

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
CANAL SQUARE INDIAN PRINCESSES  
IPANY LONGHOUSE**

ARTICLE I Purpose and Name

Section 1

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- A. First and foremost, to foster the companionship of Father and Daughter and to strengthen the relationship so that they will become "Friends Always".
- B. To promote and support the purposes and objectives of the National Longhouse of Father and Daughter Y-Indian Princesses of the United States.
- C. To sponsor and promote the expansion of the Y-Indian Princess program in the Canal Square YMCA area.
- D. To plan program activities, to promote leadership training for Tribal Chiefs, and share program ideas with individual tribes.
- E. To plan an educational and media program to better inform the public of the Indian Princess program.

Section 2

The name of this organization shall be "Canal Square Y-Indian Princesses, Ipany Longhouse".

ARTICLE II Membership

Section 1

The Ipany Longhouse shall consist of all Indian Princess Tribes in good standing within the communities of West Akron, Fairlawn, Copley Township, Bath Township, Richfield Village, Richfield Township, Ohio, and affiliated with the Canal Square YMCA in Akron, Ohio.

Section 2

Membership in a Tribe shall be limited to girls (Princesses), with a recommended starting age of 5 and their Fathers (Braves).

Section 3

A member is considered to be in good standing provided that dues for the year have been remitted by November 1 of each year. Members joining after November 1 shall pay dues promptly. Dues are established by the Executive Committee and approved by the Longhouse Council.

Section 4

Membership of the Longhouse Council shall be comprised of one (1) representative from each Tribe (Chief or tribal designate) and the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE III Longhouse Council

#### Section 1

The Longhouse Council shall be the governing body of the Longhouse.

#### Section 2

Meetings shall be held on the second Wednesday of August, September, December, March and April of the year, and shall begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Changes to this schedule, or the need for special meetings, shall be made at the discretion of the Chief of Chiefs.

#### Section 3

Each Tribal Representative, each member of the Executive Committee and the Sachem is entitled to one (1) vote on Longhouse business. If an individual holds more than one office, he still has only one (1) vote. Except where otherwise stipulated in this Constitution, a simple majority vote will rule and a voice vote shall be satisfactory unless a roll call is demanded by any member of the Longhouse present. Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

#### Section 4

In order for business to be conducted a quorum of at least five (5) members of the Council must be present.

#### Section 5

Voting is limited to those members of the Longhouse Council present; proxies are not allowed.

### ARTICLE IV Executive Committee

#### Section 1

Elected members of the Executive Committee shall be:

- A. Chief of Chiefs
- B. Medicine Man
- C. Wampum Bearer
- D. Tallykeeper
- E. Fire Chief

#### Section 2

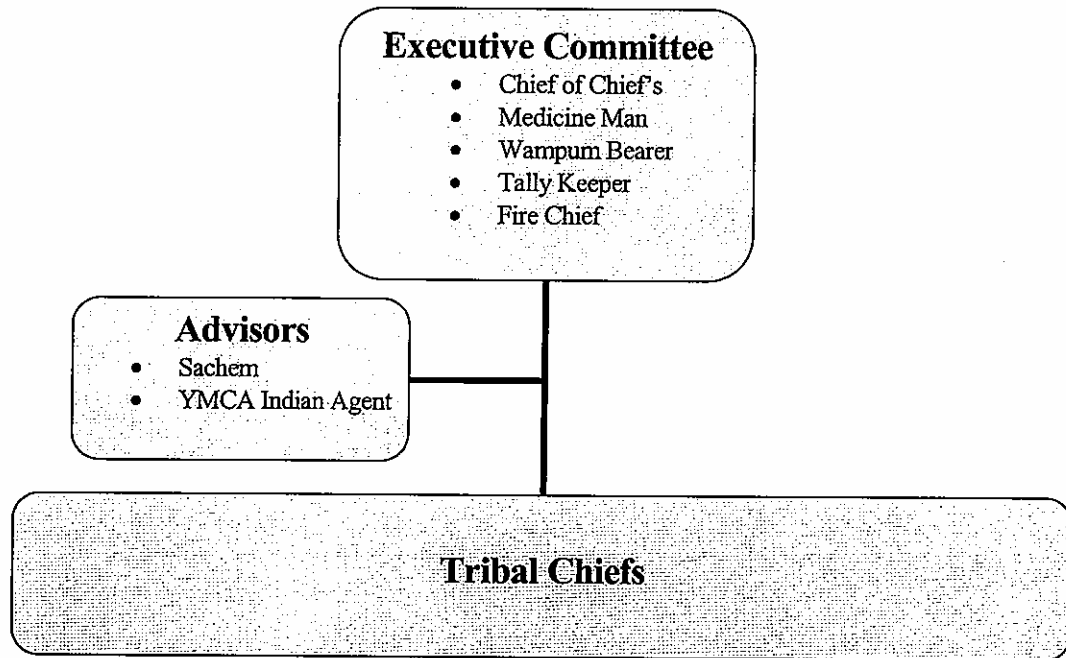
Advisors to the Executive Committee shall be:

- A. Sachem (Immediate past Chief of Chiefs).
- B. YMCA Indian Agent (non-voting member of the Executive Committee).

#### Section 3

The Executive Committee shall be a planning and administrative body for the Longhouse.

# Ipany Longhouse Council



## Section 4

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Chiefs, preferably prior to the Longhouse Council meetings.

## Section 5

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for preparing and submitting an activity plan and operating budget for their term of office for approval by the Longhouse Council at the August meeting.

## Section 6

The nomination of the members to the Executive Committee shall be made by the Longhouse Council. Any adult member in good standing is eligible to run for office. The Sachem shall conduct the election. A minimum of one nomination per elected office shall be submitted to the Longhouse Council's regularly scheduled March meeting.

## Section 7

The election of Officers comprising the Executive Committee shall be held at the April meeting by secret ballot with all members of the Longhouse Council who are present and eligible to vote. No proxy votes will be accepted. A simple majority vote rules and any ties shall be broken by a toss of a coin.

## Section 8

Special elections shall be held to fill any vacant offices that may occur during the year. The vacancy shall be published in the next newsletter and the election occurring at the next regularly scheduled Longhouse Council meeting.

## Section 9

Elected officers shall be introduced and formally inducted at Spring Camp with the terms of office being from June through May.

## Section 10

If an officer is not performing the duties of his office, then he can be removed from that office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Longhouse Council present at a meeting called for that purpose or at a regularly scheduled meeting.

## Section 11

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the yearly Longhouse activity calendar and the appointment of sponsoring tribes for the various events.

## Section 12

Members of the Executive Committee shall be responsible for training their successors to their respective offices and for implementing the procedures of the Longhouse, Council, and Committees.

## ARTICLE V Duties and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee Members

### Section 1

The duties of the Chief of Chiefs shall be:

- A. To preside at all Longhouse Council Meetings.
- B. To see that the Constitution and By-Laws are followed.
- C. To preside over all Longhouse Ceremonies.
- D. To be Chairman of the Executive Committee.
- E. To provide overall guidance and leadership to the Longhouse.
- F. To install all other elected Executive Committee Members.
- G. To edit the monthly newsletter.
- H. To maintain ceremonial headdresses, Chief staff and longhouse drum.

### Section 2

The duties of the Medicine Man shall be:

- A. To assist the Chief of Chiefs with his duties.
- B. To preside in the absence of the Chief of Chiefs.
- C. To organize and coordinate all new member recruitment within the community for the Longhouse.
- D. To assign tribes for new members and organize new tribes.

### Section 3

The duties of the Wampum Bearer shall be:

- A. To handle all financial obligations assumed by the Longhouse Council.
- B. To handle all monies for the Longhouse, including collections and disbursement, and to maintain an accurate record of all transactions, reporting the same at each Longhouse Council.
- C. To maintain all membership, participation records and an appropriate database.
- D. To maintain an inventory of Longhouse property.

### Section 4

The duties of the Tallykeeper shall be:

- A. To keep minutes of all Longhouse Council and Executive Committee Meetings.
- B. To prepare the monthly newsletter.
- C. To maintain the Longhouse website.
- D. To handle all publicity to the local newspapers with regard to Longhouse activities, including photographs and copy.
- E. To assist the Wampum Bearer as required.

### Section 5

The duties of the Fire Chief shall be:

- A. To organize, construct and execute lighting of the ceremonial fire at each campout (including any fireworks, supplies, kerosene)
- B. To maintain Longhouse torches and provide needed supplies including toilet paper rolls, rags, and kerosene.
- C. To provide sacrifices for each campout.
- D. To assist the Chief of Chiefs as required.

### Section 6

The duties of the Sachem shall be:

- A. To serve the Longhouse Council and Executive Committee in an advisory capacity.
- B. To install the new Chief of Chiefs.

### Section 7

The duties of the YMCA Indian Agent shall be:

- A. To serve as a liaison between the Longhouse Council / Executive Committee and the YMCA.
- B. To serve in an advisory capacity to the Longhouse.

## ARTICLE VI Longhouse Activities

### Section 1

Monthly activities from September thru May shall be sponsored by the Longhouse, as appropriate.

Section 2

A yearly activity summary for the forthcoming year shall be prepared by the Executive Committee prior to the September Longhouse Council Meeting.

Section 3

Each Tribe of the Longhouse shall accept the responsibility of sponsoring at least one activity per year to remain in good standing.

Section 4

The Executive Committee shall inform the sponsoring tribe(s) of the responsibilities required for specific Longhouse activities.

ARTICLE VII Award of Feathers

Section 1

A supply of feathers shall be provided at each Campout for distribution to each Princess in attendance.

Section 2

Each princess will receive a bead provided by the sponsoring tribe for attendance at each Longhouse activity, appropriate to that activity, to be placed on a necklace, bracelet, headband, or other form of adornment chosen by her Tribe.

Section 3

An imitation eagle feather shall be bestowed upon each Princess at her final campout in recognition of her involvement in the Indian Princess program.

Article VIII Code of Ethics and Behavior

Section 1

As adult members of the YMCA Indian Princess Program, we commit ourselves to maintaining a high code of ethics and responsible behavior at all program activities and refrain from any actions that would detract from our focus and emphasis on strengthening the relationship and bond between fathers and their daughters.

Section 2

The Longhouse affirms it's commitment to prohibit the possession and/or consumption of alcohol or any illegal substance at any Longhouse sponsored activity or event. In support of the YMCA policy that prohibits the same from any YMCA owned /operated property, any person who violates this policy subjects themselves and their daughter(s) to expulsion from the event and or future events.

Section 3

Any violation of the policy described in section 2 will be handled by reporting the occurrence to the appropriate parties. This includes but is not limited to the YMCA Branch Director, owners of the facility, managers or operators of the facility, local law enforcement officials and/or immediate family members. The severity of the occurrence will determine how the situation will be handled.

Section 4

Neither the Canal Square Y-Indian Princesses, Ipany Longhouse, nor its officers assume any role in the enforcement of this policy other than to report the occurrence to the appropriate party or parties as deemed necessary. Parties who are notified will determine what course of action is to be taken.

Article IX Amendments

Section 1

This Constitution and By-Laws can be amended by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at a regularly scheduled Longhouse Council Meeting.

Section 2

All proposed amendments must be presented to all members of the Longhouse through the monthly newsletter prior to being voted upon at the Longhouse Council Meeting.

Article X Adoption

Section 1

This Constitution and By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon the unanimous vote of the Longhouse Council present.

*Approved by a majority vote of all present at the Ipany Longhouse Council Meeting held at the office of URS Corporation, 564 White Pond Drive, Akron, Ohio 44320 on March 21, 2007.*

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