NATHPO Board Elections – Nominations OPEN

NATHPO is holding its first election for the Board of Directors since 2017. Under the NATHPO bylaws, elections should have been held every year. Since this has not happened, we are soliciting nominations for ten Directors to the Board. Under the NATHPO bylaws, the Board shall be comprised of one Director from each BIA region (Alaska and the Northwest are combined). Director terms last for three years, but as we are starting again with a new slate of nominees for the entire Board, we will implement terms of one, two, or three years as specified in the NATHPO bylaws under Sections 4(a), 4(b), and 4(c). Subsequent elections will be for terms of three years, as specified under Section 4(d).

At this time, we are opening the nomination process. The nomination period opens on Monday, February 3, 2020, and closes on Friday, February 28, 2020. Nominees and nominators must be members in good standing of NATHPO, with dues current as of August 2019. Nominators may only nominate candidates from their own region. Current Directors are also eligible to be re-nominated.

Listed below are the current Directors, along with the staggered terms newly-elected Directors will serve before being eligible for election to a new three-year term:

- Alaska/Northwest (1 year): Janine Ledford, Makah THPO
- Eastern (1 year): John Brown, Narragansett THPO
- Eastern Oklahoma (1 year): Everett Bandy, Quapaw THPO
- Great Plains (2 years): VACANT
- Midwest (2 years): Cheyenne St. John, Lower Sioux Indian Community THPO
- Navajo (ex officio): Richard Begay, Navajo THPO
- Pacific (2 years): Shasta Gaughen, Pala Band of Mission Indians THPO
- Rocky Mountain: (3 years): VACANT
- Southern Plains (3 years): Lance Foster, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska THPO
- Southwest (3 years): Kurt Dongoske, Zuni THPO
- Western (3 years): Michon Eben, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony THPO

If you are interested in volunteering your time and service to the Board or if you would like to nominate another NATHPO member, please complete the nomination form and submit by email or print and mail to the NATHPO office. Please include a brief statement in support of your nomination.

Attached is a description of Board member expectations, the NATHPO bylaws, and the nomination form. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

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NATHPO is a non-profit membership association of tribal government officials committed to protecting culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance.