

UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

USET Resolution No. 2003:063

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

WHEREAS, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprised of twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and

WHEREAS, the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Committee is a committee that operates under the direction of the USET Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the membership of the Natural Resources Committee has indicated by a majority vote of the tribal representatives present to amend their by-laws in order to function more efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Committee has reviewed the existing by-laws, incorporating some amendments which were approved by a majority of the tribal representatives and alternates present; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the USET Board of Directors hereby approves amendments to the Natural Resources Committee bylaws as presented on February 6, 2003 (see attached).

CERTIFICATION

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Impact Week Meeting, at which a quorum was present, in Arlington, VA, Thursday, February 6, 2003.

Keller George, President

United South and Eastern Tribes Inc.

Beverly M. Wright, Secretary

United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

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Natural Resources Committee By-Laws

Article I. MISSION STATEMENT

1. The mission of the United South and Eastern Tribes Inc. (USET) Natura' Committee is to provide a forum to share information between Tribal Na Representatives and receive information from selected guest speakers.

Article II MEMBERSHIP

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- 2.a. Each USET member tribe or nation may appoint one representative and one alternate to serve on the committee.
- 2.b. The appropriate Tribal Official of the USET member Tribes should notify the USET office and the Committee Secretary of all additions or deletions of committee representative and alternates.
- Each Committee Representative/Alternate duly appointed under the provisions contained in Article (1)(b) of these by-laws shall serve as their tribal representative/alternate on the committee for a term as determined by their tribe. If no term is specified by the tribe, then such committee representative/alternate shall serve in that capacity until such time as the representative/alternate resigns or is replace by their tribe. A tribe may replace its committee representative at will be providing written notice of the name of the new committee representative/alternate to USET and the committee secretary.

Article III VOTING

3. Each tribe represent on the committee shall have one vote. The act of the majority of the committee representatives/alternates present at the meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

Article IV OFFICERS

4. There shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary elected from the committee. Each officer shall hold office until a successor has been duly elected. The election of officers shall be at the Annual USET Board of Directors meeting for a term of two years.

- 4.a. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the general operation of the committee.
- 4.b. The Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson during the absence or disability of the Chairperson. The Vice-Chairperson shall have all the powers an functions of the Chairperson.
- 4.c. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the Committee meetings.
- 4d. Any or all of the Officers may be removed with or without cause by majority vote of the tribal committee representatives/alternates.
- 4e. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the committee tribal representatives/alternates. Acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- 4f. Vacant offices may be filled by vote of majority of the committee tribal representatives/ alternates present at the first committee meeting after the resignation. Any officer elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected to hold office for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

Article V MEETINGS

- 5.a. The committee will normally meet in conjunction with the USET Board meetings.
- 5.b. Special meetings of the tribal committee representatives/alternates may be held on such dates as may be fixe by the Officers of the Committee. The USET office will be notified of such meetings in advance.
- 5c. Meetings of the committee shall be preside by the Chairperson or if the Chairperson is not present then by the Vice-Chairperson or Secretary, in that order.
- 5d. The order of business of all committee meetings shall be as follows:

Roll Call
Reading of minutes of the preceding meeting
Tribal Representatives/Alternates report.
Old Business
New Business

The rules contained in "Roberts Rules of Order, Revised" shall govern the meetings of the committee in all cases in which they are applicable an in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of USET or with these committee by-laws.

Article VI AMENDMENTS

6.a. The power to alter, amend or repeal these committee by-laws shall be vested in the committee. Such action may be taken at a regular or special meeting.

Article VII SUBCOMMITTEES

7.a. The committee an/or the Board of Directors shall have the power to form subcommittees within the committee. Each subcommittee can have their own set of by-laws patterned after the by-laws of the committee. Such subcommittees shall consider only items related to natural resources.

Approved/the 6h day of February, 2003.