Please make sure you are registered to vote —



CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, Unit I Happy new year to you and yours! It was great to see such a nice size crowd at the Sault Tribe's annual New Years Eve Powwow. The weather was exceptionally beautiful that day, which I'm sure helped bring everyone out. Jackie Minton and Josh Homminga did a great job planning such a successful gathering.

The 2012 election will soon be upon us. I have listened to a wide range of tribal members who, I am happy to say, have no problem telling me exactly what they think. While there are many satisfied members, there are also those who are not. The 2012 election will

....And please make sure-your address is up to date in order to receive your ballot. Call the Enrollment Department at 1 (800) 251-6597 to make sure!

provide you with an opportunity to vote the candidate of your choice. I'd like to take this time to

stress the importance of you and your family members making sure you register to vote. Because all ballots are mailed, it is also important that you make sure that you and your family members' addresses are up to date with our Enrollment Office. You may contact them at 1 (800) 252-6597. Director Hollowell and I are co-sponsoring a resolution that will approve an environmental defense task force. This task force will be made up of tribal board members and appropriate staff who will start more serious discussions in regards to the tribe's overall environmental stances and

strategies. By doing so, we hope to develop environmental policies with standards that would have to be adhered to.

Our tribe has been on record with protecting and preserving the St. Marys River and opposing the Mascoma plant in Kinross, Mich., among many other environmental issues, but we need to discuss the bigger picture of defending our environment.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or email me at cabramson@saulttribe.net. Thank you for your support and please contact me any time!