

NCAI elects new Executive Committee to help protect sovereignty of Tribes

TULSA, Okla. – The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) elected a new Executive Committee on Oct. 17 at the 70th Annual Convention & Marketplace.

The Executive Committee is charged with advancing the mission of NCAI to protect and advance Tribal sovereignty by representing the issues and priorities of Tribal nations throughout the country.

New Executive Committee members include:

President: Brian Cladoosby, chairman, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
First Vice President: Michael Finley, chairman, Colville Tribes

Recording Secretary: Robert Shepard, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate
Treasurer: Dennis Welsh Jr., Tribal Council member, Colorado River Indian Tribes

Regional Vice Presidents

Alaska: Jerry Isaac, Native Village of Tanacross
Eastern Oklahoma: S. Joe Crittenden, Cherokee Nation
Great Plains: Leander McDonald, Spirit Lake Nation
Midwest: Aaron Payment, Sault Ste. Marie Band of Chippewa Indians of Michigan

Northeast: Randy Noka, Narragansett Tribe
Northwest: Fawn Sharp, Quinault Indian Nation
Pacific: Rosemary Morillo, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians
Rocky Mountain: Ivan Posey, Shoshone Tribe
Southeast: Ron Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
Southern Plains: Steven Smith, Kiowa Tribe
Southwest: Manuel Heart, Ute Mountain Tribe
Western: Arlan Melendez, Reno Sparks Indian Colony

The Executive Committee is elected by NCAI membership. The president, first vice president, recording secretary and treasurer are elected by the entire membership. The 12 regional vice presidents are elected by each respective region.

Each of these officers is a member of the NCAI board and serves a two-year term that began Oct.18, 2013.

Two-term President Jefferson Keel stepped down Oct. 18. He honored NCAI with his leadership, elevated the role of the organization and served Tribal nations well. He remains a valued and respected leader within NCAI and throughout Indian Country.

Courtesy photo

On behalf of the kids, parents and coaches of the Siletz Youth Football League, I, Selina Rilatos, thank Chinook Winds Casino Resort for its generous donation. Without it, the kids would not have had helmets this year. Thank you!



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Following a unanimous vote of the Siletz Elders, chairman and author Cynthia Farlow donates a copy of the Siletz Elder fundraiser cookbook to Peter Hatch for the Siletz Cultural Department.

Easter family announcement

The family of Caroline Easter would like to invite you to join them on Nov. 9 to share a meal and give thanks to the friends and family for all the support and prayers during this past year. The meal and giveaway will start at 2 p.m. on Government Hill in Siletz, Ore.

Tribal member provides day care in Salem

Where the Wild Things Play is a registered home day care provider in Salem, Ore. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Meals and snacks are provided.

DHS assistance is accepted. Transportation to the Siletz Tribal Head Start bus stop is available.

No registration fee for Tribal members and a 10 percent discount is available for Tribal families.

Call Penny Lane at 503-840-9128.



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nook Winds Casino Resort has allowed the Siletz Tribe to become the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The Siletz Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$10.7 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated nearly \$2.3 million in cash and fund-raising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fundraisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for events.

Kendall Bell-Tellez dances during the 2012 Restoration Pow-Wow.

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 Behavioral Health – 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 – ctsi.nsn.us