

INTERVERNANTS

Kenneth DEER



Nation Mohawk (Kahnawake – Canada).

Mohawk name is Atsenhainton which means “The fire still burns”

A member of the Bear Clan

From the Mohawk community of Kahnawake

Mr. Deer is the Publisher/Editor of The Eastern Door, an award winning, independent newspaper serving the Mohawk community of Kahnawake, just across the St. Lawrence River from Montreal, Quebec.

He has been active at the community level for many years in the area of education, recreation and Indigenous rights. He has been involved for 16 years in education as an education counselor, high school principal and co-chairman of the National Indian Education Council in Canada. For the last 13 years he has worked as a political activist and now a newspaper publisher while at the same time being heavily involved in the Indigenous international movement at the United Nations in Geneva.

Deer was the Chairman/Rapporteur of the UN Workshop on Indigenous Media in New York in December of 2000. His report can be found on the UN website under the activities of the Sub-commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights.

He was a member of the Board of Directors for the Quebec Community Newspapers Association from 1999-2001.

He is also active representing the Indigenous Media Network during the preparations for the World Summit on the Information Society which will take place in Tunis in November of 2005.