



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Great Lakes Agency

Ashland, Wisconsin 54806-0273

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Executive Direction

September 15, 1995

Dear Adult Tribal Members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community residing within the original confines of the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation:

At the request of a petition submitted on behalf of members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, the Minneapolis Area Director has authorized a Secretarial Election to permit the qualified voters of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community to adopt or reject a proposed amendment to the tribe's Constitution. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed amendment for your review prior to this election.

The Secretarial Election will be held on November 14, 1995. This election will be conducted in accordance with the requirements set forth in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81 (25 C.F.R. 81).

All Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal members who are at least 18 years of age on the day of the election and reside within the original confines of the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation and who register to vote, may vote in the election. Voter registration material is enclosed. SPECIAL NOTE: Voter Registration Forms must be completed and returned to the Secretarial Election Board no later than 4:30 p.m., October 17, 1995. Voter Registration Forms received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Any eligible registered voter who will be absent from the reservation or who because of illness or physical disability, will be unable to vote at the polling location, may notify the Secretarial Election Board and shall be entitled to vote by absentee ballot. An absentee ballot request form is enclosed for your convenience.

The polls will be open on the date of the election, November 14, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., C.D.T. The results of the election will be posted at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Government Office, Bowler, WI, and at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Agency, Ashland, WI.

If you have any questions regarding the election or the process, please contact Diane K. Rosen, Tribal Operations Officer, at 715-682-5802 or Annette Davids, Election Board Member, at 715-793-4395.

Sincerely,

Robert R. Jaeger  
Election Board Chairman  
Secretarial Election Board



PRESENT CONSTITUTION AS IT NOW READS

ARTICLE V - REMOVAL

Section 1 - The Tribal Council may, by an affirmative vote of five, expel any member of the Council for neglect of duty or gross misconduct; Provided, that the accused shall be given an opportunity to answer any and all charges at a designated Council meeting. The decision of the Tribal Council shall be final.

Section 2 - The Tribal Council shall fill vacancies in the Council caused by death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, such appointment to be forced and effect until the next annual election.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE  
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY

ARTICLE V - REMOVAL

Section 1 - The Tribal Council may, by an affirmative vote of five, expel any member of the Council for neglect of duty or gross misconduct PROVIDED that the accused Tribal Council member shall be given full and fair opportunity to reply to any and all charges at a designated Council meeting. The accused shall be given a written statement of the charges at least five (5) days before the meeting at which the charges are to be heard.

Section 2 - The members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community shall have power to remove Council members through a recall election. The Tribal Council shall not have jurisdiction over the recall election process. The recall election process shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedures:

a) the petitioners shall form an election board consisting of five members to oversee and conduct the recall election process;

b) upon receipt of a petition signed by at least one-third of the number of those voting in the last general election, it shall be the duty of the recall election board to certify the validity of the signatures on the recall petitions, and to call for an election to be held not more than thirty days from the submission of the recall petition;

c) individual petitions shall be circulated for each Council member who is subject to recall.

Section 3 - No Council member recalled or removed shall be eligible to run or hold office for four (4) years from the date of removal from office.

Section 4 - If a Council member should die, resign, or be removed from office, under either Section 1 or Section 2 of this Article, the Tribal Council shall declare the position vacant. The Tribal Council shall fill a vacancy by special election unless less than ninety (90) days remain in the term, in which case the Tribal Council shall leave the position vacant. The person who fills the vacant position shall only serve out the term of the person being replaced.

**ELECTION NOTICE**

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Members who are at least 18 years of age by January 19, 1996, and who reside within the original confines of the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation, are hereby advised that an election will be held on November 14, 1995, for the purpose of voting on adopting or rejecting the proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. This election is being conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in accordance with Part 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR Part 81).

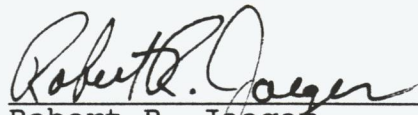
A notice is being mailed to all Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Members who are at least 18 years of age by January 19, 1996, and who reside within the original confines of the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation, at the address listed on the current tribal membership roll. A Voter Registration Form will be enclosed with a self-addressed envelope. Any member who does not receive such a form by mail should request one from the Election Board Chairman, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Agency, Ashland, WI 54806-0273 (Telephone 715-682-5802) or Annette Davids, Election Board Member, Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Government Office, N8476 Moheconnuck Rd., Bowler, WI 54416 (Telephone 715-793-4395).

**THE REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 17, 1995.**

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Members who are at least 18 years of age on November 14, 1995, and who reside within the original confines of the Stockbridge-Munsee Reservation, and who have registered with the Secretarial Election Board will be entitled to vote.

If a registered voter is unable to vote at the polling place, Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Government Office, because of temporary absence from the reservation, illness, or physical disability, the individual may vote by absentee ballot. Requests for absentee ballots must be designated on the Absentee Ballot Request form.

Election results will be posted at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Government Office, Bowler, WI, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Great Lakes Agency, Ashland, WI.



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Robert R. Jaeger,  
Election Board Chairman  
Secretarial Election Board