



Update from the Constitution Reform Committee

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Over the last several months, the Constitution Reform Committee has completed the first round of public hearings. In all, we have held six meetings in various locations across the country. Many of the comments we heard at the public hearings were the same as we had heard before. However, at other times the information provided was new. All of the information we received was very important to the project.

We took the information that we received from tribal citizens who attended these meetings, and combined it with the information the committee received from two training sessions. The Constitution Reform Committee has since drafted about 85% of the new Constitution. The Committee has a date set later this month to finish the drafting of the constitution. As soon as it is completed, we will present this first draft to the tribal citizens. It will also be posted to the Kaw Nation Constitution Reform Project website at www.kawcrp.com, and copies will be mailed to all tribal citizens over the age of sixteen.

After the first draft has been distributed to tribal citizens, the committee will solicit additional comments. The input that we receive is essential to completing this project in a manner that is acceptable to the Kaw citizens. The committee will then review these additional comments, and make changes to the draft before the request for an election will be held. Please watch your mailbox for the draft in the next couple of weeks.

The Committee invites all tribal members to provide input and to become informed as to our progress. Additional information can be found at www.kawcrp.com. If you have questions or comments, please contact Aaron Carlson at 866-404-5297 or acarlson@kawnation.com.