

March General Council Meeting

By Siobhan Taylor

The March 4 General Council meeting drew a packed house. The topic was the Tribe's history, strategy, financial considerations and timelines regarding off reservation gaming. Presenters included Tribal member David Lewis from Cultural Resources, Larry Kovach from Finance, Rob Greene from Legal, Siobhan Taylor from Public Affairs and Justin Martin, a Tribal member and lobbyist for the Tribe. Due to the sensitive nature of the program, Tribal Council moved to take the meeting into Executive Session for Tribal members and presenters only. As a result there was little for *Smoke Signals* to report at deadline.

After a lunch break, the meeting continued in Executive Session. The last minutes of the meeting were held outside of Executive Session. During the Other Business part of the program Tribal members thanked Council and staff for their presentation and asked for continued updates to keep them informed about the off reservation gaming issue.

The next General Council meeting will be held on Sunday, April 1.

Attention Tribal Members:

2007 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

■ Sunday, April 1 — Grand Ronde

NOTE THAT ALL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS START AT 11 A.M.

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE TIME
Wednesday, March 21 5 p.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed. Please call Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator at 503-879-1309 to confirm.

3rd Annual Finance Summit

To be held at the Tribal Community Center on Saturday, March 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is for Tribal members only (ID will be required). For more information contact Ken Trevino at 503-879-1626 or ken.trevino@grandronde.org

Letters

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

Thank you to Lisa Archuletta, Jon George, Chris Garcia, Greg Archuletta of the Portland Office and their helper Kimberly LaBonte for the wonderful Elders' Luncheon.

We appreciate all your hard work. It turned out to be just a wonderful gathering for our Elders.

Anna Hannah, Harold Lyons and Bernadine Shriver

Dear *Smoke Signals*,

We wanted to let you know this year's Veterans' Pow-wow date is July 6-8, 2007 at the old Tribal Pow-wow grounds. We apologize for any miscommunication about the date. The Veterans' board also meets the first Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Wayne at 503-472-1673.

Attention Grand Ronde Tribal & Community Members:

The Cultural Resources Department is seeking individuals interested in serving on the Grand Ronde Cultural Trust Board, part of the Oregon Cultural Trust program. This is a statewide cultural plan to help raise funding for investment in Oregon's Art, Humanities and Heritage. Cultural Trust funds are dispersed annually to county, city, and tribal governments in Oregon.

A Cultural Trust board consisting of five Tribal and local community members is needed to assist in directing funds for various cultural activities through small grants. Three seats on the board are open to general tribal and community members.

Individuals interested in serving are encouraged to apply. Applications for the board are available at the Cultural Resources Department. All applications must be turned in to Cultural Resources by 5 p.m. on Friday April 20.

For more information on Oregon Cultural Trust visit www.culturaltrust.org

For questions regarding applications contact Angella McCallister at 503-879-2268 or angella.mccallister@grandronde.org or Khani Schultz at 503-879-2185.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The following Committees and/or Special Event Boards have vacancies:

Fish & Wildlife Committee — 1 Vacancy

Health Committee — 1 Vacancy

Timber Committee — 2 Vacancies

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