



National Tribal Air Association

Regional Processes for Electing NTAA Executive Committee Primary/Alternate Representatives

Region 1

Tribes in R1 utilize our RTOC, because everyone understands that it is Tribally driven.

Region 2

Region 2 Tribes: SRMT, SNI (Cattaraugus and Allegany), Oneida Nation, Shinnecock Nation and the HETF (Onondaga Nation, Oneida Nation, Cayuga Nation, Tonowanda Seneca Nation, Tuscarora Nation, Mohawk Nation)

Region 2 does not really have a process for electing Individuals for national organizations. In region 2 the only tribe that has an air program is the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. There are 2 principal members of the NTAA: Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe and the Seneca Nation of Indians. The SNI once had an air program and that's when they joined the NTAA and they had the alternate EC seat.

Currently Region 2 has Shavonne Smith of the Shinnecock Nation serving on the NTOC. And although we really don't have an RTOC as part of Region 2 the NTOC rep reports to Reg 2 tribes at the Indian Nations Leaders Meeting held annually. The HETF Nations do not get any federal funding and they do their best to not get onto any federal committees but occasionally it does happen.

Every couple of years an email is sent to all the Nations regardless of whether they are a member or not and it is asked if there are any volunteers to sit on the NTAA Executive Committee or would they like the current person to continue. Most of the time there are no replies or it says just keep the current person. Because of the fact there are few possible candidates for the seat on the NTAA EC the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe has held the region 2 rep spot for 15 years.

Region 4

Region IV NTAA reps are elected by our Region IV RTOC. We have 6 tribes in Region IV.

Region 5

Region 5 NTAA Tribal Representative Process

Previously:

R5 Tribes would discuss, nominate and vote on Primary and Alternate Reps at the R5 Tribal Air Meeting. An email would also be sent to R5 Tribes solicit further voting and/or approve of the vote at the Annual Meeting.

This vote would be tallied for the Primary and Alternate representatives and drafted in letter form for the R5 RTOC to “rubber stamp” and submit to NTAA on RTOC letterhead.

Each term is for 2 years unless otherwise agreed upon by voting Tribes.

Current as of 2016:

The current NTAA R5 Representative will call for nominations via email and on the monthly R5 Tribal Air Call for NTAA Primary and/or Alternate representative positions. Nominations will be open for a minimum of a two-weeks.

Nominations will be submitted to the current R5 Primary or Alternate NTAA EC representative; whichever term is not up. Terms are for two years and staggered. There are no limits on number of terms served.

Nominators are asked to ensure the person they are nominating is in agreeance to serve and have approval from their Tribe to do so.

Nominations are tallied by the current R5 NTAA Representative and sent to the NTAA Secretary. A voting email will go out to request votes for nominees for Primary and/or Alternate positions. If needed or requested, a call could be held to discuss the nominations and the nominees give a short briefing on their reasoning to serve on the NTAA. The NTAA Secretary will tally the email votes and announce the top vote receiver in each category. Voting will be open for a minimum of a two-weeks.

Once the votes are finalized and the Representatives have accepted their positions, a confirmation letter from each Representatives’ Tribe will be sent to the NTAA and a notice of the elected representatives shared with R5 Tribes via email and on the monthly R5 Air Call.

Region 6

R6 RTOC discussed how we choose NTAA reps and alternates. What we came away with was that the Tribal Nation receives the appointment not a specific individual within that tribe. There is no mention of NTAA representative selection in Charter.

Region 7

Region 7 is by vote of the representing Tribes of the RTOC. Nomination and voting process. Similar to the EC Officer process.

Region 8

The Region 8 selection is an informal process that occurs during the Tribal Caucus portion of the Annual Region 8 Air Managers meeting. Typically, this meeting has occurred just before NTFAQ. After the selection, the Region 8 RTOC is notified of the selection or if there is any changes.

Region 9

For R9 nominations/appointments for national tribal organizations are made at the Tribal Caucus Level at regularly scheduled quarterly meetings seeking a consensus based decision or when consensus is not reached, via a voting process. Then the “election” is reported out to the full RTOC body during the RTOC meeting.

Region 10

All Tribes in EPA region 10 will be asked to nominate for and vote on the primary and alternate executive committee representatives to the National Tribal Air Association.

The term for the representatives will be for a period of two (2) years.

Tribes may elect the same representatives for additional terms.

The EPA Tribal AQ liaison will send out notices of election then receive the nominations and tally the votes then inform all Tribes of the results.

Elected tribal representatives will obtain a letter from their Tribes governing body approving their participation on the executive committee and forward on to the NTAA.

Alaska

This was the text sent out to Alaskan Tribal representatives recently to replace the primary representative through an election process:

Alaska has two seats on the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) Executive Committee, a primary and an alternate. Rose Kalistook served as the primary NTAA Alaska representative for many years and left for another opportunity in December. Sue Flensburg is the alternate Alaska NTAA representative and will serve as acting primary representative until a new candidate is elected.

The primary NTAA Alaska representative position is now open for nominations, due February 26, 2016. This is an exciting opportunity to provide leadership and support for Alaska Tribes on air quality needs at the national level.

Information on NTAA Representative Responsibilities:

This NTAA Executive Committee representative provides leadership for Alaska Tribes on air quality issues at the state and national levels. Responsibilities include:

- Planning and facilitating the quarterly Alaska Tribal Air Workgroup calls (two hours) in collaboration with EPA and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium.
- Attending in-person meetings of the NTAA Executive Committee two to three times each year at locations determined by the Committee. Meetings are usually two to three days in length and travel costs (but not staff time) are reimbursable by the NTAA.
- Attending the annual meeting of the Executive Committee and Principal Member Tribes at the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality and representing Alaska Tribal interests on panel sessions (usually in May – this year in Niagara Falls, New York). These travel expenses are also reimbursable.
- Participating in conference calls, typically two to three 2-hour calls each month.
- Providing comments on NTAA policy briefs and other projects.
- Educating and conveying information on Alaska Tribal air needs to EPA and other key agencies.
- Gathering information on air quality success stories in Alaska and challenges faced by Alaska Tribes for inclusion in the annual Status of Tribal Air Report (STAR).

Selection Process:

February 26: Nomination Deadline

Week of February 29th: Email sent out by NTAA and EPA with list of nominees and voting process

March 25: Votes due to NTAA

April 1: NTAA will tally and communicate results.

- The nominee with most votes will become the primary NTAA representative for Alaska.
- If the alternate representative seat is vacated, the person receiving the second highest number of votes will be selected as Alaska's alternate representative. The alternate representative assists the primary representative fulfill their obligations and typically participates in scheduled conference calls.

How to Nominate:

You can nominate yourself or another person. If nominating someone else, we encourage you to seek permission of the nominee prior to submitting the nomination. Nominees must be a member, employee, or representative of an Alaska Tribe or Tribal Consortia, and ideally will have some experience in air quality work. To submit a nomination, please send the following information by email to Andy Bessler at Andy.Bessler@nau.edu by February 26, 2016.

- Name:
- Title:
- Tribe/Tribal Consortia:
- Phone Number:
- Email Address:
- Background on why this person would be a good candidate and/or why you are interested in the position (300 words or less):

For more information on NTAA, please visit the website at <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/ntaa/Home/>.

Thank you!