



**ABSENTEE SHAWNEE TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE STUDY GROUP (CCSG)  
2025 S. GORDON COOPER DRIVE  
SHAWNEE, OK 74801**

November 19, 2019

Re: *Comment period for New AST Constitution (Deadline 12/13/19)*

Tribal Members of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe,

The Constitution of the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe has long needed to be revised. A draft Constitution is being provided to you with an opportunity to comment, ask questions, and make suggestions. The new Constitution provides a “separation of powers” in creating a tribal legislature, a system of “checks and balances” between the Executive branch (Governor, Lieutenant Governor) and the Legislature, defines the responsibilities of the Attorney General, and further empowers the members of the tribe by providing a process to remove or impeach elected officials if ever needed.

The Constitution Committee Study Group (CCSG) has been studying and working on this project for you for a long while. It is now your turn to give us your advice and thoughts, as well as for the CCSG to answer any questions. The deadline to submit your comments is Friday, December 13, 2019.



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These are the members of the CCSG and they welcome you contacting them:

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Again, the deadline to submit any comments, suggestions, or questions is Friday, December 13, 2019.

We are also including an “Executive Summary” for your review that summarizes some of the highlights of the changes. We want your input, advice, and questions so that we can create a Constitution that will carry on for many generations, empower the tribal members, and to create a



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government that will be held accountable. Please write your questions on the next few pages and return them to:

Absentee-Shawnee Tribe  
Attn: Constitution Committee Study Group  
2025 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
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It was the goal to create a “living and breathing” document that will serve the tribe over time without having to revise and re-do it again. We need your input, questions, and comments in making this the Constitution that best represents the Absentee-Shawnee Tribe, and we need your participation in voting on whether to approve of this new Constitution or not.

We look forward to getting your questions, comments, and suggestions. Again, the deadline to submit any comments, suggestions, or questions is Friday, December 13, 2019.

*/S/ The Constitution Committee Study Group*