

NOMINEES TO THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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**PUBLIC CHAPTER 344 (2003) PERTAINING TO
THE NOMINATION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ' COMMISSIONERS**

BY THE TENNESSEE NATIVE AMERICAN CONVENTION :

SECTION 5.

(a) The Tennessee commission of Indian affairs shall consist of at least seven (7) members as follows:

- (1) One (1) member from each of the four (4) metropolitan areas: Shelby, Davidson, Knox and Hamilton, and counties contiguous thereto;
- (2) One (1) member from each of the three (3) grand divisions of the state; and
- (3) One (1) member from each Native American Indian nation or tribe located within Tennessee, and recognized by the state per recognition guidelines established by the commission.

(b)

- (1) The Tennessee Native American convention shall submit a list of not less than two (2) names for each position on the commission to be appointed.
- (2) Accompanying each nominee's name submitted shall be a resume, including the nominee's educational background, work history, heritage, description of why the nominee would be a suitable commissioner and the democratic process and results that led to the nomination.
- (3) Preference in selection of at least five (5) Indian commissioners shall be given to Native American Indians, i.e., persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
- (4) Each member of the commission of Indian affairs shall be a resident of Tennessee.

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THAT LED TO THESE NOMINATIONS

1. The creation of an organization to develop and implement an election process from within the state Indian community: we created the Tennessee Native American Convention (TNNAC) and researched the caucus nominating process. developed a two-tiered system of local caucuses electing commissioner-nominees and delegates to a statewide convention where representatives from the statewide community would together determine its representation.
2. The 2001 TNNAC Caucuses were held on saturday, 25 august, at 7pm Eastern, 6pm Central, simultaneously in seven (7) locations around the state: Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, Knoxville, West TN (Pinson Mounds), Middle TN (Columbia), East TN (Madisonville), and were open to all Tennessee residents age 16 and older. Over 200 people attended the caucuses.
3. The 2001 TNNAC Convention was held saturday, 22 september, at Old Stone Fort Park in Manchester. 100 caucus delegates chose from among the 20 commissioner-nominees and elected seven top Indian Commissioner nominees. The Convention also approved the "A Broader Commission" 5-year, 10-committee plan for a new Tennessee Indian Affairs Advisory Council to utilize the commissioner-nominees to help support the new Proposed Commission.
4. Caucus voting was by written ballot. Convention voting was by written ballot, voice and acclamation.
5. No caucus or convention irregularities were reported and no complaints were received by TNNAC about the nomination or election process or the results.
6. Several persons nominated to the Commission of Indian Affairs have resigned their nomination, have moved, and/or are no longer in contact with TNNAC board. The TNNAC Board has made many efforts to contact all commissioner-nominees with information on how to finalize their informational contribution to the process. The résumés of nominees who have not responded to contact requests or who can no longer be found have been removed from this submission.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND

Unless noted, candidates state that they have never been convicted of a felony and has no other record that would reflect poorly on his/her ability to represent the State of Tennessee and the Native American Indian community.

ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE

TENNESSEE NATIVE AMERICAN CONVENTION

tom kunesh, At-Large/Chattanooga, chairman
Vicky Garland, Middle Tennessee, vice-chairman
Dale Mitchell, Nashville, secretary-treasurer
Floyd Ayers, Middle Tennessee
Edna Fay, Nashville
John Hedgecoth, Knoxville
Joe McCaleb, At-Large/Nashville
John Smith, Memphis

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Dale Mitchell, 563 Watson Branch Drive, Franklin TN 37064, 615/ 591-7651, torpedo27@webtv.net

TNNAC website: www.tnnac.org

COMMISSIONER NOMINEES ' BY RANK AND INFORMATION STATUS AS VOTED BY THE
September 2001 Tennessee Native American Convention election, Old Stone Fort, Manchester.

MEMPHIS CAUCUS

1. Ruth Knight Allen
2. John Cornelius (no contact)
3. Cubert Bell Jr
4. Jack Phillips (no contact)

WEST TENNESSEE CAUCUS

1. Evangeline 'Van' Lynch
2. Bonnie Redbird James (resigned)
3. Teresa Horn (no contact)
4. John Lone Eagle (resigned)

NASHVILLE CAUCUS

1. Mike Mangrum
2. Sandi Perry
3. Pat Cummins (resigned)
4. Edna Fay

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CAUCUS

1. David Teat
2. Anita Prevatte
3. Ben Clough (no contact)

CHATTANOOGA AREA CAUCUS

1. John Anderson
2. Alva Crowe
3. Pat Girard (resigned)
4. tom kunesh

KNOXVILLE AREA CAUCUS

1. Teri Ellenwood
2. John Hedgecoth
3. Tommy Veal
4. James Yellow Eagle (resigned)

EAST TENNESSEE CAUCUS

1. Trudy 'Morning Dove' Austin
2. Jason 'Growling Bear' Godsey
3. Craig 'White Raven' Fairall (resigned)
4. Jack 'Love Heart' Johnson (no contact)

COMMISSIONER -NOMINEES ' ATTENDANCE 2001-2003 at the meetings of the
Tennessee Indian Affairs Advisory Council/proposed TN Commission of Indian Affairs

meeting 1: 10 November 2001,Lebanon
meeting 2: 9 February 2002,Jackson
meeting 3: 1 June 2002,Chattanooga
meeting 4: 14 September 2002,Knoxville
meeting 5: 7 December 2002,Nashville
meeting 6: 8 March 2003,Chattanooga
meeting 7: 7 June 2003,Knoxville

REGULAR QUARTERLY MEETINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
WEST TENNESSEE CAUCUS								
1.Evangeline 'Van' Lynch	x	x	x	x	x			5
2.Bonnie Redbird James		x						1
3.Teresa Horn								
4. John Lone Eagle								
MEMPHIS CAUCUS								
1.Ruth Knight Allen		x						1
2. John Cornelius								
3.Cubert Bell Jr					x	x		2
4.Jack Phillips								
MIDDLE TENNESSEE CAUCUS								
1.David Teat	x	x	x	x	x		x	6
2.Anita Prevatte	x							1
3.Ben Clough								
NASHVILLE CAUCUS								
1.Mike Mangrum	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
2.Sandi Perry		x			x	x	x	4
3.Pat Cummins								
4.Edna Fay			x					1
EAST TENNESSEE CAUCUS								
1.Trudy 'Morning Dove' Austin	x	x	x			x		4
2.Jason 'Growling Bear' Godsey				x				1
3.Craig 'White Raven' Fairall								
4.Jack 'Love Heart' Johnson								
CHATTANOOGA AREA CAUCUS								
1. John Anderson	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
2.Alva Crowe	x							1
3.Pat Girard	x		x	x	x	x		5
4.tom kunesh	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
KNOXVILLE AREA CAUCUS								
1.Teri Ellenwood	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	7
2. John Hedgecoth		x	x	x	x		x	5
3. Tommy Veal				x	x		x	3
4.James Yellow Eagle				x	x		x	3
27 nominees	10	11	10	11	12	8	9	

TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

NOMINEES FOR
MEMPHIS

RUTH KNIGHT ALLEN

nominee from Memphis
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School
Vocational emergency medical tech., national registry - ambulance and instructor EMTNR-A

WORK HISTORY

Girl Scout Council of the Mid-South, Memphis, TN

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Mother - Choctaw, Father - Cherokee, Tenn. Roll number ###

[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.

Native American heritage information submitted. Qualifies for Native American Indian Preference.]

COMMUNITY

Founding member Far Away Cherokee Association/NAIA - Memphis
Founding member AIA - Millington, Kateri Tekakwitha Circle of the River
Memphis Pow Wow Association. (dormant)
Native American representative with Diocese of Memphis

*Six years on the National Governors' Indian Council and secretary for the last two of those years.

*Serve on the Delta Initiatives Steering Committee and responsible for "the Native American Heritage Route" chosen for the Delta initiatives.

*Commissioner (Indian Position) on previous TCIA 1985-90, and secretary during that time. Responsible for drafting and finalizing the "Recognition Criteria of Native Americans in Tenn." over a six year period while on the TCIA.

STATEMENT

I believe I will add experience and knowledge to the new structure of the Commission. I listen and make myself available to those who need, but I also have strength when strength is needed. Those who have known of my involvements trust my judgement to stand up for the rights of the Native American people at home and elsewhere. It is also known that I have contacts and check out people and situations where there are questions on authenticity and or traditions. I am detail-oriented and know the need for accurate and timely records. I believe that communication among all of us is essential to the success of this venture.

[No other information submitted.]

CUBERT BELL JR

nominee from Memphis

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cbell2@memphis.edu

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1993 Raleigh Egypt High School
3970 Voltaire, Memphis, Tennessee

Southwest Tennessee Community College

WORK HISTORY

2001-current Office Assistant, Chucalissa Museum, University of Memphis
1987 Indian Village Drive, Memphis, Tennessee 38109

1994-2002 Checker/Sorter, Federal Express Corp
2903 Sprankel, Memphis, Tennessee 38118

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

I am a full blooded Choctaw Indian enrolled with the Mississippi Band of Choctaw.
[Qualifies for Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

I feel it is necessary for the younger generation to become involved in what is happening in our state. Furthermore, I feel it necessary not only to be involved but to become a member of decision making body that will address the short comings in our state in dealing with the Native American population and collectively making changes that will address the entire needs of each and every Native Americans in Tennessee.

COMMUNITY

Board Member, American Indian Affairs of Tennessee Henning, Tennessee
Head man dancer for the West Tennessee Indian Social Dancers

REFERENCES

Cubert Bell Sr	1987 Indian Village Drive, Memphis TN	901/ 785-7511
Hal Coulston		901/ 876-3900
Alice Henry	2811 Ravenwood Drive, Memphis TN	901/ 373-3885

TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

NOMINEES FOR
WEST TENNESSEE

EVANGELINE 'VAN' LYNCH

nominee from West Tennessee

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731/ 673-4360

vlynch@ocol.net

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Cass Elementary School, Haskell Co. OK (dissolved)

1954 Stigler High School, Stigler OK

1958 BS: English; Bible & Religion

Bethel College, McKenzie TN

Certification in Special Education, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale IL

Certification in Elementary Education, University of Tennessee at Martin

WORK HISTORY

2000-current Retired.

1979-2000 Teacher, Resource English classes at Obion County Central High School,
Grades 9-12; American History, Gr. 11; (21 years)

Obion County Board of Education, Union City TN 38261

1978-79 Teacher, Resource classes, Grades 7 & 8, Junior High School, Burnet TX

1970-1978 Teacher, Resource classes, Grades 7 & 8, White County, Carmi IL

1967-1969 Teacher, English classes, Grades 7, 8 & 9, Junior High School, Arkoma OK

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Enrolled member, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, Durant OK

[Qualifies for Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

Having served as a proposed commissioner nominee for the past several months, I am more aware of the responsibilities the position entails, and I believe I am better prepared for the job. I will continue my commitment to help reinstate the State Commission of Indian Affairs and to assure that the interests and concerns of Native Americans in TN are addressed. The past few months have proven that in spite of the great diversity of abilities and opinions among us, we can work together to achieve our goals. Great friendships have been forged, healthy working relationships have occurred, and much unity has been achieved, and I believe all three are necessary for any organization to be successful. I am encouraged and energized with the opportunity to have been of service and wish to continue to serve.

COMMUNITY

1975-1996 Church Women United, Inc., New York NY - served on National Board 3
different times. 2000-2004 state Vice President

supporting member, Native American Indian Association, Nashville TN

supporting member, Indigenous Women's Network, Austin TX

secretary-treasurer, TN Indian Affairs Advisory Council

REFERENCES

Sara J. Cantrell 77 Rolling Hills, Jackson TN 38305 731/ 668-9103; Stawoda@aol.com
Personal friend sharing a common interest in teaching.

Sally Wells 106 Lakewood Circle, Smyrna TN 37167; 615/ 459-3156

Personal friend sharing a common Choctaw heritage.

Betty Jacob, Coordinator of Indian Ministries P.O. Box 158, Broken Bow OK 74728

Office phone/fax: 580/ 584-2099 chocpres@pine-net.com

Personal friend of 48 years sharing a common Choctaw heritage

TERESA HORN

nominee from West Tennessee
Saulsbery TN

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School Diploma

WORK HISTORY

Housewife.
Beadworker and Crafter for over 14 years.

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Cherokee.

[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.

No Native American heritage information submitted to validate/verify Native American Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

I am more than willing to serve the Native American People of TN. Have supported the NAIA/ Far Away Cherokee in Memphis since they were founded. I have and always will work for the empowerment and education for my people and for the Native American Children yet to come. I am a believer in making sure our Heritage is not Forgotten. Our Ancestors Graves and Mounds should not be disturbed nor should they be looted in the name of research. I will also fight for the return of our Ancestors Bones and Burial objects. Will fight for the cause until we have the rights of our Ancestors Graves as other graves. Will push for the Education of our Adults and the Children of the Native American People of Tennessee. It is very important to teach our Heritage and ways of our Ancestors, and will also push for the Higher Education of today's world for further generations or our people. We need to make sure there is a Future in Tennessee for the Generations to come. I have and will always offer Total support for the Native American People of Tennessee.

COMMUNITY

Second Vice-President, Native American Indian Association of Memphis/Far Away Cherokee

REFERENCES

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NOMINEES FOR
NASHVILLE

MICHAEL WAYNE MANGRUM

nominee from Nashville

4901 Hwy. 70, Dickson TN 37055, P.O. Box 574, Dickson TN 37055

615/ 740-7954

615/ 446-3900

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Richland Elementary School

Bellevue Junior High School

Bellevue High School

Austin Peay

WORK HISTORY

Jackson Academy 222 Church St., Dickson TN 37055

Self

Self

Self

Self

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Grand Mother - Jessie Adams, Chickasaw. Her father's name was Kinhincha.

Date of birth and place not known.

I will show proof to whom ever appoints me.

[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.

No Native American heritage information submitted to validate/verify Indian Preference reportedly upon advice of candidate's legal counsel, but was provided to a TNNAC Board member who affirms the veracity of the documents.]

STATEMENT

I've been involved in the Indian scene for many years. For every cause I've been there for.

I am currently involved in setting up a program to help save youth in the Indian world.

I am a drummer and a singer and very spiritual and I believe in "right and wrong".

MILITARY

Yes. N/A

FELONIES

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REFERENCES

N/A

N/A

N/A

SANDI PERRY

nominee from Nashville
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1960 Jay High School, Jay, Florida

1966 William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
B.A. Speech/Education

Troy State University, Troy, Alabama
M.S. Education/History

WORK HISTORY

1986-current Teacher, Metro/Nashville Public Schools
Nashville, Tennessee

1994-96 Adjunct Professor of History
Volunteer State Community College

1969-1984 Teacher, Santa Rosa County Public Schools
Milton, Florida

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Muscogee (Creek), Back Six Generations.
*[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.
Native American heritage information submitted. Qualifies for Native American Indian Preference.]*

STATEMENT

I believe, that being of mixed ancestry lends strength to my ability to serve as a commissioner. I have learned through years of living and working in the majority society to work within the system, and I feel that this can work as a positive in dealing with the government on the behalf of Indian people in this state. I have been very involved for over ten years in the Indian community in Tennessee. I presently serve on the board of the Alliance for Native American Indian Rights. I was present and involved in the beginning with TNNAC and am continuing to support the need for a voice for our concerns across this state. I have been active in the struggle to free Leonard Peltier for many years. I am a person of very strong convictions, and have a respected voice in the Indian community. I also believe that my background in education could be helpful in spearheading a move to include the real history of our people in the curriculum provided for the students in Tennessee. I know that the energy and dedication that I would bring to the commissioner position would be valuable.

COMMUNITY

Alliance For Native American Indian Rights, Board Member
Native American Education Association of Tennessee, Vice President
Phi Beta Kappa Educational Fraternity, Center For Teaching Tolerance
Leonard Peltier Defense Activities

REFERENCES

April Weller	Carter Lane, Leiper's Fork TN	615/ 791-1682
Pat Cummins	Presidential Trace, Hermitage TN 37076	615/ 874-1435
Melvin Smith	Brookview Estates, Nashville TN	615/ 642-2184

EDNA FAY

nominee from Nashville
661 Windellwood Circle, Smyrna TN 37167

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1958-66 Ripley Elementary School, Ripley, TN
1966-70 Choctaw Central High School, Philadelphia, MS
1992-97 Dyersburg State Community College (part-time classes), Dyersburg, TN
1997-2001 Middle TN State University, Murfreesboro TN
Currently, seeking Associate's Degree in Elementary Education
and to continue for Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

WORK HISTORY

1999-Present United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET)
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Suite 100, Nashville TN 37214 615/ 872-7900
1998-99 Homeless No More, Case Manager,
grant under Native American Indian Association of Tennessee
1994-98 Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), Case Manager,
grant under Native American Indian Association of Tennessee
1991-94 Project Smoke Signal Bilingual Coordinator,
grant under Native American Indian Association of Tennessee

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Enrolled member, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
[Qualifies for Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

I offer the knowledge of working with Native American people in the state of Tennessee and other tribal areas. In my years of involvement with the Native Americans of Tennessee I heard the issues they have and I have felt there is some solutions to this. I knew I could not do it alone or one organizations cannot do it alone. Now, that we are coming together to work for our people I want to offer my skills of experience. Working with others and their skills, we can find solutions.

COMMUNITY

1986-current volunteer/staff, office manager, pow-wow co-ordinator and membership chair.
Native American Indian Association of Tennessee (NAIA), Nashville
1991-97 American Indian Association, Ripley TN, member, secretary and president
1995-97 Memphis PowWow Association, Registration chair and Board Member

REFERENCES

Ray Emanuel, Executive Director, Native American Indian Association of TN
904 Shannon Lane, Franklin TN 37064, 615/ 790-0709, Co-Volunteer worker and friend
The Honorable Beasley Denson, Vice Chief, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
PO Box 6010, Philadelphia MS 39350, 601/ 650-1635, Tribal Vice Chief and former classmate
James T. Martin, Executive Director, United South and Eastern Tribe, Inc.
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Ste. 100, Nashville TN 37214, 615/ 872-7900, Employer
Beauton Matthews, Asst. Vice-President, Bank of Ripley
PO Box 269, Ripley TN 38063, 731/ 635-1230, Friend and co-worker, volunteer activities

TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

NOMINEES FOR
MIDDLE TENNESSEE

DAVID LUTHER TEAT

nominee from Middle Tennessee

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1965 Bellwood Elementary, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

1969 Smith County High, Carthage, Tennessee

1973-74 Averson Draughn School of Drafting, Huntsville, Alabama

1985 LUTCF Designation from the American College in Insurance products and marketing

1993-94 Jackson State Area Vocational Technical School, Jackson, Tennessee

WORK HISTORY

1998-current Architectural Detailer/Project Coordinator, Hart Freeland Roberts,
7101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 300, Brentwood TN 37024

1994-98 Architectural and Civil Detailer, Owens Engineering Co.
(now owned by H&M Construction Co.), 50 Security Drive, Jackson TN

1993-94 Architectural and Civil Detailer, Thomas, Ross, Stanfill, & Association.
Jackson TN

1981-92 Insurance Agent and Agency Manager
multiple insurance companies, Lebanon TN and Jackson TN

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Cherokee.

[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.

Native American heritage information submitted. Does not request Native American Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

I do feel that there are more than a few people in the American Indian Community of Tennessee who are more qualified than me to serve as a Commissioner. However, if i am selected to serve as a Commissioner, i will give fair and honest representation to the American Indian Community of Tennessee. I believe in building good working relationships with the State Legislators and State Agencies to bring about balanced solutions to the special issues we all face in this State concerning American Indian issues such as "protecting burial sites and sacred/historical sites", "social services", "environmental issues", and so on. I desire to see a climate of understanding, cooperation, and respect develop with in the American Indian Community of this State. I long to see fair representation for and recognition of "all" of the American Indian peoples living in this State. I also want to see the "True History" of Americas "Indians" taught in all of our schools in this State. If selected, i will work to help bring these things about.

COMMUNITY

Co-vice Chair, Tennessee Indian Affairs Advisory Council

REFERENCES

Floyd Ayers	Winchester TN	931/ 967-9275
Grady Jones	Lyles TN	931/ 670-5465
Thomas Dodd	Brentwood TN	615/ 370-1255

ANITA RENEE PREVATTE

nominee from Middle Tennessee

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Winchester TN 37398

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Rhea Central Jr. High School, Dayton TN

Franklin County High School, Winchester TN. 37398

Motlow State Community College, Tullahoma TN.

Associate of Science Degree (emphasis in communication)

MTSU, Murfreesboro TN.

BS degree, Major in Public Relations

WORK HISTORY

1999-current Realtor

Forest Hills Realty Company, Nashville TN

2002

Home County Case Manager

State of Tennessee- Children's Services, Winchester TN.

1997-99

Computer Lab Tech

MTSU-(LRC student Worker), Murfreesboro TN

1995-97

Owner

Creative Carousel Floral and Balloons, Winchester TN

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

My Father is a member of the Lumbee Tribe in North Carolina.

He was born in Mulberry Co. S.C. 7-22-1939. Enrollment # ###,### Chart # #####

[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.

Native American heritage information submitted. Qualifies for Native American Indian Preference.]

COMMUNITY

Member, Cowan Cumberland Presbyterian Church

Member, Native American Indian Association of Tennessee (NAIA)

Member, Tennessee Trail of Tears Association

REFERENCES

Jane Turner Realtor/Tax Preparer/Small Business Owner 615/ 547-7164

Cathy Holly Teacher/Artist 931/ 967-1193

Debbie Shaver Small Business Owner/Print Maker 423/ 775-0102

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STATEMENT

I feel very blessed to have my Native American heritage. My heritage, education and diverse experience would be an asset to the Native People of Tennessee. Because of my native background, I understand the concerns within the daily lives of Native People of Tennessee. I also comprehend and agree with many issues that are of concern to Native American, Environmental and Historical groups within Tennessee.

I would work to be very fair to all groups of Native People. I feel the Native American Community has a diverse group of people each who have different history's and different claims to the Native American birthright; however I think these differences are a positive thing. Every person brings something unique to the Native American community but at the same time the shared goal of interest in Native American concerns is a part of each individual. This is good. Name calling, infighting and feuding is self-destructive to all Native American concerns. Respect for each individual's perspective is important for Native Americans of Tennessee. A Tennessee Native American Commission could be a unifying factor for Native People and Groups within Tennessee

TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

NOMINEES FOR
KNOXVILLE

TERI LEE RHOADES -ELLENWOOD

nominee from Knoxville
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1983 Bearden High School, Gallaher View Road, Knoxville TN

Bachelor of Arts with Honors. Sociology with a Concentration in Criminal Justice.
University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN
GPA: 3.37/4.00 Major: 3.90/4.00. Golden Key National Honor Society.

1994 Juris Doctor, Law
University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, TN.

WORK HISTORY

2002-current New Traditions by Teri, Luttrell, TN. Jewelry Designer -Owned and operated small business 1985-1992, restarted business on a small scale.

1998-current Pro-Bono Legal Advisor. Assist persons of Native American descent with legal issues and retaining counsel. Bankruptcy, employment law, credit, contract, legislative research and writing. At present I *only* do legal referrals, *i.e.* I assist people in finding an attorney.

1997 Staff Attorney, Appalachian Research & Defense Fund of Kentucky, Prestonsburg KY. Practiced divorce, credit, housing, custody, bankruptcy, and contract law.

1995-97 Attorney, Harrisburg PA. Part-time private practice writing wills and trusts and handling contract collections.

1995-96 Project Director, Pennsylvania Association of Native American Indians, Harrisburg PA. Research and write grants, legal and political memoranda, and briefs on Native American issues. Perform all administrative functions for a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Successfully lobbied Governor Ridge to declare Native American Day.

1995-96 Director of Legislative Research, The McFarren Group, Harrisburg PA. Research and write legal/political memoranda and briefs. Work with various legislative and administrative leaders. Monitor the Public Utility Commission and the Department of Environmental Resources.

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Enrolled member, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah OK 74465
[Qualifies for Indian Preference.]

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STATEMENT

First, I must state what I don't have to offer. I have not been a choice maker before. I have merely helped people make decisions. I have not lived in Tennessee all of my life but 13 out of the last 18 years on and off. I have not been politically active here. If I was chosen to be a Commissioner I would accept: because, I believe that Creator had me acquire the knowledge that I have so that I can be Creator's instrument to assist Native People.

I would hope that my experience in organizing and working for a private commission would help the Tennessee Commission to move through political waters easier by benefitting from my mistakes and successes. I would also hope that my experience in trying to help different Indian peoples see each others side of an issue would help calm some of the disagreements within our communities. We can only pray for understanding and try to openly discuss the issues. We all must listen to each other, really hear what the other has to say.

I would like to help reshape the legal structure of the Commission. I would like to see better more substantive legislation written. I would gladly utilize my experience in writing similar legislation to correct some legal points and to assist the Commission in redrafting some sections of the pending legislation.

Personally, I've lived as a non-reservation Indian, urban Indian, on reservation, and in Indian territory (Oklahoma) and have seen some of the different issues that affect different Natives in different areas. I by no means am an expert on all walks of Indian life, I can only speak from personal experiences on some issues.

COMMUNITY

1996 Rides to Free Peltier. Media Director and Assistant Coordinator, American Indian Movement: Ride to Free Leonard Peltier. Assist, Director and Coordinator, David Hill in all phases of the ride as well as actual participation. Duties included writing and issuing press releases, coordinating travel, funds, lodging, food, and explaining the legal issues surrounding Mr. Peltier's case during interviews.

2001-*current* "Proposed" Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs, Chairperson/commissioner

2001-*current* Tennessee Indian Affairs Advisory Council, member, Co-Chair - 2002-03
Native American Rights Fund, Boulder CO. member

1991-*current* Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity

May 1995 Admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar

1995-*current* Pennsylvania Bar Association, (Harrisburg PA) Member

1996-97 Pennsylvania Minority Bar Committee

1996-97 Pennsylvania Civil and Equal Rights Committee

1988-92 Founder and Board Member, Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA), Knoxville TN. Now the Center for Global Sustainability. A multi-group task force which addresses environmental problems caused by the nuclear industry. Organized Hiroshima Day at the Y-12 nuclear plant at Oak Ridge TN. Worked for a positive social change by focusing on economic conversion. Handled public relations with various journalists, politicians, and speaking engagements throughout the country. Assisted with fund raising and membership.

REFERENCES

Frank Sparrow	21 South Second Street, Wormleysburg PA 17043 717/ 763-8304 (H), 717/ 233-7844 (W)
Linda Waggoner	13611 Brandy Oak Dr., Chesterfield VA 23832 804/ 739-4632 (H), 804/ 539-5422 (C)
Melissa Ashburn/Lawless	1424 Timbergrove Drive Knoxville TN 37919 865/ 692-1903

JOHN WRIGHT HEDGECOTH

nominee from Knoxville
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Tecumseh High School, New Carlisle, Ohio
1973 GED from Thomas Moore College, Covington KY
1983 diploma in Welding Technology
Tennessee Technology Center, Crossville TN
1997 diploma in CAD Drafting
Tennessee Technology Center, Crossville TN

WORK HISTORY

Unable to work due to fibromyalgia, osteoarthritis, severe recurring depression. Currently receiving Veterans Disability Compensation Pension. I've had many jobs over the years, some were temporary in nature and others were lost due to problems I was having with alcohol and depression. I offer no excuses here only reasons. I have listed the jobs that represent the varied work experience that I've had.

1998-98 Design Engineer, United Trailer, Nashville TN
1994-96 Welder, Baron LLC, Cookeville TN
Welder, General Processing(now Manchester Tank), Crossville TN
1981-83 Radio personality, WAEW Radio, Crossville TN

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

*[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.
Native American heritage information submitted. Qualifies for Native American Indian Preference.]*

STATEMENT

I wrote the following on the first nomination form that I was asked to complete for the 2001 Knoxville Caucus. After having served in various positions over the last 1-1/2 years-with a couple of up-dates-I find it still holds true.

"To be called upon to represent a people brings about a mixture of thoughts and emotions. There are the feelings that come with the nomination: honor, pride, and excitement. Then the reality of the responsibilities of the position sink in and those emotions stand out in stark contrast. There is the travel, the time away from family & expense. In studying the emotional highs and lows, I find balance. Balance in the travelling to meet with you, to talk and find out what concerns you have that I can bring before the full commission. Balance in the expense to bring these concerns to the attentions of those who are able to do something to affect change. The first duty of a warrior is to serve the people and to be able to serve makes all worth while. I've seen times of plenty and then there have been some very lean times as well. I have eight children so diplomacy and tact are terms with which I'm familiar. I've been a laborer and I've worked in the front offices as a design engineer, and I've felt blessed with any position I've held. I guess what I'm trying to say is that I've seen life from many sides and I have a unique perspective in that I can see things as they are and not from a one-sided angle."

Many in the Indian Community have had the opportunity to get to know me and the other candidates over the last 2 years and I feel they are quite capable of making an informed decision on who would best represent them. John Hedgecoth

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MILITARY

Aviation Storekeeper, U.S. Navy
Alameda NAS, Alameda CA
Honorable Discharge

COMMUNITY

Tennessee Indian Affairs Advisory Council, board member
Tennessee Native American Convention, board member and delegate
Tennessee Indian Affairs Commission, Commissioner nominee
Tennessee Native Veterans Society, president, co-founder & CEO
Native American Circle, volunteer, Southeastern TN State Regional Correctional Facility

REFERENCES

Cyndi Cook	2029 Clarence Gillen Road, Sparta TN 38583	931/ 739-2029
Michelle Britt	2981 Liberty Road, Winchester TN 37398	931/ 967-8802
Tommy Veal	375 Stephens Lane, Livingston TN 38570	931/ 544-4908

TOMMY RAY VEAL

nominee from Knoxville
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931/ 544-4908 after 7 pm
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Elementary School, Bay Lake FL

WORK HISTORY

1998-2002 Self-employed bulldozer operator, Cameron Bates
1990-1998 dozer operator, Wildcat Gold Mining
1975-1990 owner/operator, K&T Oil Company
1970-1975 farmer/self/employed

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Cherokee, Tom Joseph Veal/father Miller Roll #####, Sarah Veal/paternal grandmother Miller Roll #####

[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.

No Native American heritage information submitted to validate/verify Native American Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

Although I feel I'd be better qualified to stay on the Advisory Board, I feel it's very important that a good, strong, honest person needs to be appointed from the seven areas (and in my particular case the Plateau area) to give a voice to the Indian issues.

MILITARY

1960-62 U.S. Army, "Land Security Special Forces", Honorable Discharge

COMMUNITY

Indigenous Intertribal Corp., President
Tennessee Native Veterans Society

REFERENCES

Cameron Bates	Overton County Constable	931-397-3134
Bud Swallows	Overton County Sheriff	931-823-5635
Pamela Pry	friend	931-277-5452

TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

NOMINEES FOR
CHATTANOOGA

JOHN WAYNE ANDERSON

nominee from Chattanooga

2627 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga TN 37405

423/ 266-6972, 423/ 265-5708 ext. 3321

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 1978 Niagara Falls High School, Niagara Falls NY
GED exam, Helen Hayes Rehabilitation Hospital, West Haverstraw NY
- current* Completed 138 credit hours, Criminal Justice/Sociology
University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

WORK HISTORY

- 2002-*current* Counselor, Homeless Health Care, 717 E. 11th Street, Chattanooga TN
- 1996-2002 Substance Abuse Counselor, Council for Drug Abuse & Drug Abuse Services
207 Spears Avenue, Chattanooga TN
- 1989-1996 Assistant Director, Dismas House, Inc., 510 South Willow, Chattanooga TN
- 1988-89 Counselor, Metropolitan Hospital, Chattanooga TN

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Tuscarora, Six Nations/Iroquois Confederacy, New York/Canada.

[Qualifies for Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

I have been actively involved in the local Indian community for years and recognize the need for more inclusion in the representation presently available. I have demonstrated an ability to be flexible, adaptable, patient, idealist and accountable with high-risk populations. I am very familiar with providing *the* minority viewpoint.

COMMUNITY

- 1999-*current* Co-founder & Board President, Chattanooga Indigenous Resource Center & Library
- 1993-*current* Founder/past President, Chattanooga InterTribal Association

REFERENCES

- Susan Parks 611 Barton Avenue, Chattanooga TN 423/ 266-6732
- Vicky Karhu 1730 Dayton Blvd., Chattanooga TN 423/ 756-4555
- Bill Swanie 717 East 11th Street, Chattanooga TN 423/ 265-5708

ALVA CROWE

nominee from Chattanooga
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423/ 892.6346

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Finished 2 years of college
Bacone Jr. College, Muskogee OK

WORK HISTORY

retired ironworker

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Enrolled member, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, Cherokee NC
[Qualifies for Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

A new Beginning.

COMMUNITY

Tennessee Trail of Tears Association
Catoosa Historical Society
Cultural Liaison with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians for SE Tennessee

REFERENCES

THOMAS PETER KUNESH

nominee from Chattanooga
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1974 Cathedral High School, St Cloud MN
1980 Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain
1983 BA Spanish, minor in Foreign Studies, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
1988 MDiv, Starr King School for the Ministry, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley CA
1990 MA Religious Studies, minor in Art History, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

WORK HISTORY

2003-current Executive Director, Chattanooga Indigenous Resource Center & Library (CIRCL)
2002-current Spanish instructor, Brach's Confections, Inc., Chattanooga TN
2000-2002 Spanish instructor, Language Lab Director, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
2000-current adjunct instructor, Native American Religions, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga and Chattanooga State Technical Community College
1996-1999 webmaster, Chattanooga Online

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Hunkpapa & Blackfoot Lakota, mother is an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North and South Dakota

[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.]

Native American heritage information submitted. Qualifies for Native American Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

As a local activist i can offer the Native American people eight years of activist experience at the local, regional and state levels, the same dedication i've committed to the Chattanooga InterTribal Association, saving Moccasin Bend, saving Little Cedar Mountain, and in being a principal organizer -- along with many others -- of the Tennessee Native American Convention and these caucuses. I am committed to improving communication with NAs & organizations across the state. I am committed to saving NA cultural sites from development. I am committed to state recognition of tribes, especially the historical tribes that occupied this land and were "removed." And i am committed to working with federally-recognized tribes and USET to improve communication with NA people & organizations in Tennessee.

MILITARY

1976-80 US Navy, Russian & Farsi linguist, Radio Traffic Analyst, Cryptographic Technician - Interpretive Branch (CTI), Third Class Petty Officer (PO3), Honorable Discharge
primary duty station: Naval Security Group Detachment, Rota Naval Base, Spain;
deployed TDY on surface ships in the Persian Gulf & Indian Ocean.

COMMUNITY

1993-current member, Chattanooga InterTribal Association
2001-current chairman, Tennessee Native American Convention
2002-current chairman, Tennessee Indian Affairs Advisory Council
2002- Native American Circle, volunteer, Southeastern TN State Regional Correctional Facility

REFERENCES

John Anderson	chairman, CIRCL	423/ 234-5678
Nick Honerkamp	chairman, Dept. of Anthropology, UTC	423/ 755-4325
Oralia Preble-Niemi	chairman, Dept. of Foreign Languages, UTC	423/ 425-4114

TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

NOMINEES FOR
EAST TENNESSEE

TRUDY ANGELINE AUSTIN

nominee from East Tennessee

Morning Dove, Trudy Hynes
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[Works in Dahlonega, Georgia.

No proof of residence submitted to validate/verify Tennessee residency.]

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

1973 Wills High School, Smyrna, GA
1983 University of Tennessee Chattanooga
BA Sociology/Anthropology

WORK HISTORY

2002 -*current* Williams Communications, Inc, 801 Noble St. Anniston, Alabama 36201
Part-time office management/sales

2001 Battered Women, Inc, Morgan county TN office
Part-time court advocate & support group facilitator

1998-2002 County commissioner, District 4 (Chestnut Ridge)
Morgan County TN government, Wartburg TN

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

Ancestry of Native Americans on maternal and paternal sides.

[Not a member of a federally- or state-recognized tribe.

No Native American heritage information submitted to validate/verify Indian Preference.]

MILITARY

1974 - 95 Captain, U.S. Army, Adjutant General Corps
Deputy Chief of Staff for Training, Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe VA.

COMMUNITY

Overhill Indian Nation of Cherokee Descendants, Englewood TN
Chestnut Ridge Garden Club, founding member, Adopt a Hwy, 1996-96
Morgan County Humane Society founding member 1997-99
Population Connection since 1990 member, District Activist
American Indian College Fund member

REFERENCES

Man Many Trees, Chief, Overhill Nation of Cherokee Descendants
PO Box 427, Englewood, TN 37329

Kevin Austin, Brother, Deer Lodge TN 37726 423/ 965-3038

Craig Fairall (White Raven), Deer Clan, Overhill Nation of Cherokee Descendants
Currently moving. 423/ 887-7987

STATEMENT

I support the establishment of a state recognized organization which will provide state level oversight for Native American issues within the state of Tennessee, and believe such is long past due. I continue to believe it is a sad, unfortunate state of affairs that Tennessee "officially" has no "native americans/Indians". The good news is that the last "official" federal government census proves that analysis to be fallacious. I salute the TN legislative members of 2001 for their support of this initiative, and pray that inexplicable political motives will not interfere with this noble attempt to assist Tennesseans of native descent as they continue to reclaim a valuable part of their history, culture and morals.

GROWLING BEAR GODSEY

nominee from East Tennessee
c/o L Fann, 9355 Paw Paw Plains Road, Lenoir City TN 37771
865/ 988-3856

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

WORK HISTORY

HERITAGE / NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN PREFERENCE

[No Native American heritage information submitted to validate/verify Indian Preference.]

STATEMENT

COMMUNITY

REFERENCES

TENNESSEE NATIVE AMERICAN CONVENTION • TNNAC

box 1063 • Chattanooga TN 37401

30 June 2003

Dear Indian Affairs' Commissioner-Nominee,

Per Chapter No. 344, Public Acts 2003, Section 5.(b), the Tennessee Native American Convention (TNNAC) is preparing the résumés of all commissioner-nominees for submission to the state's Speakers of the House and Senate and Governor for appointment of seven nominees to the position of Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Attached is a copy of your personal nominee résumé, as proposed to be submitted by TNNAC, with all proposed TNNAC notations. You have ten (10) calendar days in which to correct your personal information, and to submit any and all validating information regarding Native American heritage, residency, or other TNNAC notations, to TNNAC. Please return this résumé with any correction and validating material as soon as possible to TNNAC, box 1063, Chattanooga TN 37401.

If no response is received by TNNAC from you within fifteen (15) days of the postmarked date of this letter, TNNAC shall submit this résumé as is, with no changes. TNNAC would like to submit all commissioner-nominee materials to the state on or before 21 July, so the earlier you send it back, the better.

Thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

On behalf of the TNNAC board,

Joe McCaleb
TNNAC Board member

Floyd Ayers
TNNAC Board member

Tennessee Legislature, Chapter No. 344, PUBLIC ACTS, 2003
SECTION 5.(b)

- (1) The Tennessee Native American convention shall submit a list of not less than two (2) names for each position on the commission to be appointed.
- (2) Accompanying each nominee's name submitted shall be a resume, including the nominee's educational background, work history, heritage, description of why the nominee would be a suitable commissioner and the democratic process and results that led to the nomination.
- (3) Preference in selection of at least five (5) Indian commissioners shall be given to Native American Indians, i.e., persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.
- (4) Each member of the commission of Indian affairs shall be a resident of Tennessee.

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Chattanooga
TN 37401

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Nashville TN 37243-0001

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Nashville TN 37243-0026

House Speaker James Naifeh
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Nashville TN 37243-0181

Senator Thelma Harper
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Nashville TN 37243-0219

Representative Mike Kernell
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mailed wednesday 30 july 2003
from Chattanooga

NOMINEES TO THE TENNESSEE COMMISSION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Submitted to the State Leadership
by the Tennessee Native American Convention,
in compliance with Tennessee Public Chapter 344 (2003)

30 July 2003

— CORRECTIONS —

**PLEASE REPLACE THE FOLLOWING NOMINEES ' RÉSUMÉS
WITH THESE CORRECTED VERSIONS .
THANK YOU.**