

## Results of February 2010 Election

Another year and another Tribal election have just passed. An election is a process and an opportunity for all eligible Tribal members to participate in and make their voices known. Not everyone may agree with the results, but it's a fair and honest process that has served us well for more than 30 years.

The Election Board is governed by the Tribe's Election Ordinance, which adopts processes to assist in carrying out its responsibilities. Because vital election processes must be carried out but we had no volunteers to serve on the board, the Tribal Council appointed for one-year appointments the current board members from among our Tribal employees.

According to Tribal policy and practice, the Tribal Council met the morning following the Saturday election to elect on Sunday the council officers. Elected were Bud Lane as vice chairman, Tina Retasket as secretary and Jessie Davis as treasurer. I was elected once again as council chairman.

On behalf of the council, I want to thank the Election Board for a job well done. And to all Siletz Tribal members, thanks for taking the opportunity to vote and be heard.

I accept the position of chairman and will, as I have always, diligently fulfill my responsibilities to the best of my ability and with devotion to the principles upon which our Tribe was founded and stands today.

### Tribal Council Travel

I now wish to respond to questions that came up at the Candidate's Fair regarding



Delores Pigsley

## Chairman's Report

Tribal Council travel. The question asked was: "Will council members be spending time at home taking care of business or traveling to Washington, D.C.?"

In addition to tending to Tribal business within our established 11-county service area and our Tribal headquarters center in Lincoln County, all Tribal Council members must travel periodically outside our service area on Tribal business.

It's essential that we attend approved national organizational meetings and work in cooperation with other Tribes not just for the betterment of the Siletz Tribe and our members but for all Tribes. Our Tribal delegates to these organizations are appointed by the council so we can speak

and vote at those meetings on behalf of our Tribe on many vital issues.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) meets three times a year, once in Washington, D.C., and as necessary in various parts of the United States. The National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) meets annually in Washington, D.C., and in other parts of the country. Both organizations keep on top of every critical issue that affects the welfare of all Tribes.

The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) meets three times a year in various parts of the Northwest. We discuss and take action on regional issues that are then taken to NCAI and/or NIGA for their support.

As I have reported in *Siletz News* and *Nesika Illahee*, going door to door to visit our Oregon congressional delegation also is a vital function of our council members.

It's essential that our legislators know who we are and what we do, and understand and support our vital Tribal issues.

While in Washington, we also take the opportunity to meet with committees, such as the House Natural Resource Committee and of course, the Senate Indian Affairs Committee. It's also important for our Tribe to be heard by the House Appropriations Committee because all budget proposals begin in the House of Representatives. Over the years, Bud Lane and I have made presentations to these entities.

While in Washington, D.C., we usually visit other officials, too numerous to mention. Other travel includes meetings with other Tribal Councils and state and federal officials.

For additional information on Tribal Council travel and related expenses, you will find a travel and time expenditure report in the April issue of *Nesika Illahee*.

## Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians 800-922-1399	Siletz Community Health Clinic 800-648-0449
Salem Area Office 503-390-9494	Siletz Alcohol and Drug 800-600-5599
Salem Finance Office 888-870-9051	Chinook Winds Casino Resort 888-244-6665
Portland Area Office 503-238-1512	Chemawa Health Clinic 800-452-7823
Eugene Area Office 541-484-4234	Bureau of Indian Affairs 800-323-8517
Contract Health Services (CHS) 800-628-5720	Website www.ctsi.nsn.us

## CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us).

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

CTSI is constantly looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are retired, a homemaker or a student and are looking for temporary work that can last from two weeks to 12 weeks, please submit a temporary application for the temp pool.

## Tribal Children Need Foster Parents

Do you value Siletz Native culture and want to help preserve it? If so, please consider fostering for the Tribe. The Siletz Tribe needs loving, stable, nurturing homes in all areas.

If you are interested, please contact Shawna Henarie, foster care certifier, at 541-444-8275 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1275; or visit [www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html).



## Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

### Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

#### Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center  
March 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
April 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Salem

Salem Area Office  
March 16 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
April 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Portland

Portland Area Office  
March 15 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
April 12 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Eugene

Eugene Area Office  
March 8 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
April 5 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

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

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