

## Rosemary Landis Council Report

BIA budget information was given to the tribes at a meeting in the Lloyd Center on May 2nd. I was glad that Sharon Edenfield and Brenda Bremner were at the meeting because I spent a half hour walking, from one end of the Mall to the other, trying to find the meeting room! The Health Committee in Siletz the next day took priority over the second day of BIA budget meetings.

Newly elected officers for the committee are: Tina Retasket, Chairman; Denise Peterson, Secretary; and JoAnn Miller, Concern Coordinator. Tina reported on the newly formed Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention Team which will develop and coordinate resources to combat the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and abuse within the tribal community. Tribal Council acts as the CTSI Health Board. The Health Committee is responsible for providing guidance and assistance to staff members in implementing tribal policy.

I stayed overnight to attend the Planning Department's informal brainstorming session regarding a Youth Program the next morning. The Health Committee and interested community members were invited to this initial meeting as part of the tribe's goal-making process to address the issues that confront the tribal youth. I also was able to listen to the Comprehensive Plan presentation by Dennis Lancaster. A short Self-Governance meeting with CEO Nelsen Witt and his team was held prior to the Youth Planning session.

Salem was the site for the quarterly General Council meeting. This meeting is the forum for frank discussions on important tribal issues. Gifts were given to Gladys Staggs and Jane John for their service as Tribal Council members. Also, Joe DeLaCruz, retiring Quinault Nation Chairman, was gifted for his 25 years of service on behalf of all Indian people. He also is a lineal descendant of our Nation. That evening, I attended the Gaming committee meeting on my own time.

Our Council meeting on Mother's Day dealt with STEDCO issues, gaming and Health.

To honor our Veterans and loved ones with a wreath on Memorial Day, I took part in the May 9th flower making class in Salem. Sonya Moody-Jurado and Allison Simmons willingly gave of their time to make Emma Russell and myself feel welcome and useful.

Another Western Oregon Service Unit meeting was held at Chemawa. The five tribes continued to hold discussions with IHS.

BIA Self-Governance discussions took place in Portland on May 12th. I attended, along with Nelsen and Sharon. A spirit of cooperation among the tribes and BIA officials helped these pre-negotiations proceed at a records pace.

Friday the 13th my family and I

headed for the Coming Home Celebration on the Applegate River near Jacksonville, OR. Grant and Agnes Pilgrim, Takelma Intertribal Project, our Culture Committee, some of our Elders, descendants of the Takelma and Shasta peoples, Forest Service representatives, and many others participated in this cultural event on a section of our ancestral lands. I especially appreciated Phil Rilatos Jr. and his little truck. When my family travels with me, if there is a different rate for the motel room, I count the single rate for my reimbursement. On the way home we ate lunch at the Cow Creek Casino. The food was great!!!

James Floyd, IHS Area Director, joined our Chairman, Dee Pigsley, Judy Muschamp and myself for a luncheon discussion about the W.O.S.U. in Salem on May 19th.

I traveled to Siletz the next day for an afternoon Health Committee meeting.

Since Council was invited to attend the open house at the Springfield Area Office, I went. As a rule, I never win on raffles, (I see them as donations) but this visit I won a beautiful purple and gold shawl and a basket of goodies. I think they were ambivalent about seeing me! The whole staff deserves a lot of credit for the extra work involved in commemorating Oregon Indian Week.

The next two days, Council was in Salem for regular council meetings. Minutes are available by contacting Tribal Council Secretary, Connie Plagmann.

May 23rd and 24th I attended IHS negotiations in Portland, along with the Self-Governance team. IHS was not prepared to negotiate or provide completed financial information for tribal review. Tribes in the Portland Area proceeded with their tribal positions. The Tribal Chairman sent a letter to Dr. Trujillo, Director of IHS, stating their objections to the current conditions. I believe the tribal chairs (the leaders of our governments) have lived up to their obligations and commitments to advance Self-Governance negotiations.

Before the birds awakened on May 25th, I headed for Siletz to meet Ken Reinfield from the Department of Interior. Nelsen, Brenda, staff, and myself spent most of the day with him. He was visiting all Self-Governance tribes on the West Coast. Included in the report to be sent to him in Washington D.C. will be a tribal evaluation of the BIA.

Memorial Day weekend in Siletz is always a bitter-sweet time. The bravery of those who gave their lives defending this Nation and those who returned from battle must be retold, lest we forget the cost. When their country called them, they did what had to be done. They didn't go to war to conquer, but to liberate and bring freedom. I thank those who also are willing to serve in peacetime. To be a part of the tribal memories also brings us closer to each other. We have come a long way from the Rogue River Wars when we didn't even have a chance to bury some of our loved ones who died in battle, protecting their land. The tears, stories, drumming, songs, flowers and wreaths are all a part of the

honoring and healing time. I thank the Dancing Again Singers, Sacred Lands Committee, and all the others for their part in the commemorations.

The last Day of May I spent time at the Portland Area Office at the Elders luncheon. I love the honesty and humor of our Portland Elders.

If you have any concerns or questions, don't hesitate to call me at (503) 622-4270 or at the area office (503) 255-3510, and leave a message for me. I will return your call.

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judgement on each of it's provisions and that review is underway."

The bill will be the focus of the NIGA/NCAI Task Force meeting scheduled to be held in Tulsa on July 7 and 8, 1994. As Chairman of the Siletz Ad Hoc Gaming Commission and member of the Task Force, I will attend that meeting, making sure once again, that our tribal interests are represented.

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**GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Saturday, August 6, 1994  
**SILETZ TRIBAL COMMUNITY CENTER**  
BEGINNING AT 1:00 P.M.

#### AGENDA

1:00 p.m. Call to Order  
Invocation  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes  
Awards Presentation  
Siletz Loyalty Court  
Tribal Members Concern  
Pow wow Report  
Gaming Report  
Chairman's Report  
Announcements  
Adjournment