by the Tribal Council;
6. Shall submit monthly written reports of his/her oversight responsibilities of Tribal operations to the Tribal Council; and
7. Submit a proposed budget for the next fiscal year to the Tribal Council.

D. Powers and Duties of the Vice-Chairperson

The Vice-Chairperson shall:

1. Perform the duties of the Chairperson in his/her absence, and assume the duties and the powers of the Chairperson if the position of the Chairperson becomes vacant;
2. Assume responsibility for those administrative functions delegated to her/him by the Chairperson; and
3. Perform such other duties as delegated by the Chairperson.

E. Qualifications

1. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be Tribal members at least eighteen (18) years of age. No person shall serve as Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson within seven (7) years of completion of a sentence or probation upon being convicted of a felony, unless such conviction has been vacated or overturned.
2. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson will reside within the Reservation of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians no later than ninety (90) days after the general election for the term of their office.

F. No Reserved Powers

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall not exercise any powers not listed in this Constitution unless an amendment granting them additional powers has been approved pursuant to Article XVII.

G. Compensation

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall receive reasonable compensation as governed by statute. No increase or decrease in compensation shall take effect until after the next general election.

H. Terms of Office

The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall serve four (4) year terms. The terms shall extend from their oath of office until a successor is sworn in.