



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

From left, representatives from the Tribe's new investment consulting firm, Robert W. Baird & Co., Senior Vice President Joseph Hoon, Managing Director John Fitzgibbons, Senior Vice President of Institutional Consulting Patrick Cronin and Associate Director of Research Aaron Reynolds spoke to the Tribal membership during the General Council meeting held in the Tribal Community Center on Sunday, Feb. 3.

## General Council briefed on Tribal investments

By Dean Rhodes

*Smoke Signals editor*

General Council attendees received a 63-minute briefing on the Tribal investment portfolio in executive session during the Feb. 3 meeting held at the Tribal Community Center.

Four representatives from the Tribe's new investment consulting firm, Robert W. Baird & Co. of Mil-

waukee, Wis., and Tribal Finance Officer Julio Martinez gave the overview.

Since the meeting was held in executive session, *Smoke Signals* cannot report on the details discussed.

However, a 19-page handout was distributed to Tribal members that summarized the presentation and gave detailed information on the

Tribe's investments – where the money is invested and the current value of individual endowment fund accounts. A copy of the handout can be obtained by contacting Tribal Council Executive Coordinator Stacia Martin at 503-879-2304 or stacia.martin@grandronde.org.

Baird representatives in attendance included Senior Vice President Joseph Hoon and Managing Director John Fitzgibbons from the firm's San Francisco-area office and Senior Vice President of Institutional Consulting Patrick Cronin and Associate Director of Research Aaron Reynolds from the Milwaukee office.

They discussed Baird's history, gave an overview of the stock market and U.S./world economy's performance in 2012 and discussed Baird's outlook for this year's financial markets.

Martinez then gave an overview

of Tribal investments and endowment funds.

During the executive session, Tribal Council members and General Council attendees asked questions or commented eight times.

After coming out of executive session, it was announced that the next General Council meeting will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 3, at the Monarch Hotel & Convention Center, 12566 S.E. 93rd Ave., Clackamas, which is off Interstate 205.

Erica Mercier, Richard Ray and Regina Wheeler won the \$50 door prizes and Patsy Kellogg won the \$100 door prize. Kevin Simmons, Steve and Sharon Freund, Brenda Tuomi, Evelyn Seidel and Kathryn Harrison won donated jewelry created by Tribal Council member Jon A. George, including San Francisco 49er's and Baltimore Ravens necklaces made in honor of it being Super Bowl Sunday. ■

### 2013 Tribal Marketplace dates

- March 1-2, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; March 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- April 5-6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 7, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- May 3-4, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; May 5, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- June 7-8, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; June 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- July 12-13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; July 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- July 19-20, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Elder Honor Day)

*Dates subject to change due to conflicting Tribal or SMC events. Located across from Cedar Plank Buffet.*

### Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunt Board** meets as needed. Chair: Shonn Leno.
- **Cultural Trust Board** meets at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in Modular No. 2. Chair: Perri McDaniel.
- **Culture Committee** meets at 1 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month in Modular No. 3. Chair: CeCe Kneeland.
- **Education Committee** meets at 5:15 p.m. on the first Monday of the month in the Adult Education Building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
- **Elders' Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Gladys Hobbs.
- **Enrollment Committee** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Building. Acting Chair: Robert Schmid.
- **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of the month in the Tribal Wellness Center. Acting Chair: Patti Tom-Martin.
- **Powwow Special Event Board** meets at 5 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Community Center. Chair: Dana Ainam.
- **Rodeo Special Event Board** meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Tribal Rodeo Office. Chair: Harold Lyon.
- **Social Services Committee** meets at 4 p.m. the second Monday of the month in the Social Services Conference Room. Chair: Jenny Sanchez.
- **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources Building. Chair: Bob Mercier.
- **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 4 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month in the Elders' Activity Center. Chair: Gene LaBonte.

### Tribal Council holds first reading on Burial Fund Ordinance amendments

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal Council held a first reading on proposed amendments to the Burial Fund Ordinance that would, among other things, increase both the burial and reception benefits during the Jan. 30 Tribal Council meeting.

The amendments would clarify the ordinance to say that pre-paid funeral expenses paid before death are not eligible; define a child as someone 25 or younger and that they must be natural, adoptive or stepchildren; require a death certificate and invoice from the funeral provider before the benefit is paid; and increase the burial benefit from \$3,500 to \$5,500 and the reception benefit from \$150 to \$300.

The burial benefit was once \$5,000 and was reduced to \$3,500, said Member Services Manager Penny Deloe.

Once the proposed amendments are printed in *Smoke Signals*, Tribal members will have 30 days to comment on them.

In other action, Tribal Council:

- Appointed Steve Bobb Sr. as the

Tribe's delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association;

- Approved applying to the Oregon Department of Transportation for pass-through federal funds totaling \$107,615 with a cost sharing of \$12,318;
- Passed several resolutions to remove Assistant General Manager Chris Leno and appoint General Manager Mark Johnston to sign on Tribal accounts;
- And approved a resolution approving Tribal membership for two infants and denied one resolution for an infant enrollment.

It also was announced by Deloe that an enrollment audit will start soon now that Tribal Council has signed an authorization to proceed.

"This is a really big project," said General Manager Mark Johnston, "and an important project. The key to this is doing it right. Not only doing it right, we want to make sure we do it timely and so we want to make sure that people understand. ... Just know that we are doing it as fast as we possibly can and ensuring that it is absolutely accurate because it's very critical." ■

### Committee seeks Elders' phone numbers

The Tribal Elders Committee is working on a volunteer phone list of Elders. If you would like to submit your phone number and address to be available to other Elders, send it to [elders.committee@grandronde.org](mailto:elders.committee@grandronde.org) or leave a message at 503-879-2231. ■