



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
ELECTION BOARD
2608 Government Center Drive
Manistee, MI 49660
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Certified Slate of Candidates for the 2021 Election

The Primary Ballots will be mailed on January 15, 2021. The Primary Election will take place on February 12, 2021.

**Office of Tribal Council- 9 County
(2 vacant seats)**

Dave J. Corey
Roberta Davis (Battice)
Gary Paul DiPiazza (Sees Bak Tunse)
Don P. Koon
Sandra J. Lempke-Mezeske
Alvino Patricio
Jonathon Robertson Sr.
Charles Shaw
Jessica Steinberg
Susan Thull
Shirley Marie Weaver

**Office of Tribal Council-At Large
(1 vacant seat)**

Jamie L. Friedel
Martha M. Howell
Shelly Kequam
Diane A. Lonn
Nikki (Bailey) Nelson
Joseph Riley
Julie Wolfe

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**Office of Chief Judge
(1 vacant seat)**

Sharron Cogswell Detz
Jimmie Mitchell
Angela Sherigan

**Office of Appellate Judge (Elder)
(1 vacant seat)**

Tammy Burmeister
Bernadene Crampton
Joseph J. LaPorte

**Office of Appellate Judge
(1 vacant seat)**

Licensed Attorney
Melissa Pope

**Office of Tribal Council-Outlying
(2 vacant seats)**

Michael L. Burmeister
Nitumigaabow "Ryan" Champagne
Shannon Paul Crampton
Pamela Johnson
Larry "Maiingun Makwa" Olson
Antonio Romanelli

**Office of Election Board
(3 vacant seats)**

Terri Burmeister
Michael J Ceplina
Laura Echelbarger
Valerie Robinson-McDonnell

Dave J. Corey



My name is Dave Corey, I have served as an outlying representative for the last 2 1/2 years, after fighting the election board to be fairly seated. I had really hoped to utilize my experience as a business owner, long time gaming commissioner, and agri business manager, and food sovereignty lover, to purposefully serve our tribe. I didn't plan on being thrown into the middle of constant bickering that consistently impeded any progress that could've been made. What decisions I did make, I never did lightly – and always did what I thought was best for the tribe as a whole, and seven generations ahead. Nonetheless, this has been a learning experience. I have had the honor to represent our tribe in support of shutting down line 5 and protecting our treaty rights. If we were able to form an effective council, I would love to create a trades program in agriculture and construction that would offer jobs, training, housing, and healthy foods. I would like to see better spending practices and more investing in our citizens. I would like to see a government/resort combined tribal development department that could also serve as a workforce development department. I want to invest in our children, so that they want to invest back into the tribe. I want to help provide safe and comfortable living for elders. I want to do better for us. Thank you for your time
Dave

Roberta Davis (Battice)

Aanii

Most of you may remember me from when i worked at the Tribal Health Clinic, for those that don't let me tell you a little about myself. My grandfather was the late Robert F Battice and my mother was the late Karla Battice. I have been married to my husband Mike for 24 years, we have two children Jonathan and Olivia. We reside in the mason county area. I am not into all those political promises to get elected, but a couple things I want to work on STOP spending our money unnecessarily. STOP the arguing and fighting amongst each other. We need to get back on track or the future of our tribe for the future of our children. Thank you for your time and I hope I can count on your vote. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at budha18@hotmail.com.

Sincerely-
Roberta Davis

Gary Paul DiPiazza (Sees Bak Tunse)

Ah-Nee

Gary Paul DiPiazza (Sees-Bak-Tunse)

MiigWetch for allowing me to serve you as your 9-County Representative.

During my time serving you, I have brought forward many laws and did away with Columbus Day transforming it into Indigenous Day.

I will continue to push our culture forward, Spring and Fall Teachings, Language Camp and our Round Dance, that I help orchestrate that has become a large function for our young ones to get together.

I set up our Interactive **ZOOM MEETINGS** to help keep our membership better informed.

I brought forward the **CARES ACT FUNDING** Program to help our Members that are in need.

This Coronavirus Pandemic weighs heavy on my heart and mind. Serving as your Tribal Council Recorder, I have been in the office making sure we keep our government running as smoothly as possible.

I serve as the Vice-Chair of CORA and working hard on our 2020 Consent Decree negotiations.

I have helped write our 1836 Hunting and Fishing Regulations to strengthen our treaty rights.

I will continue to fight for our Muskegon casino project for this **WILL HAPPEN** and give us all a better way of life.

I'm a NishNaBah of action and my actions speak louder than those hollow words we hear so often.

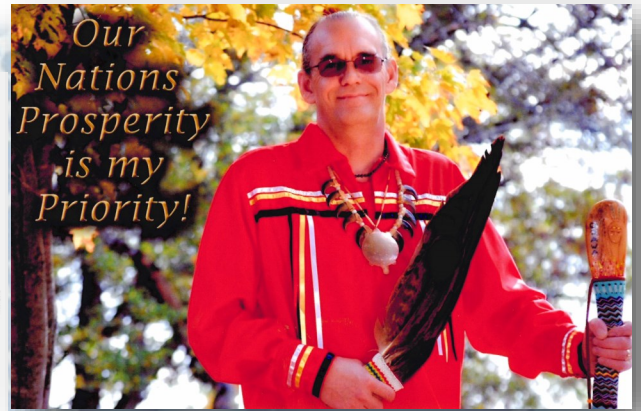
I will stand accountable for my actions and I believe I have.

I'm asking for your vote to continue as your 9-County Representative.

MiigWetch Gary Paul DiPiazza (Sees- Bak- Tunse)

Facebook @ Vote Gary Paul DiPiazza

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Don Koon

Greetings



My name is Don Koon and i am running for a 9 county seat on council. I have served on the council in the past and i have a very good understanding of our constitution and our laws. The thing that sticks out the most to me is the lack of communication and the sharing of important information. If elected i will bring forward some things that have been missing from our Tribe for many years and i find it hard to believe nobody has thought to make them happen in the past. One of the most important things is to keep our membership informed on decisions before the council votes on them. I am going to bring forward a plan to have more than two membership meetings a year. I would suggest the council conduct membership meetings in Muskegon, Wisconsin, and any other outlying areas that have a population of our members. We will come to you and get your input. For the first time ever you will have a voice in decisions that impact us all before they are voted on. I also want to eliminate closed session, with the exception of personell matters, which are the only things that should be due to the privacy of the employee and protect their rights. There is much room for improvement and if elected i will make them happen and involve everyones opinions and ideas. In short, i will be your voice. Which is the way it should have been all along. A vote for me is a vote for real change, which we have needed for years.

Sincerely,

Don Koon

Sandra J. Lempke-Mezeske



Aanii,

My name is Sandy Lempke-Mezeske, Tribal Elder, granddaughter of Alex Sams and daughter to Anna Sams Lempke.

2020 has been a year of many emotions and trying times for all of America and our Tribe. Since January there have been many concerns about what is going on within our Tribe and Elected Officials and it weighs heavy on my heart.

A Council divided will never work as we see now, but a Council unified can make positive changes. We, as a Tribe, cannot move forward unless we know what TRUE compromise is. We cannot live in the past of family names. All we can do is move forward and learn from it.

We cannot continue to disrespect each other. The only way we move forward as a Tribe is by listening and understanding.

Platform for Change:

- Independent Compensation Committee
- Land Management – hire a Forrester & Agriculturist
- Elders Council
- Youth Council
- Constitutional Convention
- Social Media/Facebook Ordinance
- Training for onboarding new Councilors
- Lineal Descent

This election is not about four or five Councilors, it's about a whole body working together. Elected Officials sworn duty is to represent the WHOLE Tribe and not be divided.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I look forward to serving our people.

The best time for a new beginning is NOW!

Sandy

Alvino Patricio

My name is Alvin Patricio and I am running for a position on Council of the nine counties. My tribal family background comes from my Great Grandfather, Moses Medacco and from my Great Grandmother, Julia Trombley Medacco.

I grew up in Muskegon. I moved to Manistee after being hired by the Little River Band in 2005. While employed by the tribe, I worked in janitorial on the government side for twelve years. I also served on the Enrollment Commission for one year and on the Health Commission for twelve years. I retired from my janitorial position 2017.

I've read and heard people are concerned that some Council members are taking advantage of their positions and are only in it for the money. If elected, I will listen to the tribal members concerns and answer their questions when I can.

If necessary, we may have to have elections every term until we are satisfied with who is on the Council.

Alvin Patricio

Jonathon Robertson Sr.



Aanii I am Jonathon Robertson Sr, I live in Muskegon. I am the father of four beautiful children who are also registered LRBOI tribal members. I am a combat veteran of the U.S. Army, who honorably served two deployments, one in Iraq and another in Afghanistan. During my time of service I had experienced my fair share of turmoil. The one place I always felt safe and at peace is with my community. Whether it be in the circle grass dancing or just watching and enjoying conversation with friends and family. Upon completion of my service, I knew that in order to feel complete I had to return home and work for my people to do something that would benefit our community. With hard work and dedication, I secured a position as a licensed Utility Operator and was promoted to Lead operator, a supervisory position. It is now that I would like to take the next step. I believe I am a great candidate for this position because I was taught, and believe in Transparency, Loyalty, Selfless Service, and Honesty. I can make the tough decisions that are in the best interest of our tribal community. My goal is to be the voice of my people so that we will be heard. Together we must pave the way for our future generations while honoring the generations that came before us. Help me, help us make the changes that achieve the future longevity of our people. Miigwetch!

Charles Shaw

Boozhoo,

I am Chuck Shaw. I was born in Port Huron, the only son of Adam Shaw.

I grew up in Saginaw. Then moved to Bay City to apprentice in construction. In 1999, I opened a sub-contractor business which I owned and operated for 7 years. I brought 20 years of knowledge and experience in construction home to our reservation to work with Muschigon helping to build over a dozen homes at Aki. I have worked for our tribe for 13 years. I've been working in LRBOI Facilities Maintenance for the past 5 years.

I am Bear Clan and a Fire-keeper. Being Bear Clan comes with an inherent responsibility of protecting our people. I am running for Tribal Council 9-County because I see that our people are in need of protecting. Our right to speak is being stifled, our finances are being used to benefit special interest groups, and our leadership dismisses our input. I will protect your right to speak. I will put us first. I will listen to you. I am for our people and our future needs protecting!

I humbly ask for your vote for Tribal Council 9-County,

Chuck Shaw

Jessica Steinberg



Boozhoo! I am Jessica Steinberg, and I am running for a 9-County Council seat. With over 25 years of experience in Tribal Governance, including program services, fiscal management, policy and legislative advocacy, I have worked on national Native Health issues, treaty obligations, sovereignty and rights protections issues in Washington, D. C. on behalf of LRBOI, and Tribes everywhere. While working at Little River Band, I successfully negotiated LRBOI's Tribal Self-Governance agreements with Indian Health Services and Bureau of Indian Affairs, creating stable base funding for many of the Tribe's services.

As a 9-County member of Tribal Council, I would work to create a transparent government. Financial stability, service priorities and citizen inclusion in our government processes must happen. Additionally, Little River Band Citizens First in very employment position, education and training opportunity is a top priority. I would also work to consolidate functions such as facilities, IT and HR, to reduce replicated costs. We also need to promote our Anishinabek culture, and this must become a permanently budgeted and funded action of our Tribe.

My husband Kris and I live in Brethren, Michigan, we have five grown daughters. including two Little River Band Princesses, who are enrolled members of LRBOI.

Susan Thull



Boozhoo, I am Susan Thull, and I am running for 9-County Tribal Council. I have actively participated in tribal government meetings and cultural ceremonies and gatherings for many years. I would appreciate your vote.

The Constitution mandates that Council shall promote, protect, and provide for public health, peace, morals, education, and general welfare of the Little River Band. To do this communication is vital between citizens and government. I will work on opening those channels to improve communication and to engage the membership.

We need to know the makeup of our members and it is time to do a comprehensive survey. Using the results, we can review existing programs and initiate new ones to ensure members needs are met.

When Council was contemplating allowing non-members on our Commissions, I advocated for remote participation of members. I believe this pandemic has proven that we can and should be using the technology now available to engage and employ our own people near and far as much as possible.

Council needs to adhere to their Procedures Ordinance. There are too many decisions being made behind closed doors and that needs to be rectified.

Finally, I believe we need better oversight of our Casino, Little River Holdings LLC, and the Shoreline Project (Muskegon Casino). These enterprises need to be held accountable and maintain a strict budget to achieve the goals set for them. Government needs to have a reserve large enough to get us through challenging times.

Miigwetch.

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Web page: sites.google.com/view/susanthullforcouncil

Shirley Marie Weaver

Dear Tribal Members,

This has been a very unusual year on many levels, but what remains consistent is my involvement with Michigan and the Tribal Organization. I have lived in the Ludington area my entire life. I have been married to my High School Sweetheart for 46 years. I have; I would say, two wonderful boys. My oldest son is married with two little girls and he works in Business/Maintenance and has his own Landscaping Company. My youngest son is in the healthcare field which has his Doctorate, Master's Degree, and is Certified to Teach in Secondary Education: Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology.

Living in Michigan, I have acquired the love for Kayaking, Swimming, Paddleboarding, and Walking/Hiking. I truly love to walk/hike and I am always accompanied by Bruno Mars: My Labrador Puppy. He truly is one of my best friends. He does NOT get dog food and I cook/prepare all his meals daily with LOVE. My other true passion is "Yard Saling". Michigan has some very lovely items and I am extremely grateful for all my treasures I have acquired over the years.

The other consistent aspect is I have been involved/aware of the Tribal Organization since the beginning. I have driven my family to many Elder's Meetings and have acquired a great deal of knowledge of the organization. It would be my pleasure and honor to be part of Tribal Council and to help continue and improve our member's mission.

God Bless and Miigwetch

Shirley M. Weaver

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Jamie L. Friedel



Boozhoo,

I am Jamie Friedel Ishkaabewis nini (Helping Spirit Man) here to help you, to be the voice for our people and work towards your goals for OUR future!

I am an upstanding citizen of our community, attending most community functions and gatherings. I enjoy cooking for events and communicating with other citizens about important issues involving our nation.

I have served on Tribal Council for 2 years. During that time, I was the Binojecuk Commission liaison. I worked extensively with VAWA and I have testified in front of the Department of Justice for Grant Funds for VAWA. I have served on the Housing Commission, drafting Ordinances that positively impacted residents. I have a clean background record and previously held a gaming license, and passed all drug screen testing.

I have 23 years of combined business management experience starting in the Food Industry, building businesses from the ground up and expanding into franchising.

I am interested in expanding commerce and diversifying Tribal Enterprises by asking questions and imploring the other leaders to think outside the box for the long-term benefits to the Tribe.

My proven record of accountability, reliability, and responsibility will remain as I work for the issues that are significant to all citizens. I humbly request your vote so I can continue to ensure YOUR voice is heard by all leadership when important decisions are being made. I will be in my office everyday working for the citizenship!

Miigwetch,

Jamie Friedel #4744

Martha M. Howell



Aanii,

I'm Martha Howell (Zhaawashko Nimkee Kwe). I've lived in Manistee for 10 years. I attended Central Michigan University graduating with a Bachelor's of Science in Journalism. Prior to CMU, I managed a small Mom & Pop grocery store in my hometown of Owosso, MI. Recently, I've served the community in the role of Peacemaker.

I've served on the Binojeeuk Commission as recorder and I'm currently serving a second term on the Natural Resource Commission.

While drafting legislation, it's of the utmost importance to think of everyone in the Tribe while working for the common good of all. I guarantee, when I'm voting on legislation, I will be fully prepared to cast an unbiased informed vote through detailed research and input from the membership.

I'm running for Tribal Council because I'm weary of division, the status quo, and the disdain of the membership by leadership. I envision us stronger united, not separated by religion, location, or the partisan lines of the Federal Government.


I'd like the opportunity to work for you, to work with you, and to increase communication to the entire membership. So that no matter where you live, you feel included.

During this time of increased uncertainty we need traditional intellectual leaders with diplomacy, empathy, and compassion. I will bring those qualities to the table every day. I believe I'm a good candidate and worthy of your vote.

"You can disagree without being disagreeable" - RBG

Miigwetch for your consideration,

Martha M. Howell

(Zhaawashko Nimkee Kwe) 

Shelly Kequam

Aanii,



My name is Shelly Kequam, and I am running for tribal council. I was born in Muskegon, MI., and raised by my mother and grandmother. As a child, I grew not knowing the hardships they endured but reaped their hard work of keeping tradition. We are not far from those days, and the need to make those changes are still here today.

Many of you may remember me as a worker in the Family Services Dept. for 18 + years. Tradition tells me that we are all family and must work as one. Each one of us deserves to be recognized and treated with the respect that their family clan achieved. Our children need someone to look up to and hear the stories that we grew by. We are just a small nation and need to revive our nation with those attributes.

As your tribal council member, I will support transparency and support how we inform and assist our tribal members. I will support putting pride back into our youth and support our elder's future. We are coming into the times my grandmother spoke of. History has a way of repeating itself, and we have the time to intervene and correct our ways. Today we have the options to do that with our votes.

Please vote for me!

Miigwetch,

Shelly Kequam/1185

Diane A. Lonn



Hi!! My name is Diane A. Lonn. I am running for the AT LARGE SEAT. I have a Bachelors in Business Administration, two Associates, one in Marketing/Management and another in Secretarial Science. I have worked for the tribe for 28 years, mostly in Enrollment. I descend from the Koon and Espiew families.

I have been on Council for the last four years. During my time on Council I was able to push forward the Elders Apartment Complex and to help plan phase two of this plan. I have been working to get the VA in our clinic. This service would be available to all veterans. I have worked hard every year to put on a program at the Casino to Honor all Veterans. It has been a huge success every time and truly appreciated by all veterans. I was instrumental in adding more funds to the car repair, emergency assistance and mortgage assistance programs in Members Assistance.

I have been very active as the Liaison for the Binojeeuk Commission, which works with children and families in need of support from the Tribe. I am also a Liaison for the Enrollment Commission, as well as a Liaison for the Joint Units of Government.

I would like to work on more programs for the Elders and the children, as they are the future of the tribe.

I am in support of the Muskegon Project, which will bring many jobs for our people. I am asking for your vote to continue as **your At Large Representative for four more years.**

Diane A. (Schultz) Lonn

Cell: (231) 510-3199

Nikki (Bailey) Nelson



Aanii!

Nikki (Bailey) Nelson ndizhinikaaz Bear Lake ndoonjibaa Ginew ndoodem

I would be honored to serve you as an at-large representative, I have spent the last several years being a citizen advocate, trying to create and push for programs and services that I think would better my people. I've spent thousands of hours volunteering, which has given me the opportunity to accomplish many things. I have established and maintained a community and elders garden, annual organization of our Sugarbush program, I am regularly volunteering for the elders nutrition program and trying to provide traditional foods, medicines and workshops. I organize our Trunk or Treat annually, and often hold bake sales to help fellow citizens. I've contributed to our Constitution, Election Board regulations, and EDC ventures. I believe in community and our responsibility to each other.

We need to put an emphasis on our language, culture, and our teachings; so that we are successful in everything else we do. It is also important that we look to the future and embrace new ideas and technology that will create a united citizenship; invest in new business ventures, like the exploding legal cannabis hemp market. The economic development decisions need to be put back into a transparent and governmental format. More grants need to be utilized to maximizer dollars. Regular citizen feedback needs to be collective to affectively Taylor programs and services to meet actual needs. Fighting needs to stop.

Food sovereignty. Citizens support. Education. Housing. Equality. Elders support. Children support.

Miigwetch

Joseph Riley

My name is Joseph Riley and I am running as a candidate for Tribal Council At-Large. I grew up in Muskegon and moved to Manistee about 15 years ago to work for our tribe. In addition to working for our Tribe I have served our Tribe in some capacity nearly the entire time. As a Gaming Commissioner, Tribal Council Speaker and Tribal Council Recorder. I left the Tribal Council nearly 2 years ago and I had thought that I would never be putting my name in for this job again, but I've always felt that if I can help our community, I have an obligation to do so. The past couple of years have been some of the most challenging the band has ever encountered and I commend our public servants for what they have accomplished. There is still much work to do though and it often feels like candidates start to ignore the people once elected. I have proven that I'm up to the task. If you feel the Tribe was better off when I was serving on Tribal Council, I ask for your vote and support. Together we can make things better than ever.

Julie Wolfe

Bozhoo.

I, Julie Wolfe, am announcing my candidacy for at large tribal council representative. I am the daughter of the Late Jacquelyn Kelsey Wolfe, My maternal Grandparents the Late Julius Kelsey and Marion Wabsis-Battice.

My focus will be on creating legislation that meets the needs of all, from the children to elders. I will work hard to increase the communication and transparency between all branches of our government and tribal members, as this is a concern for many. I am a fierce advocate for language, culture, and traditions of our people. I will strive every day to serve diligently, honestly, and most of all equally while being your voice. I will put forth the effort to educate myself on the issues that come before the tribal council while voting based on valid information and reviewing what the impact will be on our nation and our people.

I respectfully ask for your support and your vote in the upcoming election as your next at large tribal council representative. I look forward to listening to your ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Many have said they believe it's time for change, I will do what's right for our people and keep us moving forward. My heart is for our people, our nation, and keeping us strong for our future generations. I will stand for our people always as I believe it is important to remember why we are elected and that is to represent the people who put me into office. Miigwech

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Michael L. Burmeister

Withdrew Candidacy

Nitumigaabow “Ryan” Champagne



Boozhoo fellow citizens,

I am asking for your support to be your **Outlying Tribal Council Representative**. My parents are Cynthia Champagne (Pete) and Jerome Champagne. My grandparents are Lorraine Ceplina (Pete), Joseph Pete, and Josephine Antoine. I have dedicated my life to serving our people and believe that my experience and belief in our traditions and culture gives me the skills necessary to be an effective legislator.

Experience:

- Entrepreneur – own two companies (consultant and developer firm) for the past decade
- Education – Master in Social Work & Doctorate in Healthcare Administration (attending)
- Policy – wrote policy for Child Welfare Reform; Traditional Healing; Healthcare; Behavioral Health; Housing
- Governance – advocated on a national and regional level for our Treaty Rights; Environmental; Nation Building; Tribal State/Federal Partnerships
- Statesman – First Elected Appellate Justice; Elected Tribal Councilmember; Served on 16 Commissions / Committees / Task Forces / Boards which included advocacy for our children, elders, and addressing disparities in health, mental health, housing, incarceration
- Author / Presenter – 14 publications, 30+ National / Regional Conference Presenter
- Administrator – 15+ years Executive Management

Platform:

- **Propose a 50% Per Capita Plan**
- **Prioritize Funding for Education and Trades Programs that benefit all Citizens**
- **Investment into Our Healthcare for all Citizens**
- **Legalization of Marijuana & Investment into this Industry (i.e. commercial hemp, retail, growing)**

I promise you that I will not sit idle by while our People continue to suffer! Please join me in Building a Brighter Future for the Next Seven Generations!

–Nitumigaabow Ryan Champagne

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Facebook: @Nitumigaabow

Shannon Paul Crampton

Shannon Paul Crampton

Boozhoo, Fellow citizens/members.

I am seeking your approval to represent you as outlying council representative with an undeniable track record of service in Indian country for almost two decades. My works are well documented and my record of service to my constituents is unparalleled thus far and my greatest wish is that my works on behalf of my people are surpassed by future leaders as a natural order of progression.

There is no longer room for frivolous exploration as a Tribe as the current times demand better service to our people more than ever before as the threat is real and no longer avoidable. This Tribe needs to do an about face in a short order of time in service to our people which is the ability I offer you now. My dedication to you is unquestionable my deliverance unto you second to none, I would be honored by your vote for me as your outlying representative.

Respectfully:
Shannon Paul Crampton

Pamela Johnson



Hello, I am Pamela Johnson and I am asking for your vote in the primary election. I am a mother of 2 young tribal citizen men, 23 and 17; and a fur momma to 3 puppy girls. I have a bachelors in Sociology and a minor in Health, Illness and Society from Ferris State University. I am enrolled at Northern Michigan University for a bachelors in Native American Studies. I sit on the Health Commission (12 yrs). I work at the casino (15 yrs).

We need leadership that has a vision for healing our tribe and expanding that healing to our citizens. Our nation is in a pandemic, our leaders should be focusing on what is important to our citizens: healthcare, well-being, unemployment, underemployment, housing, etc. We need to look at Mother Earth to make sure she is protected. We should be protectors of Lake Michigan. However we seem to be one of the last to help protect our waters! Without water there is no life. Food cannot prosper if our land is contaminated. We need to use the natural resources bestowed upon us. We need economic diversification. We can, we will succeed. The time for change is now.

Larry “Ma’iingun Makwa” Olson

Aanii,
Larry “Ma’iingun Makwa” Olson Ndizhinkaaz,
Mashike Minisi Ndojeba

Im running for the Outlying Council Seat. My mission is to serve all tribal citizens, starting by serving the Outlying citizens first. I will keep all the Outlying citizens informed on all tribal affairs. I will also communicate with all tribal citizens, listening to their concerns and services or help that they may need. If you decide to vote for me, I will give 100% effort to addressing all your concerns and all tribal issues that we may encounter. I cannot do this job without the support of the tribal citizens and your input.

Miigwech,
Larry “Ma’iingun Makwa” Olson

Antonio Romanelli



ANTONIO ROMANELLI FOR OUTLYING TRIBAL COUNCIL

Antonio Romanelli comes from the Pego family. **Antonio** has dedicated his life to public service for over 30 years, **Antonio** is a public servant not a politician. **Antonio** is married to his wife Cam of almost 5 years. **Antonio** has 8 children, 4 recently adopted and are citizens of LTBB. **Antonio** and his wife are licensed Foster care parents with the State of Michigan and are in the process of adopting 1 more child.

Antonio holds an Associate degree through Muskegon Community College in Criminal Justice and is looking to obtaining his bachelor degree.

Antonio is a dedicated professional who will commit to a 40-hour work week and will hold himself and his fellow council members accountable to advocate for the best interests of our citizens. **Antonio** believes in service before self which means **Antonio** will put all citizens of this tribe before himself when making decisions and will make the best decisions for the tribe as a whole. **Antonio** will submit to background checks and drug tests upon request. **Antonio** has an 800 + credit score through Equifax.

Antonio will represent the tribe in a positive manner both at work and in his personal life. **Antonio** will never use this position for gain, only to progress the future of our tribe. **Antonio** will come dressed for the job and will always represent the tribe in a professional manner.

Tammy Burmeister

My name is Tammy Burmeister. I am the daughter of John Koon and the late Theresa (Rybicki) Koon and the granddaughter of the late James & Beatrice Koon. I am a graduate of Manistee Catholic Central and West Shore Community College. I am married to Michael Burmeister and we have four children Donald, Rosemary, Angela and Autumn. We also have two beautiful granddaughters who are “my little loves” as I refer to them as and their names are Audi and Harper.

I have worked for the Little River Band Tribal Government since 1995 and have held various positions within the Tribe. Currently, I am working in the Accounting Department as the Grants Management Administrator. Over the past 25 years, I have served on the Enrollment Commission, Education Committee, Pow Wow Committee and Election Board. Working for the Tribe has helped me grow and mature as an individual, meet many new people and develop friendships, make a better life for my family and become knowledgeable in many areas of Tribal Government. I am dependable, open minded, factual, hardworking and dedicated to serving our Tribal Citizens. I am an Elder of our Tribe and take that responsibility seriously when making decisions and providing guidance. I believe in not only “talking the talk” but walking the walk. Therefore, I feel that my character make me a good candidate for the Office of Tribal Court of Appeals.

I enjoy such things as spending time with my family, crafting, walking, camping and reading.

Bernadene Crampton



BIOGRAPHY

My name is Bernadene Crampton. My parents were Frank Crampton and Mamie Bailey. I come from a large family. We lived in Muskegon, Michigan all our lives, although I have travelled a lot. My interest was at first, visiting many locations in the United States. It changed to visiting as many Native Nations as I could. I still have a lot to go. It is very enjoyable learning from other Native people.

Education is two Associate degrees – one in Business Administration and the other General – both from Muskegon Community College. I hold a Bachelor's in Science in Psychology and a Masters of Public Administration from Grand Valley State University.

My experience has been varied. I have two experiences which are very important to me. I was a Child Welfare Social Worker for many years, working exclusively with Native families. The goal was reunification. It was such an honor to be a part of THE PEOPLE's endeavors to make a better life for their families and, therefore, future generations. My favorite quote is Sitting Bull's: “Let's put our Minds together and see what life we can make for our children”

My other experience that I value is making lives comfortable for THE PEOPLE in health situations beyond their control and providing assistance to THE PEOPLE requiring a helping hand temporarily.

All these events helped me as a person in personal growth, for which I am so grateful. This is my abbreviated short story. Please vote for the best candidate.

Joe L. Laporte

It has been an honor to have served on the Appellate Court, serving our Nation and our people. I firmly believe, that as a whole, the Appellate Court has done a very good job at reading, understanding and doing its due diligence to ensure an unbiased and sound decisions that have come before us.

I would be honored and humbled to once again serve on the Appellate Court.

Sharron Cogswell Detz

After 20 years it is time to move forward in this Tribe and we now have the option to pick up where our ancestors left off. You are entitled by the sacrifices of our ancestors to a better life. All Nations are judged on how they treat their Elders and babies and our Nation can do much better! Let's together take a big step forward and support each other. Our values need to reflect wisdom, peace and prosperity for all.

There is a large divide within our people and we could use a healing within our Nation. A healing between the Tribal members who have a job, a residence, a car and those who have nothing at all. There is an answer for that and we just need to do it. This election is about our future and change! After 20 years, it is time to enforce the policies that are already in place and hire our own people to run this Tribe.

The time of silence, enabling and delays or straight out inaction needs to end. Long, drawn-out, costly court hearings are not the answer. Are we going to take care and educate our children or ignore them? Vote Sharron Cogswell Detz

Jimmie Mitchell



The responsibility in choosing the best candidate from within our Tribe to serve as Chief Judge is an extremely important one. Careful consideration of each candidate will need to be made to ensure that the person you decide to vote for, possesses the necessary skills, and, has obtained a thorough understanding of the laws' and Constitutions' that we as a Nation are bound to abide by.

From my standpoint, I believe every Court decision rendered, should be aimed only at safeguarding the People, the Tribe, its enterprises when presiding over the volumes of cases that are presented to Tribal Court.

My 18-years spent working in Tribal, State, and Federal courtrooms has imparted upon me the necessary experiences required in gaining that thorough understanding of law and how they are applied throughout each judicial process.

These gained experiences further provide me with the necessary skills that are vital in making difficult decisions that are both fair and impartial, the essential cornerstones required in the proper administration of justice.

Thank you for your time and consideration taken to select me as your choice to serve in this role in the coming 2021 election.

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Angela Sherigan



Dear Tribal Citizens –

It has been an honor to serve you as your associate judge, and I am now asking for your vote again but this time for Chief Judge. I know what works, and what can be improved in the Court to better serve you. I am committed to improving the functioning of the Court and the interactions and relationships with state and federal courts while maintaining a strong voice and advocacy for Little River and all tribal courts.

I currently serve on the Tribal-State-Federal Judicial Forum, the State Court Administrator's Office, Court Improvement Program, and I am the Chair of the State Bar of Michigan's American Indian Law Committee, and am licensed to practice law in Michigan state, federal, and 7 Tribal Courts.

My philosophy in the court-room is that everyone will be heard and respected, and to facilitate an outcome that is just. My decisions are not influenced by the people in front of me, or the possible political fall-out that may result, but are based in law and on the facts in front of the court.

It would be an honor to continue to serve as your judge in this new capacity. Thank you.

Melissa Pope

The Hon. Melissa L. Pope has been honored to serve on the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court of Appeals for over ten years. She was elected by LRBOI Tribal Citizens in 2009 and re-elected in 2015 to the Appellate Justice position Constitutionally required to be an attorney licensed to practice law. She has also been honored to be selected by her fellow Appellate Justices to serve as the Chief Justice throughout her years on the Court. Justice Pope has actively sought to protect the sovereignty of Native Nations, protect Indigenous People from domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking, and protect Two Spirit people from violence. She has served on the Intertribal Technical Assistance Working Group on Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction since it was established, supporting implementation of the limited jurisdiction returned to Tribes in the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 to criminally prosecute non-Natives in certain domestic violence cases at Little River and at the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi where she also serves as the Tribal Court Chief Judge. In 2019, Governor Whitmer appointed Justice Pope as the first Tribal representative to the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. Justice Pope also serves as the President of the Michigan Indian Judicial Association, on the State Bar American Indian Law and Access to Justice Steering Committees, on the Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum, and as an adjunct faculty member at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law.

Terri Burmeister

My name is Terri Burmeister TM# 0979 and I hope to represent LRBOI on the Election Board. I fully understand the necessity of good leadership. We all know our tribal leaders are a result of an election. What better way to serve our tribal community than to ensure that these very elections are honestly and promptly performed. At this stage of my life and career, I do not desire a seat on council. I do wish to guide those who do. Every tribal member has a vested interest in a successful Government. Instead of waiting to hear what is going on within our tribe, I hope to be a part of what is going on.

I am currently employed as an F & B Dining Room Manager at LRRCR. This makes me a part of a leadership team that is responsible for over 100 employees. I am Honest, Dependable, Organized, and Fair. I understand there needs to be a balance between business and personal responsibilities. I am a Firm believer in quality of life and I try to supervise that way every day. This has prepared me to handle any adversity that comes my way. I am capable of problem solving and conflict resolution.

To hold a position on the Election Board would be an Honor and a Privilege. I would strive daily to represent our people and the election process in a good way.

Respectfully

Terri Burmeister

Michael J. Ceplina



Hi my name is Michael J. Ceplina

I will be running for the election board. My work background started in 2002 for the tribe as a security officer, treatment plant operator, surveillance operator, tribal councilor and I am presently a surveillance operator. My experience as a tribal councilor making laws will help me be a good election board member. I will make sure the laws are followed and if they aren't to hold the people responsible that break them. I believe in a fair election where everybody gets a chance to vote. If you want a person that will make sure the election is run fair and hold the other election board members accountable vote for me.

Thank You for Your Vote
Michael J Ceplina

Laura Echelbarger



ELECTION BOARD

Aanii. My name is Laura Echelbarger, and I am honored to be running for a seat on the Election Board. I would like to ask for your support and vote in this election. For the last several years I have felt a great need to serve my tribe in a greater capacity and I feel that working on the Election Board would be a wonderful way to begin this journey. I have been married for 34 years, have two married children, and four beautiful grandchildren. Family is very important to me, which is why I am so driven to serve my tribal family through a seat on this Election Board.

I have been especially active the last few election seasons and have started attending more of the Election Board work sessions and open meetings this year. I have many ideas that I would like to bring to my seat on the Election Board on behalf of our tribal citizens. I believe our Elections are

of the utmost importance and our citizens have a right to a fair and impartial election. It is also important to me that we create the opportunity and encourage our citizens to participate in our election process. I promise to work hard on your behalf with the other seated members to accomplish our collective goals as a tribe.

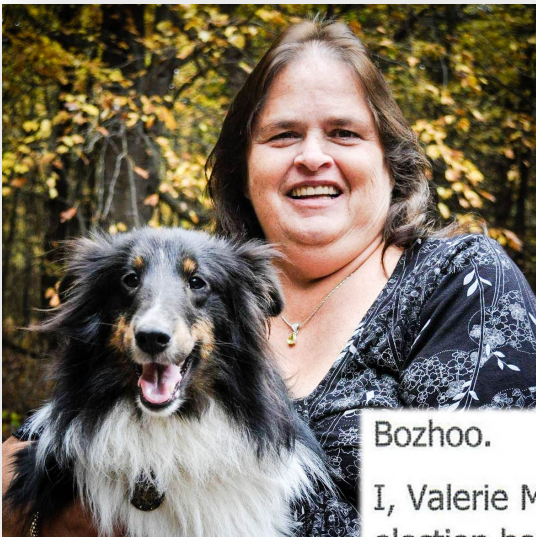
Thank you for your consideration and please contact me if you have any questions at all. Miigwetch!

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Valerie Robinson-McDonnell



Bozhoo.

I, Valerie McDonnell, is announcing my candidacy for re-election to the election board. It has been my privilege to service on the Election Board for the last four years. I have been the chair for the last two years. I am asking you, to vote for me, for the re-election, to the election board. I know how important, it is to vote. Please everyone vote, in this upcoming election for 2021. I have learned a lot about the election process. I am Honest, Dependable, somewhat organized, and fair. Please let me know if you have any questions, and I will do my best to answer them.