

# Congratulations to newly elected board members



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The 2014 tribal board of directors election is over.

Congratulations to Kim Gravelle, D.J. Hoffman and Rita Glyptis, the newly elected board members.

Congratulations also go to Catherine Hollowell, Denise Chase and Keith Massaway for retaining their seats.

Congratulations to Joan Carr Anderson as she celebrates her retirement.

I will miss D.J. Malloy and Deb Pine, but I know both of them will be actively involved in our communities.

I would also like to congratulate the following board members who were appointed

officers by the seated tribal board of directors: Denise Chase, vice chairperson; Dennis McKelvie, treasurer; and Bridget Sorensen, secretary. They will do a wonderful job and I have great confidence in their abilities.

Our people spoke and another new era has begun.

What we need to remember is that our people voted in new change because they want this tribal board to work together and move forward toward a better future. It is up to us to honor their wishes.

It is important that we have more meaningful discussions before decisions are made in regards to business, economic development, planning and developing, finances, board members' roles and responsibilities, employee incentives and priorities of our tribe.

This is not an easy time to be a board member. I applaud those who have stepped up to the plate. We have a lot of work to do!

In the meantime, I hope that you all are having a chance to participate in our tribal powwows. The Sault Tribe Bahweting powwow just got

over and it was amazing!

Many dancers and drums came. The weather cooperated – only a little rain! Lots of people came to visit, eat and dance. A lot of work goes into these powwows! Jackie

Minton, Linda Smith, Randy Menard and Colleen St. Onge, you did an awesome job!

I'm looking forward to heading to the Sugar Island powwow this coming weekend, where I'm sure it will be lots

of fun! I hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (906) 322-3823 or at cabramson@saulttribe.net.

I look forward to hearing from you!