

2015 Spring Council of Chiefs Meeting Minutes

Introductory Notes

- Location: Fehrmann Training Center, Boxwell Scout Reservation, Lebanon, TN
 - This COC Meeting included the annual Section Leadership Summit (SLS).
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Introduction — Section Chief Nick Oliver

- Meeting opened at 10:00 AM Central time.
 - Nick welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - Roll call: all lodges present except Ahoalan Nachpikin and Pellissippi (these lodges arrived soon after).
 - Nick led the room in the Obligation.
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Minute Approval — Section Secretary Nathan Vick

- Each meeting usually begins with approving the minutes from the previous meeting.
 - Due to the length of the minutes from the 2014 fall COC, Nathan emailed the minutes out before this COC so that they could be read before this meeting.
 - Nathan asked if the COC members had read the minutes or if they wanted him to read them. There was a general consensus that the members approved.
 - Nathan requested that Nick call for a motion to approve the minutes, which Nick did.
 - A motion to approve the 2014 fall COC minutes was made by Wa-Hi-Nasa, seconded by Nguttitehen, and passed unanimously.
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Section Business — Section Chief Nick Oliver

- Conclave online registration was delayed due to issues with the online trading post.
- Online registration will be live on Monday regardless of the status of the online trading post.
- Patch artwork has been received back from the patch company (see COC files for design).

- Nick asked Nathan to show the patch artwork on the projector screen and described the design.
- Nick asked for feedback from the COC.
 - Add a turtle on the creepy guy's black robe.
 - Remove the face paint on the Native American dancer.
 - Sequoyah Lodge Chief Anthony Johnson: add "SR-6"
 - Make both of the Scout's pant legs long.
 - Anthony commented that there are lots of colors in the patch.
 - Anthony asked if there was a buffalo on the Native American dancer's knee
 - No, but there is one on his shield.
 - Chicksa Lodge Chief Drew Mulkey suggested replacing the buffalo with a fox for Pellissippi.
 - Itawamba Lodge Chief suggested putting SR-6 on the shield.
 - Nick suggested putting "SR-6" on the creepy guy's robe.
 - Final consensus: put "SR-6 Conclave" at the top of the patch and "2015" on the bottom of the patch.

NOAC — Section Secretary Nathan Vick

- NOAC has both a theme and a learning objective, which were unveiled in December.
- The theme is "It Starts With Us."
- The learning objective is "Create Tomorrow with Action Today."
- Nathan commented that this is a very empowering theme which ties in nicely with the SR-6 Conclave slogan, "Power of the Past—Force of the Future."
- A 3:1 youth-adult ratio was imposed by National after NOAC registrations exceeded 17,000. Because of this, many lodges have had to reduce the size of their contingents.
- Most lodges have already done this, but if any lodges are still having issues with this, contact Section Adviser Jim Cheatham.

- Nathan asked if there were any questions; there were none.

OA High Adventure — Section Vice Chief Hunter Jones

- OA High Adventure (OAHA) should be promoted in 2015 regardless of NOAC.
- OAHA could be a substitute for those unable to attend NOAC.
- OAHA is a really great experience.
- The new OA Summit Experience program at the Summit has an age limit of 16-18, and is one of the ways to earn the OA Triple Crown award.

ArrowTour — Section Chief Nick Oliver

- Nick will be staffing ArrowTour in 2015.
- ArrowTour is an expo which goes over the history of the OA, traveling to different camps and Scout offices.
- ArrowTour will stop five times within SR-6
 - Boxwell Scout Reservation
 - Camp Buck Toms
 - Camp Davy Crockett
 - West Tennessee Area Council
 - Lincoln Heritage Council
- Nick asked lodges to have a presence at ArrowTour, especially lodges who will be hosting a stop.
- Nguttitehen Lodge Chief Charlie Todd asked if ArrowTour will need the help of host lodges. Nick responded that the ArrowTour staff will be tired and would love help, and asked Charlie to talk with him.
- Nick mentioned that he has photos of the ArrowTour expo, and said that if anyone wants to see them, let him know.

National Planning Meeting Updates — Section Chief Nick Oliver

- The National Planning Meeting is the OA's annual planning meeting.

- Nick is the Production Chairman for the NOAC Communications Committee.
- Production has staff spots open, but only for youth who are experienced in things like website, newsletter, etc.
- Nick asked the COC members to talk with him if they knew someone who would be good at this.

Lodge Conclave Attendee Goals

| Lodge | Total Attendees | Adult Attendees | Female Attendees | Handicapped Attendees |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Ahoalan Nachpikin | 40 | 12 | 3 | 3 |
| Chicksa | 40 | 15 | 5 | 1 |
| Ittawamba | 70 | 25 | 2 | 2 |
| Kawida | 40 | 20 | 4 | 4 |
| Nguttitehen | 101 | 40 | 5 | 5 |
| Pellissippi | 200 | 80 | 3 | 3 |
| Sequoyah | 32 | 12 | 2 | 0 |
| Talidandaganu' | 45 | 15 | 6 | 0 |
| Wa-Hi-Nasa | 75 | 15 | 5 | 1 |
| TOTAL: | 643 | 234 | 35 | 19 |

Lodge National Program Goals

| Lodge | NLS | NLATS | OA High Adventure | NOAC Youth | NOAC Adults |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Ahoalan Nachpikin | 8 | 3 | 3 | 25 | 8 |
| Chicksa | 2 | 2 | 2 | 35 | 12 |
| Ittawamba | 6 | 3 | 3 | 16 | 5 |
| Kawida | 4 | 4 | 0 | 18 | 6 |
| Nguttitehen | 5 | 2 | 2 | 44 | 9 |
| Pellissippi | 1 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 7 |
| Sequoyah | 3 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 4 |
| Talidandaganu' | 5 | 1 | 0 | 46 | 13 |
| Wa-Hi-Nasa | 6 | 2 | 3 | 48 | 16 |
| TOTAL: | 40 | 18 | 20 | 265 | 80 |

2017 Conclave Date — Section Vice Chief Hunter Jones

- The current date for the 2017 Conclave is March 31-April 2.
- Wa-Hi-Nasa (the service lodge) would like to move it to the last weekend in April.
- Hunter proposes a date change to move the 2017 Conclave to April 28-30. A motion to do so was made by Sequoyah, seconded by Wa-Hi-Nasa, and passed unanimously.

Theme & Patch Design for 2016 Conclave — Section Chief Nick Oliver

- Selecting a theme and patch design for the next year's Conclave is highly beneficial and much better for the future.
- Slogans brought up at the 2014 fall COC
 - Continuing Our Quest
 - Igniting the Spirit
 - All We Rise
- Nick brought up an idea: "Takin' it to the Streets"
- 10 minute break for lodges to get together and discuss themes.
- Ideas brought up after the break
 - Itawamba Lodge Chief Paylor Eubank: "Strengthening Our Ties" (could be either a learning objective or a training theme).
 - Nguttitehen Lodge Chief Charlie Todd: "Conclave Strikes Back" (Star Wars-themed, could tie into Quest).
- Nick said that we already have a training theme: the training college system.
 - A theme could tie into training, but this might cause conflict.
 - Wa-Hi-Nasa Chief and 2015 Section Training Chairman Jack Adamson mentioned that he doesn't think this will happen.
- Section Vice Chief Hunter Jones clarified Paylor Eubank's idea with him.

- Hunter explained that the section wants to maintain a level of professionalism for the event, and so a motivational theme is best. While motivational themes are harder to tie into Quest, not everything has to be tied into Quest.
- Nick mentioned that the section leadership went through a phase where they were wondering how to tie the 2015 slogan (Power of the Past—Force of the Future) into Quest.
 - They realized that they didn't have to tie the slogan into Quest.
 - This isn't his and Hunter's decision, but the COC's decision.
 - He said that the 2014 "College Game Day" theme was good, but that you didn't leave with the feeling that you had gained more knowledge.
- Discussion about themes
 - Section Ceremonies Chairman Harrison Fry commented that the theme (or slogan) is separate from Quest and Training.
 - Hunter commented that the section leadership tends to want new Quest games, but pointed out that the first or second year Conclave attendees will like them just the same.
 - Nick said that the section should try the serious, motivational themes for a few years.
 - Sequoyah Lodge Chief and Section Quest Publications Chairman Anthony Johnson asked whether we want to make the theme more fun, like a Fall Fellowship, or more training-oriented, like an LLD, or both.
 - Paylor commented that the theme can be both, like at NOAC.
 - Nick mentioned that at NOAC, the theme doesn't tie into games, etc.
 - A motion to postpone this discussion until after lunch was made by Sequoyah, seconded by Pellissippi, and passed unanimously.

OA Branding Training — Aaron Shepherd (National Thematics Team)

- Aaron spends a lot of time with branding in the OA.
- What is a brand?
 - Harrison Fry answered that a brand is something you recognize.

- A brand is something that we establish ourselves as an organization, by which other people can recognize who we are. As such, it is very important.
- There is a big push to remind everyone of the importance of the brand.
- The OA Branding & Style Guide can be found by searching “OA Branding and Style Guide” online.
 - First part: Branding and Visual Items
 - Second part: Style
 - Word usage (what should be capitalized and what should not be capitalized)
- As lodge officers, the COC members should communicate this to their lodges and chapters and make sure they are brand-compliant.
- There is also a 100th Anniversary Branding & Style Guide for the use of the centennial totem.

A Year of Celebration — Section Chief Nick Oliver

- NOAC is the major event in 2015, but we can do more to build up to it.
- What are lodges doing to build up to the 100th anniversary?
- Since not everyone will be able to come to NOAC, we have to bring that experience to them.
- Two minute break to discuss ideas for doing this with neighbor.
- Ideas
 - Charlie Todd: send out an OA birthday card with an invitation to help celebrate the OA's 100th birthday and a list of lodge events.
 - Anthony Johnson: hold a social event, like a birthday party, in the evening at summer camp.
 - Chicksa Lodge Chief and Section American Indian Events (AIE) Chairman Drew Mulkey: hold an Ordeal right after the 100th anniversary.
 - Kawida Lodge Vice Chief of Brotherhood Colin Stapleton: tie activities and games for the 100th anniversary into an existing lodge event, since creating another event would detract from other lodge events.

- Remember that Conclave can be everyone's NOAC.

The Importance of Communication — Section Secretary Nathan Vick

- Communication is one of the most important things we do as humans.
- Ways to communicate
 - Website
 - Social media
 - Emails
 - Printed media
 - Phone calls
 - Text messages
- Question: How can we best communicate with the Arrowmen in our lodges?
 - Use media creatively
 - Figure out which communication method works best for Arrowmen and use it
 - Use systems like "Remind," which sends text message blasts.

History — Section Vice Chief Hunter Jones

- When you think about history, what do you think of?
 - Something that you can look back on, learn from, and tie into the future.
 - Like the 2015 Conclave slogan, "Power of the Past—Force of the Future."
- Quest Publications, especially historical displays, will be a focus at Conclave.
- A possible idea is to get old lodge leadership to come to Conclave
- Two minute break to discuss ideas for bringing history to Conclave
 - Section Ceremonies Chairman Harrison Fry: expand VIA dinner to include the youngest member, most seasoned member, lodge chief, lodge adviser, etc. from each lodge.

- Wa-Hi-Nasa Lodge Chief Jack Adamson: include an interview with older members in the lodge newsletter and reprint old articles to show what happened back then.
- Harrison Fry: ask former national and section officers to talk about their experiences.
- Ittawamba Lodge Chief Paylor Eubank: ask lodges to bring their F1 or first flap to Conclave for their historical displays.

Breakout Sessions

- Lodge Chief Breakout with Nick Oliver
- Lodge Vice Chief Breakout with Hunter Jones
- Lodge Secretary Breakout with Nathan Vick

Breakouts ended and lunch began at 12:10 PM.

The meeting resumed at 12:27 PM.

Trading Post Items — Section Chief Nick Oliver

- Duffel bag
- Decision between different types of polo shirts
 - All cotton
 - Athletic material
 - A majority wanted athletic material polos
- Fleece jacket
- Fleece blanket (a majority wanted the color to be black)
- T-Shirt (a majority wanted poly-blend material)
 - Front design: participation patch
 - Back design: pieces of the patch
 - Color: whatever color is the most in both patches

2016 Conclave Theme Discussion — Section Chief Nick Oliver

- Ideas
 - Harrison Fry: Firm Bound in Brotherhood
 - Paylor Eubank: Strengthen Our Ties or Strengthen Our Foundations
 - Charlie Todd: The New Centennial
 - Ahoalan Nachpikin Lodge Chief Hunter Ferris: We Are Tomorrow's History
- Vote on whether Conclave will have a serious theme
 - Serious theme: Chicksa, Itawamba, Kawida, Nguttitehen, Pellissippi, Sequoyah, Talidandaganu'.
 - No serious theme: Ahoalan Nachpikin, Wa-Hi-Nasa.
 - Motion passes.
- Discussion culminating in eliminating all theme ideas except Ignite the Spirit and Strengthen Our Ties
- Vote on theme (in order of vote being cast)
 - Talidandaganu': Ignite the Spirit
 - Nguttitehen: Strengthen Our Ties
 - Ahoalan Nachpikin: Strengthen Our Ties
 - Itawamba: Strengthen Our Ties
 - Kawida: Ignite the Spirit
 - Pellissippi: Ignite the Spirit
 - Chicksa: Ignite the Spirit
 - Wa-Hi-Nasa: Strengthen Our Ties
 - Sequoyah: Ignite the Spirit
- "Ignite the Spirit" will be the 2016 Conclave theme
- Nick selected a group to design the patch image.

Conclave Service Lodge Report — Josh Cook

- Aaron Parker is the Service Lodge Conclave Chairman, but Josh will be giving his report.
- Review of past Conclaves at Camp Buck Toms.
- Overview of registration procedures.
 - Medical check-in first.
 - Each lodge will be assigned to a lodge guide who will walk Arrowmen through registration and give them a tour of camp.
 - Parking will be at the Pinnacle.
 - Shuttle service will be provided.
 - Gear will be taken to campsite by service lodge.
- Everyone can be housed in Adirondack shelters.
- AIE will be located in the parade field in front of the dining hall.
- The COPE High Ropes Course will be running on Friday.
- Pellissippi makes very good food.
 - Nick definitely agreed.
- Review of tentative Conclave schedule (see service lodge presentation)
 - Lodges will be divided into shifts for breakfast.
 - The centennial celebration is a big party with cake, etc.
- Overview of service lodge committee liaisons for section committees.

Promotions — Section Promotions Chairman Charlie Todd

- The promotions team will be producing a postcard and newsletter article to promote Conclave.
- Promotion is the responsibility of the lodges.
- Promotion should happen all the time.
- Sending printed information is good, such as sending a letter to parents.

- Charlie will continue to gather best practices from other sections and lodges around the nation.

Discussion of 2016 Conclave Location

- The service lodge for the 2016 Conclave is Ahoalan Nachpikin.
- The original location for the 2016 Conclave was Camp Currier, however, lots of construction will be going on at that camp during the time of Conclave.
- Kia Kima Scout Reservation is a much better choice.
- Motion to move the 2016 Conclave location to Kia Kima Scout Reservation.
 - Motion made by Pellissippi.
 - Seconded by Talidandaganu’.
 - Passed unanimously.

Special Events — Special Events Chairman Josh Cook

- Discussion of how Special Events is trying to bring NOAC to Conclave (see Special Events presentation).
- Section History Center will include former section and national officers.
- 15 former national officers have committed to attend Conclave.
- The Section Campfire Committee took over the Ordeal rededication, so Special Events will be holding a Vigil rededication
- Nick commented that Southern Region Chief Alex Leach will be in attendance.

Training — Training Chairman Jack Adamson

- Training will stay pretty much the same.
- The Training Committee will be investigating whether people participating in ceremony evaluation can also attend training sessions.
- A “Capstone Project” will be held for chapter chiefs.
- 100th Anniversary-related sessions were removed because they’re too boring.

- No changes to budget.

Campfire Committee — Campfire Chairman Chris Walker

- Service Lodge needs (almost the same as at the 2014 Fall COC, see Campfire presentation)
- Friday Night Campfire
 - Introduction
 - Video
 - Representatives from service lodge and section committees to answer questions
 - Other section announcements
 - Campfire
 - Slideshows and pictures of the way life was in 1915, when the OA was founded.
 - The original inductions experience video.
- Saturday Night Campfire
 - “OA through the ages”
 - Updates for every 25 years, or so, of the OA’s existence.
 - Finishes with the OA now
 - Ends with a charge: “How far can we come in the next 100 years?”
 - Awards presentations
 - 100th anniversary rededication
 - Closing, OA Song
- The Campfire Committee has yet to order materials, but is planning to give away items like glass river pebbles with the SR-6 logo on them, or something.
- The Campfire Committee has yet to finalize the script.

Ceremonies — Ceremonies Chairman Harrison Fry

- Ceremony competitions will be held throughout the morning for the Pre-Ordeal and Vigil ceremonies.
- Awards will be presented to the top three teams in each category, and a trophy to the overall winner.
- No limit to how many teams can be submitted.
- Ceremony evaluations will be held for the Pre-Ordeal, Brotherhood, and Vigil ceremonies.
- Overview of training course listing (see Ceremonies presentation)
- Budget is the same: \$250
- Evaluators
 - Each lodge will need to supply at least three evaluators.
 - They will need to email the Ceremonies Adviser, Shawn Barnes, to be approved.
- Thomas from Nguttitehen brought up a concern about ceremony evaluators using the current scripts; Harrison replied that they will be using the current scripts.

Field Quest — Quest Publications Chairman Anthony Johnson

- Field Quest Chairman Sebastian Torres was unable to attend, so Quest Publications Chairman Anthony Johnson gave his report for him.
- Overview of quest games (see Field Quest presentation).
- Every lodge must submit two judges in order to participate.
- Only youth (20 and under) may participate.
- Overview of needs list (see Field Quest presentation).
 - Nick adds that Field Quest will also need water coolers and trash cans.

Quest Publications — Quest Publications Chairman Anthony Johnson

- Anthony needed two publications judges from each lodge by the end of the COC day.
- March 23 is the last day to submit publications for judging (except historical displays).

- All publications will be judged off-site (except historical displays).
- Each lodge needs to also submit another person for historical display judging.

American Indian Events — AIE Chairman Drew Mulkey

- Activities are the same as every year
- AIE training schedule has already been submitted.
- Service Lodge Needs
 - 16 hay bales
 - 8 tables
 - 16 chairs
 - Pop-up tents for each table
 - Water coolers
 - Protected, preferably climate-controlled area for regalia storage.
- Budget: \$700, has already been approved.

Publications — Section Secretary Nathan Vick

- Overview of section website and Conclave app.
- Training locations will be available on the app this year.
- Overview of section communications team
 - Two members at time of COC (note: two more joined later that day).
 - Overview of benefits to section and lodges.
 - If anyone would like to participate, email secretary@oasection6.org.
- Conclave newsletters: no change from 2014 Fall COC
 - One newsletter handed out at registration
 - One published at lunch on Saturday
 - One emailed out after Conclave

- Service Lodge Needs: no change from 2014 fall COC (see Publications presentation)
- Budget: \$470, no change from 2014 fall COC.

2016 Conclave Patch Design Idea

- Design described by Charlie Todd (see image in COC files)
- General consensus of approval
- Motion to approve design idea
 - Made by Ittawamba
 - Seconded by Talidandaganu'
 - Passed unanimously.

Adviser's Minute — Section Adviser Jim Cheatham

Closing — Section Chief Nick Oliver

- Nick thanked everyone for coming.
- The 2015 Spring COC meeting ended at 2:00 PM