February 3, 2020

Dear NATHPO members,

Happy New Year! I am excited to announce that we are opening nominations for members of the NATHPO Board of Directors. The enclosed nominations announcement includes the details for this year’s nominations and elections process. Also enclosed is a nomination form. I hope that you will consider nominating an outstanding THPO from within your region, or even nominating yourself. If you are a NATHPO member, then you understand the importance of supporting our work and the benefits of being a member. NATHPO works hard to advocate for our members and for the protection of tribal cultures and cultural practices throughout the United States.

The Board of Directors plays a vital role in NATHPO’s success. Serving as a Director provides the opportunity to have a direct voice in how NATHPO carries out its mission. Each Director is responsible for representing her or his BIA region as well as providing support, insight, and advice to NATHPO’s Executive Director and staff. We are looking for nominees who are willing to actively participate in advancing NATHPO’s goals. Director responsibilities include:

- Participation in monthly phone meetings of the Board
- Attend the annual conference
- Participate in occasional ad hoc committees (e.g. elections, conference planning, etc.)
- Provide fiduciary oversight of the annual budget
- Report NATHPO activities to Tribes in your region, and bring their concerns to the Board

The actual time commitment for Directors is generally not more than a few hours a month, but the benefits far outweigh the commitment. This is a chance to make sure that you or someone from your region is representing your interests. We want the Board of Directors to be engaged in NATHPO’s work – after all, this is your organization!

Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for the NATHPO Board. Nominees and nominators must both be NATHPO members in good standing. The nomination period closes on February 28, 2020. Please use the enclosed form to submit a nomination today.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Shasta C. Gaughen, PhD
NATHPO General Chairman
THPO, Pala Band of Mission Indians

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