

# Council: committee idea draws interest

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"Then, over the longer term, by sharing work and responsibility through the committees, Council members will gain more respect for each other.

They'll come to value each other's work and take committee recommendations seriously. Ultimately, the committees will enable Council to go into much greater depth on issues than it could do as a whole. Council members will trust each other, they'll be better informed, and they'll make better decisions."

### Small group discussions

In the afternoon, Council broke up into three small groups to discuss individual committees in more detail. The exercise gave members a chance to ask ques-

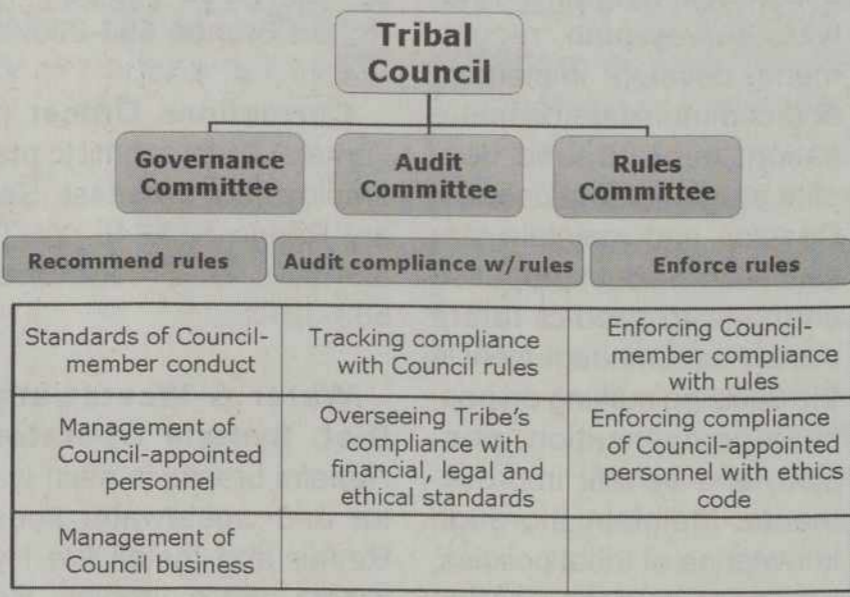


Chart shows committee structure.

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tions and gain hands-on understanding of what kinds of issues the committees would deal with and how they would operate.

The three groups then re-

ported back to the full session and discussed their experiences. Members recognized the importance of making sure the committees were set up carefully and

that decisions about membership were worked out in advance. Some suggested that each committee include at least one member from each district. Others thought it a good idea to have each chief serve on a different committee to provide continuity from Council to Council. The facilitators emphasized that these were precisely the kinds of issues that Council would be deciding if it adopted the committee structure.

The small group exercise led to lots of positive energy and interest in working more on the committee idea, which Council agreed to do in a later session.

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# Pageant

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Wewa said the event served as a learning process for parents as well—especially if parents of participants didn't have prior knowledge in order to teach their children.

The pageant, Wewa said, serves to teach children the importance of socializing and being able to speak out.

"That's something we need to encourage our children in," he told the crowd.

All parents and contributors work with the pageant on a volunteer basis, Wewa added.

Wewa said, "The only payment that comes from the pageant is the knowledge."

For the participants, Wewa said, the knowledge is something they can carry throughout their life and later pass on.

"Hopefully what they've learned through this process will rub off in sharing with their brothers and sisters at home,"

he said.

Wewa told the participants that partaking in events like the pageant will help them to become leaders in the future.

"One day you will be providers to our people," he said. "Some of you, it will come to you naturally for you to step forward to become a leader."

He also spoke of the potential to enter other pageants—both regionally and nationally.

Several local pageant winners have gone on to become runners up for Miss Indian U.S.A., Wewa said, and many have also competed in the Miss Indian Northwest pageants.

While many girls dream of competing in large pageants, Wewa said, the participants were taking the first step toward doing so.

"Everyone has dreams," Wewa said. "Tonight this pageant is for you to fulfill part of those dreams."

The last Little/Junior Miss Warm Springs Pageant was held in 2002.

Current reigning queens and

princesses from the 2002 pageant include queen Keyanna Yellowmen, daughter of Merle Kirk and Virgil Yellowmen, in the 3-4 year old division, as well as princess Kasheena Stevens, daughter of Lisa and Orlando Stevens.

In the 5-6 year old division, Katrina Blackwolf, daughter of Levi and Zelma Blackwolf, serves as queen while Elyse Bagley, daughter of Willie Bagley and Lovelle Jackson serves as princess.

The 7-9 year old division includes queen Arlene David, daughter of Andrew David and Irma Wahnetah, and princess Rosie Two Feathers, daughter of Lucy and Tony Suppah.

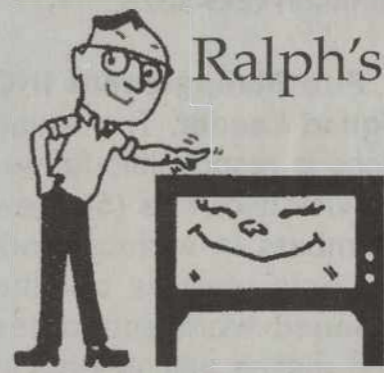
Paulina Spino, daughter of Nellie and Vernon Spino, serves as queen for the 10-12 year old division, and Allegra Robinson, whose guardian in Lucinda Green, serves as princess.

For the 13-17 year old division, Carina Miller, daughter of Ken Miller and Sue Matters, serves as queen.

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