

NOTICE — Monthly Tribal Council Wednesday Meetings

DATE	TIME
Wednesday, Nov. 9.....	5 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 23.....	10 a.m.

Please note that these times and dates are subject to change if needed.

Letters

Dear Smoke Signals:

It's hard to believe that the BIA would agree to putting four separate issues into one bundle to be voted upon. I truly wish Tribal Council would put each issue separately on the ballot to be voted on separately.

What is the problem in doing that?

Nancy Hughey
Roll #1042

Dear Tribal members:

When we voted on the 1999 enrollment proposal, many of us did not know what we were voting on. We thought we were stopping Tribal jumpers yet instead we were in a sense voting to keep out our own Grand Ronde people.

Now we are told the enrollment proposal has three or four changes to our enrollment. However, when you look closely at the proposed amendment changes, there are actually at least seven changes in total:

1. Change relinquishment from five years to two years;
2. Eliminate requirement the applicant needs a parent on the roll the year of the applicant's birth;
3. Eliminate requirement the applicant needs a parent enrolled, unless deceased, at the time the applicant files their application;
4. Use all Indian blood instead of only the current Grand Ronde blood from ancestors on the Restoration Roll to determine Grand Ronde blood definition;
5. Use any roll or record of Grand Ronde members instead of the current Grand Ronde Restoration Roll to determine Grand Ronde blood definition;
6. Use any ancestor, before and after Restoration, instead of using the current Grand Ronde ancestors on the Restoration Roll to determine Grand Ronde blood definition;
7. Place a limit on the number of adult members who can be accepted into the Tribe each year.

I advocate for knowing exactly what you are voting for. The proposed definition of Grand Ronde blood is poorly written so it could be interpreted differently by Tribal Council, Enrollment, Legal, the courts, etc.

What does "any roll or record" mean specifically? What are the ramifications if we keep changing from all Indian blood to Grand Ronde blood only then back to all Indian blood again?

Lastly, to take out the words "Restoration Roll" and add the words "or since" means you do not need Grand Ronde ancestors on the Restoration Roll anymore, and you can be a member using an ancestor who came to our Tribe in the 1980s or 1990s, apparently with no ancestors on Grand Ronde rolls before Restoration. To me, Grand Ronde blood is ancestral and given to us from our parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, etc., on the official Grand Ronde rolls before we were restored.

Rosemary Jameson
Roll #883

See pages 13-18 for more letters.

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