

# VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI), I chaired the Committee on Indian Gaming and presented, on Sept. 28, the committee's report to the general assembly.

Representatives from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana gave area updates. The recurring theme was the threat to Indian gaming posed by current activities within each state.

In addition to giving an update on national Indian gaming issues, Harold Monteau, former chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, provided information about Indian gaming in California. (Although California is not a member of ATNI, what is happening in that state is being looked at with great concern by tribes across the country.)

Thus far, the California governor has gotten eight tribes to sign compacts giving up significant percentages of their gaming revenues to the state, contrary to the very purpose of Indian gaming as articulated in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

## Computer Training Available

The Siletz Tribe is providing the opportunity for tribal members to take online computer classes at your own pace and in your own home.

The tribe has purchased a limited number of training subscriptions to a company called MySkillSource. More than 200 different types of computer programs can be learned.

In order to enroll, you must be an enrolled tribal member, have Internet access (the tribe does not provide Internet access), and you must send an e-mail to [tinar@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:tinar@ctsi.nsn.us).

You will be registered for the classes and notified about how to access the program. From there, you just log on when you have time and decide which programs you would like to learn.

Class opportunities include Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, and many other popular software programs. Again, you work at your own pace and individual modules allow you to return to the program for a refresher.

For the state of Washington, Marty Lesch reported on an initiative that would allow convenience stores, delis, restaurants, lounges, and similar retailers to operate gaming machines exactly as operated by Indian casinos. It would entitle retailers to have, in total, the same total number of machines operated by Indian tribes.

Lesch stated that because the initiative was designed to provide property tax relief, the general public was looking upon it favorably, although it would have a serious, adverse impact on Indian gaming in the state of Washington. (By the time this issue of *Siletz News* is published, you will know how Washington voters have decided this important issue.)

As chairman of the Oregon Gaming Alliance, I reported that all nine Oregon tribes are now members of the



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alliance. I stated that the alliance addresses issues that commonly affect all Oregon tribes while recognizing and respecting the individual issues of each member tribe.

I also reported on the anti-Indian gaming activities of PACT (People Against a Casino Town), which has filed lawsuits against the state of Oregon contending that Oregon's governor has no authority to sign gaming compacts.

PACT's ultimate objective, of course, is to destroy Indian gaming and it is contending that Oregon casinos are prohibited according to the state's constitution. Although unsuccessful in its initial efforts, PACT recently received a donation of \$35,000 from an Arizona-based group called the Alliance Defense Fund, enabling it to continue its campaign against Indian gaming in the courts.

The committee also introduced a resolution on the California issue to protect tribal sovereignty, which was adopted by the general assembly.

## 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Restoration Celebration

Chinook Winds Casino Resort  
Nov. 20, 2004

11 a.m.	Opening Remarks Invocation – Siletz Royalty Welcome address
11:15 a.m.	Guest Speakers Blanket Drawing
Noon	Entertainment: Williams & Ree
12:30 p.m.	Blanket Drawing Buffet Luncheon Blanket Drawing
2 p.m.	Recognition of Special Guests
2:30 p.m.	Closing Prayer
6 p.m.	Pow-Wow Grand Entry
Events all day	Culture Room with displays and tribal video; pow-wow vendors

## Tribal Holidays

All tribal offices will be closed on the following days:

Nov. 11 – Veterans Day

Nov. 18 – Restoration Day

Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 26 – Day After Thanksgiving Day



## Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

### Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members  
of all ages

#### Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center  
Nov. 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Dec. 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Portland

Portland Area Office  
Nov. 8 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Dec. 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Salem

Salem Area Office  
Nov. 1 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Dec. 14 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Eugene

Eugene Area Office  
Nov. 3 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Dec. 1 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Cultural Department at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320, or e-mail [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us).