

1. *Opening – 12.50 pm*
  - A. *Obligation*
  - B. *Roster Verifications*

A roster was passed around for verification by all members of the Council of Chiefs.
  - D. *Amendments to the Agenda*

No amendments were made.
2. *Officer Reports*
  - A. *Chief – Sean McGee*

Sean went to the Section Officer Seminar (SOS) in December. The Region Chief emphasized One Day of Service, the Order of the Arrow's involvement in the Cub Scout Program. Sean passed out a flyer about cub scouting to the lodge chiefs. At the National Planning Meeting later in December, One Day was discussed. There is now only one form, which must be submitted to the section One Day coordinator, who compiles the information.

He helped elected the Region and National and National Vice Chiefs. The National Chief and Vice Chief live very far away, but the Region Chief lives in Minnesota. No one opposed inviting him to the Section Conclave.

At the National Meeting, the High Adventure programs were emphasized (Trail Crew and Philbreak at Philmont, Wilderness Voyage at Northern Tier and Ocean Adventure at the Sea Base.)

The Order of the Arrow manages four areas of the National Jamboree: OA Service Corps, OA Shows, Indian Village, and TOAP. Each area is looking for staff. Talk to Sean for details.
  - B. *Vice Chief – Jeff Simmons*

No report. Jeff Arrived late in the meeting, due to automobile trouble.
  - C. *Secretary – Ethan Rein*

An updated roster will come out with the minutes from this meeting.
3. *Section Conclave Reports*
  - A. *Migisi Opawgan – Saturday Night Show – Dan Swan*

Dan reported that Migisi Opawgan is kicking around several ideas and that nothing is set in stone. He also pointed out that it is a whole new year in Migisi Opawgan.
  - B. *Chippewa – Afternoon Events – Brian Chrzanowski*

Brian started by asking if Advisers would play games that are targeted at them. The COC generally agreed that they would. He said there would be some NOAC sports – Frisbee, Kickball, and Dodge ball. There might be some safe jousting. They are also looking for a free Dunk Tank.
  - C. *Manitous – Training – Jeff Neal, Jr.*

Josh Green gave the Manitous report. There will be system where one class is picked out of three. Each class is divided into two are three sections. There would be LLD II, like NLS II; Membership Retention, which would include brotherhood, exciting events, and how to make events fun for youth; Indian Events, with a presentation and a hands on activity; and Adult/Youth relations, with a combined class, a split forum on relating, then a final group session. Youth Protection (YTP) will also be offered. Mr. Bob Sturza pointed out that the Conclave Training Initiative (CTI) ought to be included in the training program. This year's emphasis is the Troop Rep position. Mr. Grady Boatner said that we ought to make sure that anyone who takes YPT gets a card.
  - D. *Chickagami – Host Lodge – Bob Kubitski*

Bob reported that Chickagami is waiting for item requests from lodges. A blank form for that purpose will be mailed to lodge chiefs within the week. He warned the COC that items might not be available if they wait too long to request them. He will let lodges know if stuff is impossible to get. Mr. Bob Sturza asked about church services. Bob reported that the lodge is working on it. Mr. Grissett wanted to know if the host would be altering its budget. Bob reported that they would not.
  - E. *Cuwe – F5 - Eric Christopherson*

Eric said the F5 will have some sort of outside activity, like the 'Redneck Games' at NOAC 2004. There might also be an eating contest.
4. *Section Conclave 2005*
  - A. *Cost*

Sean announced that we would have to make a patch before we can figure the price. Mr. Peter Cangemi asked if there would be a patch auction. Sean said there are plans to do so. A patch like the movie poster for *Super Troopers* was suggested by Josh Green. A member of Chippewa suggested a film strip style patch. Brian Chrzanowski moved that we accept the film strip patch. The motion was seconded by Dan Swan. The voting went as follows:

Chippewa	For
Manitous	For
Migisi Opawgan	For
Chickagami	For
Cuwe	Against
Vice Chief	For
Secretary	For

The budget for committees was also reviewed. ALTC – no change, Camp Promotions – no change, Currier changed to \$100, DLSA – no change, Historian – no change, Internet – no change, Planbook – no change, Indian affairs – no change.

Sean said that we usually have different borders for the COC, returnees and first timers. There was some discussion about the purpose of the multiple borders for selling to collectors and how much money is raised. A graduated cost scheme was suggested for selling sets of all three patches to adults and youth. Mr. Bob Sturza said they could sell the sets, then take orders from the youth to get more after the event. Everyone agreed with this idea. Dan Swan moved to have a distinct border color for the COC, the returnees, and the first timers at Section Conclave and to order more patches to meet the demand of orders made at Section Conclave. Jeff Neal seconded the motion. The voting went as follows:

Chippewa	For
Manitous	For
Migisi Opawgan	For
Chickagami	For
Cuwe	Against
Vice Chief	For
Secretary	Against

Jeff Simmons suggested putting the design in a square to make it possible to have different border colors. Border Color Schemes were suggested as black, blue, yellow, gold, silver and green. Bob Kubitsky suggested have a different part of the patch change instead of the border. Jamie White claimed that would be more expensive. Jeff Neal moved to have the COC border Gold, the first timer silver, and the returnee blue. Brian Chrzanowski seconded. The voting went as follows:

Chippewa	For
Manitous	For
Migisi Opawgan	For
Chickagami	For
Cuwe	For
Vice Chief	For
Secretary	For

Ideas for a popcorn bucket or kernel, and a beaver with popcorn were suggested. Mr. Amos Grissett suggested we keep in mind the Order of the Arrow's emphasis on cub scouting. Brian Chrzanowski moved that the pin be a bucket of popcorn. Jeff Neal seconded. The voting went as follows:

Chippewa	For
Manitous	For
Migisi Opawgan	For
Chickagami	For
Cuwe	Abstain
Vice Chief	For
Secretary	For

B. *Estimated Participation numbers*

	First Time	Returning	Total
Chippewa	19	30	49
Manitous	35	35	70
Migisi Opawgan	30	35	65
Chickagami	24	36	60
Cuwe			25
Total:	269 (up 23 from last meeting)		

A late fee and 'drop dead' date, after which no forms would be accepted, was discussed. Bob Sturza pointed out that we need to pay some bills early, and we'll need to have money in advance. Dan Swan pointed out that if forms were not accepted a week prior to the event, Migisi Opawgan would not be able to send its newest members. Brian Chrzanowski moved that forms must be in to the Detroit Area Council Office by April 15th for the regular price. Between that date and the 25th, a \$5 late fee would be assessed. After the 25th, no forms will be accepted. Jeff Neal seconded. The voting went as follows:

Chippewa For  
Manitous For  
Migisi Opawgan For  
Chickagami For  
Cuwe For  
Vice Chief For  
Secretary For

The lodge budgets were then reviewed. Mantous requested \$100, Chippewa requested \$100, Migisi Opawgan requested \$200, and Cuwe requested \$100. Mr. Bob Sturza pointed out that we could have had a shorter meeting and more promotional stuff available if we had had a theme and patch selected in October. Jeff Neal requested that the meeting notices come out with more warning. Josh Green said that we need to have a theme before we can have a patch design. Jamie White said that people need to have to come up with ideas. Sean Suggested we pick the next theme at this year's section conclave. Matt Elias said we need the price to promote the event. Sean announced that we can make the price \$27 a person for 269 people. This dips into the section's reserve fund. Brian Chrzanowski moved that the cost of Section Conclave be \$27 a person. Jeff Neal seconded. The voting went as follows:

Chippewa For  
Manitous Against  
Migisi Opawgan Abstain  
Chickagami For  
Cuwe Abstain  
Vice Chief For  
Secretary Against

Mr. Dave Offerman went over the numbers in detail. Mr. Bob Struza reminded the COC that we've not had the projected numbers in 3 years.

C. *Trading Post*

Chickagami will run a trading post, which will sell some Section merchandise. Lodges can sell Jamboree stuff at tables if they'd like.

Josh Green asked if Manitous should make a new Wishixn Award. Everyone agreed Manitous should.

Sean Announced that the average price of a Section Conclave in the Central Region is \$35.40.

5. *Roundtable Discussion*

Jeff Simmons asked the lodges to give some promotional methods for Section Conclave

Chippewa had chapter chiefs call members and holds fundraisers to bring down the price. Migisi Opawgan invites new members with letters, has chapter goals for participation, and uses chapter chiefs. Manitous brings down the

costs and makes phone calls to members. Chickagami includes the event in the Lodge and Council Newsletters, has a special mailer, uses the Troop Representatives to promote the event, and advertises it at troop visits.

6. *Section Committees*

A. *ALTC – Chris Van Deusen*

No 2005 ALTC, watch for 2006. It will probably be near Kalamazoo, which would be central for the Area, which includes Indiana and the Lower Peninsula of Michigan.

B. *Camp Promotions – David Emery*

Passed out the DeCourcy Packets to lodge chiefs. David read the cover page on the packet. He announced that the judges would come up with a private feedback system for lodges. He needs the names of judges by February 10th. A Digital Projector will be provided. Brian Chrzanowski moved we approve the DeCourcy Packet. Dan Swan seconded. The voting went as follows:

Chippewa	For
Manitous	For
Migisi Opawgan	For
Chickagami	For
Cuwe	For
Vice Chief	For
Secretary	For

The camp promotions committee also volunteered to host the Patch Auction. No one objected.

C. *Dan Ling Service Award – Brian Chrzanowski*

Forms will be available soon online. To be eligible for the Dan Ling, someone must have been on the COC for 2 years. Each lodge must send a judge to the meeting, which will be held at the March COC. Brian will take forms (7 copies) at the March meeting. He is taking them anytime before then as well.

E. *High Adventure – Matt Elias*

We need to push camperships for OA High Adventure and NLS. Forms must be in by the Friday COC at Section Conclave. Matt also wants pictures for a OA High Adventure flyer which will be passed out for promotional purposes at the March COC. A multimedia presentation is next. Sean said that our section's goal is to have three attendees at each summer program.

F. *Historian – Chris Szybisty*

The committee wanted to have a booklet for everyone, but there is not enough money. There is also not enough money for CDs. There will be an updated history. If a lodge's history needs to be updated, send it to Chris or have it at the March COC.

G. *Indian Affairs – Tim Leonard*

No Report

H. *Media*

1. *Currier – Jamie White*

*The Currier* was passed out. Jamie thanked Ethan Rein and the National OA Website for articles.

2. *Website – Josh Roma*

The website has a new look. More cosmetic changes are coming as well. He is working on compatibility with different web browsers. He wants updated lodge calendars to put on the section website.

I. *One Day of Service – Mark Rosiek, Jr.*

Sean requested that each lodge do a service project in May and file the paperwork.

J. *Planbook – Dan DuChene*

No Report

K. *Public Relations*

There will be posters at the March meeting. It was suggested that the PR committee could write generic articles for inclusion in Lodge Newsletters. Josh will also be working on a promotional video based on this upcoming Section Conclave for future years.

7. *Split Forum*

*Adults – Mr. Bob Sturza*

High Adventure bases need staff, but not the Sea Base. Don't forget the Double H Ranch for which brochures are available. Lodges should make camp promotions books and videos for packs and do crossover ceremonies. They should match National Emphasized events with regular council and lodge program when making goals. OA dues are increasing to \$3 an Arrowman from \$2 this year. These dues cover some of NLS, pay for three staff members in the national office, and for SOSs. There is a new Train the Trainer at Philmont this year. The National OA

membership policy will be stronger on enforcing that Arrowmen are registered in units. Migisi Opawgan is a part of this improved program. The National Committee is reworking the Lifetime Achievement Award.

*Youth – Sean McGee*

The youth discussed the DeCourcy Presentations, the High Adventure program, and planned the next roundtable discussion.

8. *National, Regional, Sectional and Lodge News*

The Order of the Arrow is staffing TOAP, The Indian Village, the OA Service Corps and the Show at the National Jamboree. Philbreak has three one week sessions in March. OAOA is halfway filled up. NOAC 2006 will be at Michigan State University. There will be a National Leadership Conference and World Jamboree in 2007. Four Region-Wide service projects will happen in 2008.

For this year, there will be two NLSs in Indiana and one Lodge Adviser Training in southern Ohio.

Lodge News

*Chippewa*

Chippewa had a sweet banquet. They are working on their Jamboree lodge flap patch. Their Spring Fling, which is a work weekend, will be at Lost Lake Scout Reservation. It was a quality lodge.

*Chickagami*

Chickagami is planning Scout Sunday and had a successful banquet.

*Manitous*

Manitous was quality lodge for the 8th straight year.

*Migisi Opawgan*

Migisi Opawgan has an executive committee meeting and annual Lincoln Pilgrimage coming up. Chris Szybisty, who is the Lodge Executive Vice Chief recently passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review.

*Cuwe*

Cuwe's annual banquet is tonight at 7 pm

9. *Chief's Closing Remarks*

Sean is looking forward to the March COC. He stressed that the Dauch Scout Center is a beautiful building.

10. *Adviser's Minute*

C-2A was the 12th best section in the region with a score of 80 out of 100. The lodge member verification will be a big deal in the coming years. Scoutreach and CTI are really important. Upcoming Council plans should include Scoutreach. Mr. Sturza also read the first paragraph in the new Appendix 5 of the *Field Operations Guide*, which deals with council and lodge mergers.

11. *Closing*

The meeting closed with the singing of the song of the Order of the Arrow

**The Next meeting will be at the Dauch Scout Center in Detroit, March 6. DeCourcy Teams must be present at 9 am. Lunch is at noon. The meeting will be at 1 pm.**