



Three Affiliated Tribes

Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation

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Proposed Secretarial Election & Enrollment Code by Tribal Enrollment

Secretarial Election Proposal

Tribal Enrollment Staff has proposed a Secretarial Election and Enrollment Code to the Tribal Business Council regarding the Membership Criteria of the Three Affiliated Tribes.

Before the Tribal Business Council takes any official action on our proposal they want Tribal Enrollment staff to gather public comment from each Segment.

We have proposed to entirely remove the following language from our Constitution:

Article II Membership Section 2 (a) "Persons enrolled with another tribe and who have received benefits from such tribe in the form of land or payments shall not be eligible for enrollment with the Three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation, provided that inherited interests shall not be considered as benefits."

This means that if an individual is enrolled in a tribe other than ours and they have received any type of Per-Capita Payment, Tribal Settlement Payment, any other type of payment given only to members, or land issued directly from another tribe they are **NOT** eligible to enroll with the Three Affiliated Tribes. This excludes inherited interests.

There is no "pay-back" or "age" provision in this language.

Tribal Enrollment staff is dealing with this requirement more and more frequently with new applicants wanting be enrolled with our Tribe. Most possess adequate blood degree to become members, but have been deemed ineligible because of this provision.

Since there is no "age" provision any minor individual whose parents enrolled them with another tribe and consequently received any said benefits through no fault of their own would also be deemed ineligible once and if they chose to apply with the Three Affiliated Tribes.

Enrollment Code/Ordinance

Along with the above Secretarial Election Proposal we have also a drafted Enrollment Code. This is done to establish the policy and procedures for all enrollment actions taken regarding membership.

Most of the policies within the Enrollment Code are already practiced today, but have never been formally approved. That said some minor issues remain that we wish to receive public comment on.

We wish to obtain our membership comment on both of our Secretarial and Enrollment Code Proposals as soon as possible. We have already been to Twin Buttes, White Shield, New Town and 4 Bears Community Meetings. We have extended public comment period to Monday, June 30, 2014 to present in the Mandaree and Parshall Communities.

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