

Chairman's Report

Gov. Kate Brown was sworn in on Jan. 9 as Oregon's 38th governor. The ceremony was attended by former governors and many Tribal representatives.

She gave an uplifting address to legislators and guests. She recognized the Tribes that were present and the importance of Tribal sovereignty.

We look forward to continuing our great relationship with her and with the state of Oregon. She has devoted more than 25 years to serving the state.

I attended the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board in Grand Mound, Wash., in mid-January. The Portland Area is the most active in the nation, I believe.

It is a great concern to many just how the new administration will recognize the important of health care in Indian Country. Tribes are actively lobbying to keep a portion of Obamacare (Affordable Care Act) that affects us all, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act.



At the meeting, our good friend Pearl Capoeman-Baller (above) announced her retirement after serving on the Quinault Tribal Council for 32 years, many of them as president, and working with her Tribe for 42 years. We wish Pearl well in her retirement. She was an exceptional Northwest leader.

The inauguration of President Donald Trump has Tribes concerned about how he will move forward working with Tribes. His choice for secretary of interior, however, is Congressman Ryan Zink from Montana, who has wide support from many Tribes.

I am including in this report a very good summation (below) from John Echohawk, executive director of the Native American Rights Fund.

The new administration will be confirmed as Congress gets under way and we look forward to working with our Oregon congressional representatives to further Tribal issues.

Tribal elections are well under way. It's important that you vote and if you have the time to commit, to serve on Tribal committees.



Delores Pigsley

NARF commits to stand firm for justice and for Native rights during the Trump administration

The inauguration of President Trump has many people across the nation concerned and the world wondering how the United States will move forward as a world leader from this point forward. As Native people, we have been down this road before.

For over 500 years we have endured the invasion of our homelands; endured the horrific and failed termination, assimilation and boarding school policies of the federal government; and in more recent times we have fought past administrations' attacks on Indian country and the environment and won.

Since the Trump administration has not announced any Native policy positions, we look forward to the opportunity to work in partnership and educate them about Native rights. But make no mistake, we are firmly committed to continue our fight to protect Native rights and Tribal sovereignty – and fight we will.

We stand by our commitment as "Modern Day Warriors." We have fought hard for our people, our lands and our Tribes for over 46 years and we reaffirm here our commitment to continue to do so. We encourage our brothers and sisters and our allies to be brave, take courage, remember our ancestors and continue to stand firm with us for justice.

From the Native American Rights Fund staff and Board of Directors



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Feb. 11 • 1-4 p.m. • Chinook Winds Golf Resort

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Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz
Siletz Tribal Community Center
Feb. 6 – 6-8 p.m.
March 6 – 6-8 p.m.

Portland
Portland Area Office
Feb. 13 – 6-8 p.m.
March 13 – 6-8 p.m.

Eugene
Eugene Area Office
Feb. 7 – 6-8 p.m.
March 7 – 6-8 p.m.

Salem
Salem Area Office
Feb. 14 – 6-8 p.m.
March 14 – 6-8 p.m.

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