

Elections

Walt Klamath, Election Board Staff Rep.

Well things are beginning to heat up here with the Election Board. We are stuffing the ballots getting them ready for the January 10 mailout. Also, we are going through the election book and all that shows that the Tribal member does not have a voters card, we are sending one.

There is a chance, in fact a good chance, that the member does have a card and was not logged into the election book, so some may get a letter asking for a card when they have sent one in earlier. All I can say at this point is sign it send it in, unless you received a ballot in the mail last year.

Already there are some coming back marked "undeliverable" as the member has moved. If anyone knows of a Tribal member that has moved, ask them to contact the Election Committee, at 1-800-600-5599. It is very important that everyone vote in these elections. Let the leadership of the Tribe know what you want.

We are like toothpicks. Take one little toothpick, try to stand it on end, it will fall. Now if five are tied together with a band, they will stand, they will fall over easy. Now take a hundred, tie them together the same way, they will not fall over, in fact it is hard to knock them over. This is the way our people are, if we are together we can accomplish a lot, but by ourselves we cannot do very much. Numbers count. In my experience, when one person has a thought, there are many others that have the same thought. Let it be known. That is how we will get things done, the way we think that it should be. It starts out by getting into office, the Council Member that you believe will listen to you.

We have sent, at this writing, about 200 out, and we are getting some response already, looks like it could be an interesting election this year.

We did not have a real good turn out at the fairs. There were several people in attendance but most of them were the candidates, and the election board members.

I think that we are going to have to do something a little different in the future, maybe just having one or two fairs. One in the Salem/Portland area and one in the Springfield/Siletz area, or maybe just one big one and have a big potluck dinner maybe even have some entertainment. On the other hand, maybe the candidates themselves can provide the entertainment with their campaign promises. You know, it does have its possibilities.

I think that we have a very efficient Election Board this year. They work very well together and have a good time while doing it. The board consists of Chairperson Wayne Case, Rik Leaton, Margo Norton, Sharon Ricketts and myself as Staff Rep.

[also looking for someone to take over this position, its easy, nothing to do, everything has been done, all volunteers considered, requirements: breathing.]

Siletz Tribal Council Candidates

JoAnn Miller
Terry Russell
Jeff Williams
Philip Rilatos Sr.
Bensell Breon
Mary Viles
Jane John
Selene Lynch
Alice Werth
Gladys Staggs
Michael Berry
Ron Hudson
Kristi Lynn Martin
Lauri Brown-Godfrey

VOTING DATES 1994

SPRINGFIELD:
February 1, 1994
Springfield Area Office
6-9 pm

SALEM:
February 2, 1994
Salem Area Office
6-9 pm

PORTLAND:
February 3, 1994
Portland Area Office
6-9 pm

SILETZ:
February 5, 1994
Siletz Tribal Community Center
9 am - 4pm

Council Candidates cannot withdraw from the race once their candidacy is filed, there is no mechanism in the ordinance to cover this. They can decline the position after the election.

SILETZ TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION BALLOT

YOU MAY VOTE FOR UP TO THREE [3] CANDIDATES FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL. PLACE AN "X" BY THE NAME OF EACH PERSON YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR. YOU MAY NOT GIVE ANY CANDIDATE MORE THAN ONE VOTE. ANY BALLOT WITH MORE THAN [3] TOTAL VOTES SHALL BE INVALID! WRITE-IN CANDIDATES ARE NOT ALLOWED. INCLUSION OF A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE'S NAME SHALL INVALIDATE YOUR BALLOT. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, AN ELECTION BOARD MEMBER WILL ASSIST YOU.

_____ JoAnn Miller
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_____ Jeff Williams
_____ Philip Rilatos
_____ Bensell Breon
_____ Mary Viles
_____ Jane John
_____ Selene Lynch
_____ Alice Werth
_____ Gladys Staggs
_____ Michael Berry
_____ Ron Hudson
_____ Kristi Lynn Martin
_____ Lauri Brown-Godfrey