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Whatever happened to this?

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RESOLUTION NO: _____

CLARIFICATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN TRIBAL ELECTION WITH RESPECT TO IMMEDIATE FAMILY SERVING ON THE ELECTION COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and

WHEREAS, the current Elections laws provide for a weak protection against 'Conflicts of Interests' by allowing immediate family members of candidates to continue to serve and to be present when determining issues effecting both the candidate who is an immediate family member (the current code reads):

10.108 Tribal Election Committee.

(3) If an Immediate Family Member of an Election Committee member files as a Candidate, that Committee member shall be disqualified from participating in any action of the Election Committee relating to the office for which the Immediate Family Member has filed.

WHEREAS, Director Cathy McCoy-Abramson is up for re-election in 2008 and she has two immediate family members who serve on the Tribal Election committee (Mike McKerchie, Election Committee Chair – Director Abramson's maternal nephew, and James McKerchie – Director McCoy-Abramson's maternal nephew);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the section above (10.108 (3)) shall prohibit any immediately family member from being present while the election committee deliberates on complaints or any issues effecting opponents of the Committee Members' immediate family.

And now we can add (Darwin Joe McCoy) to the List of relatives, and even though DJ Hoffman is not up for re-election he is also related.

*Note,Mac