

San Diego Cherokee Community

Council Election and By-Law Amendment Election 2011

This is your Council Election Ballot package for the 2011 Council Election which this year includes several amendment proposals to the By-Laws. Please fill in your ballot form, cut it off, and return it in the enclosed envelope. One Ballot is provided to each SDCC Member or family member age 18 or over. Your ballot must be mailed to ARRIVE at the mailing address by May 21th, or it may be hand carried to the Community Meeting on May 22nd at Lake Murray, where the results will be tallied.

A 2011 Membership Renewal Form is also provided, please send in your renewal in the same envelope if you have not done so already. The Council has continued the reduced Recession Year Membership fee of \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families

Please join us for the 2011 Spring Picnic at Lake Murray, May 22nd. See the details below.

Wado The SDCC Council for 2010

San Diego Cherokee Community 3rd Annual Spring Picnic

The SDCC invites everyone of Cherokee Descent, registered members of the Cherokee Nation or not, and their families and friends, to join us for a *Cherokee Community Picnic*.



- Meet other San Diego County Residents of Cherokee descent including many CN registered citizens
- · Learn how to trace your Cherokee ancestry
- And how to apply for tribal membership
- Learn about resources available to tribal members
- · Try your hand at Cherokee Marbles and blow gun
- · Get in touch with your Cherokee heritage
- Plan to attend future Community events

 Bring a pot-luck dish to serve 4 or more based on your last name initial:

Take an active role in planning future events



Learn to shoot a Cherokee blow gun

Picnic Location:

Lake Murray Picnic Area, La Mesa 1:00-4:00 PM, Sunday, May 22nd

A-H: Deserts I-P: Side Dishes Q-Z: Salads

(blunttip, safe managed target range, hygienic)

Learn to play Cherokee marbles (ASL660A, digadayosdi), or five hole

For more information and to RSVP:

San Diego Cherokee Community

Visit: www.sandiegocherokeecommunity.org
Email: sandiegocherokeecommunity@yahoo.com
Council member phone: 760-489-1836

San Diego Cherokee Community 2012 Membership Form

Individuals: \$10, Family Membership \$15

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By-Laws Amendments. Through experience over the first three years of operation of the SDCC, the Council has found that the By-Laws specify too much detail on things like the annual dues or newsletter subscription prices which would be better left to the discretion of the Council to adjust these items as the environment changes.

- 1. Modify Articles 1 and 2 to allow the council by majority vote to establish the annual membership dues at levels different than the \$25 for Individuals and \$35 for Families as stated in that paragraph, to send more than one copy of the newsletter to any one household, and to establish the fee for a newsletter-only subscription; delete paragraphs e and f of Article 4 which dictate what jobs Council members may do, and replace it with a simple statement that the Council may define the roles and titles of Council Members.
- 2. Modify Article 4 to allow the Council, but 2/3 majority vote, to establish the number of Council seats at 7,9, or 11 to permit more people to participate on the Council; and establish a minimum quorum as a majority of that number.
- 3. Modify Article 4 to delete the two term limit for Council members. One of our most active founding members was prevented from running for re-election this time and two others will not be able to continue on the Council in 2012.

The Council recommends your approval of all 3 proposals. The detailed wording is available on the website at www.sandiegocherokeecommunity.org or call 760-489-1836 to receive a paper copy via postal mail.

Official Ballot – 2011 Council Election – San Diego Cherokee Community

Vote for up to 5 candidates, one vote per candidate:			
Patrick Bea			
Etta Miller			
Mona Oge			
Jennifer Parramore			
Philip Powers			
Write in Candidate #1. Name:			
Write In Candidate #2. Name:			
By-Law Amendment Proposals:			
1. Changes to allow Council to determine dues, fees, etc.	For	Against	Abstain
2. Allow the Council to expand number of Council seats.	For	Against	Abstain
3. Delete two term limit for Council members.	For	Against	Abstain
Cut or tear off Ballot along this line as	nd submit it		
Return your ballot my mail to SDCC, 1098 Canyon Creek before May 21 st , or hand carry it to the Community Meeti			

Biographies of Announced Candidates for 2 year Council positions:

<u>Patrick Bea</u> I am currently on the Council as the Membership Chair, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster. I have had experience in other committees and organizations including president of a chapter, facilitator, recording secretary, and helped to organize two international conferences. I am a Cherokee descendant and currently working on my citizenship for the Cherokee Nation.

Etta Miller I am an Oklahoma native and enrolled Citizen of the Cherokee Nation. I am retired from a career as a Retirement Home Administrator, and believe my organizational skills and teamwork skills can be of value to the Council. I am also a genealogy hobbyist and have a lot of experience researching Cherokee genealogy and have been able to help others in their research of their Cherokee ancestry.

Jennifer Parramore

- I was born in Dallas, Texas and moved to my Mother's native community of Point Loma in 1980. We are permanent residents.
- I am Joe Renteria's granddaughter. He is 100% Cherokee Indian, born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.
- My family and I have been active participants in the American Indian community and cultural events all of our lives.
- I discovered the SDCC last year when I attended the annual picnic on Mission Bay.
- I was pleased and honored to be invited to serve on the SDCC council last year. I would like to continue to serve the Cherokee Community.
- I am an ongoing college student. My coursework includes American Indian History.
- My professional background is in office management and bookkeeping. My skills are adaptable and I hope I can be of benefit to the SDCC.

Mona Oge I was raised in Southern California after living with my maternal grandparents, my mother, and my sister Janet, and young uncles, on the Big Island of Hawaii. I am of mixed races, half Japanese on my mother's side, Northern European, and Cherokee on my father's side. My Cherokee blood comes from my paternal grandmother and the family that still lives in Vinita and neighboring areas in Oklahoma.

Having identified culturally with the Hawaiian Islanders, another native people, for most of my life, I found many commonalities between the Cherokee and the island people: strong reverence for the land and its gifts, a rich mythology to explain their existence, an appreciation for chant and dance, a respect for the wisdom of our elders, and a history that is troubled by colonization, to name just a few. My interest in participating in the San Diego Cherokee Counsel is to help grow the membership, to learn more about the Cherokee history, to share what knowledge I have with others who are interested in exploring their Cherokee heritage, and to be of service to my community.

I have worked for the Veterans Administration as a social worker for almost 12 years. I am fortunate to work with homeless veterans at a time when the Secretary of the VA has given us the mission to end homelessness in the veteran population. My husband of 23 years, OJ, is retired from the Marine Corps and the San Diego Sheriff's Office. We stay active, perhaps too active, with the Hui O Hawaii club, camping, activities with our nieces/nephews, gardening, now the SDCC, playing ukulele (dancing hula for me) and are members of the SD Rose Society.

Phillip Powers

- I am enrolled in the Cherokee Nation/ Oklahoma since 1990
- Born Muskogee Ok.- Home place was Ft. Gibson Ok. in the Cherokee nation Family names: Ross, Boudinot, Meigs, Linder
- I took the 32 hour Cherokee History Course offered by the tribe in 2005 and am an ongoing student of Cherokee history and culture.
- Masters Degree in Psychological Counseling 1990
- Retired Indian Social Worker (16 years) (Child Protection) County of San Diego in 1994
- Recognized as" Indian Expert Witness" for Indian Child Welfare Act cases in all(7) county Superior Juvenile Courts(
 Dependency) in So. Calif. Plus Sacramento County
- Current Member of San Diego Cherokee Community Council
- I have voted in all Cherokee Tribal elections since enrollment
- Familiar with multiple Indian Centered resources/Agencies in San Diego County (So. Calif.)
- My function on the current counsel has been outreach and contacts with the various Indian Agencies/resources in San Diego County
- I have enjoyed my time on the counsel and would like to continue for another (full) term.
- My Cherokee name given to me by my grandmother is: Ga la gi na (the Buck)