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Election Board publishes regulations

Here are the proposed tribal Election Board Regulations. The Election Board encourages all tribal members to comment to the Board at P.O. Box 99, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347 within 30 days. After 30 days, the Board will finalize these regulations.

Pursuant to the Grand Ronde Election Ordinance, subpart (b) (3) (O), the Grand Ronde Election Board proposes the following rules:

1. In cases of dispute, as to compliance with the Election Ordinance; substantial rather than complete compliance with the Ordinance shall be deemed adequate.
2. There will be an experienced advisor at all election polls.
3. When ballots are being handled by the Election Board, there will be two Board members present at all times.
4. All Election Board members, and their alternates, as their individual jobs permit, will receive training annually.
5. Any duly enrolled tribal member who will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the scheduled election shall have the right to vote provided he/she is duly registered.
6. Absentee ballots must be mailed to the Election Board at P.O. Box 99, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347.
7. Absentee ballots may be requested by mail or telephone; but only one request will be honored from each eligible voter.
8. Tribal members who drop by (walk-in) to the Board headquarters will be dealt with on an individual basis, but will not be permitted inside the working area.
9. The Election Board members do not claim to be professionals at signature verification. However, if there is an obvious discrepancy in the signature then the ballot will be rejected. If the Voter Registration Form signature does not match the signature on file, a new Voter Registration Form will be mailed to the voter, up to seven (7) days before the date of the election.
10. If an election is challenged, the challenger must pay a \$75 administrative fee. If the result of the recount shows in favor of the challenger, the fee will be refunded.
11. Irregularity shall be defined as, but not limited to: forgery, or improper handling of the ballots. Extreme irregularity shall be defined as, but not limited to: fire,

theft, tampering of ballots, improper use of official documents, or misrepresentation of tribal officials.

12. All petitions shall at a minimum contain a purpose statement, and have space for tribal member to: print name, roll number, address, phone number, and signature. All petitions shall be submitted on 8 1/2" X 11" paper or 14" X 12" paper. Petitions will be circulated for at least 90 days, but not more than one year.
13. There shall be no amendments to these Election Regulations after nominations and prior to that election.
14. If an allegation of conviction for any felony or misdemeanor of a Tribal Council candidate is made in writing to the Election Board, the Board shall investigate the allegation. If the Election Board confirms that a conviction has taken place the Board will publish that information at the earliest possible date.

15. Pursuant to the Election Ordinance, subpart (b) (3), the Board shall act on any supportable allegation of Board member failure to perform Board duties. The allegation must be in writing, state a specific failure to perform, and be signed by at least one witness to the alleged failure.

Hearing: the Board will give the accused Board member at least 10 days notice of a hearing to determine the validity of the allegations. The accused Board member has the right to confront the accuser, to bring witnesses, and to present written evidence.

The Board shall make its decision within fourteen (14) days of the close of the hearing record. The accused Board member shall take no part in the decision-making. The Board will present written findings of fact to the Tribal Council, the accused Board member, and the accuser within seven (7) days of making its decision.

•Rules are already in place for the nomination process.

Attention Students: Summer Youth Practicum in Colorado

■ *It's almost summer, and time to prepare for this year's Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Environmental Awareness Summer Youth Practicum.*

The dates are July 28 to August 9, 1996 to be held in Evergreen, Colorado.

"What's unique about this program," said Youth Practicum Coordinator Sally Carufel-Williams, "is the use of Native professionals that represent the wide array of natural resource managers, and of course, the invaluable teachings from tribal elders."

A learning program for students in high school, the Summer Youth Practicum is an opportunity for Native American students to experience the outdoors and get first-hand information from Native American natural resource teachers and role models. The Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS) hosts the practicum because youth are the future managers of tribal natural resources.

The Mt. Evans Outdoor Education Lab School in Evergreen Colorado is the site for this year's practicum. During the first week of the program, students will participate in classroom sessions, field education, recreation, and traditional methods. The professionals in natural resources as well as cultural and spiritual teachers will provide students an opportunity to interact with them and their peers.

Additional plans include a field trip to the Jicarilla Apache Reservation in Dulce, New Mexico.

High school students entering 10th-12th grades and concerned with preserving, protecting, and enhancing the natural resources are invited to apply to the program. Students must also be in good physical condition, as physical activities are included in the program.

For more information or an application, please contact: Sally Carufel-Williams, Youth Practicum Coordinator, 750 Burbank Street, Broomfield, Colorado 80020. The phone number is (303) 466-1725. **Applications are due April 30.** Only complete applications will be considered.

Tribal members encouraged to take part in the FIB Bank at Work Program

The Tribe would like to inform employees and tribal members of a benefit program arranged with First Interstate Bank (FIB). It is called the Bank at Work Program, and includes special prices for the following:

- Regular checking with no monthly service charge. You will receive the bank's regular checking account **free** for as long as you are a tribal member or an employee of the Tribe. *Limited to one account per employee/member.*

- First order of 200 personalized checks at no charge.

- Annual fee waiver on our APR Variable-Rate Classic Visa or MasterCard. The first year's annual fee is waived for any new Classic Visa or MasterCard; or receive a \$25 credit toward a Visa Gold. *Subject to credit approval.*

- Installment loan discounts of 1/2% off of the interest rates on new loans. Does not include AdvanceLine, Visa, MasterCard, Student Loans, Business Loans, and Residential Real Estate Loans. *Subject to credit approval.*

- Rent discount for new Safe Deposit Box customers. We'll waive your first year's fee on a small size Safe Deposit Box. *Subject to availability at branch of choice.*

- No annual fee for new unsecured AdvanceLine. With AdvanceLine you can write yourself a loan for whatever you need, whenever you need it. *Subject to credit approval.*

- Residential loan fee discount. Receive a discount of .25% of loan amount on loan fees at closing. *Subject to application fees and credit approval.*

Also, when you bank at First Interstate, you could receive the following benefits: access to cash instantly from coast to coast, use the world's smallest checkbook, get loans your way, count on our investment expertise, and enjoy the security of the First Interstate system. As a member or employee of the Grand Ronde Tribe, you can choose as many or as few of the services from First Interstate Bank as you want. Contact your local branch for more information, or call (503) 399-3541.