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## Native Village of Eklutna

Tribal Government

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

To be Held in Person and Virtually – Via Internet  
And for the Election of three (3) Tribal Council Positions

**LUNCH at Noon. Meeting 1:00-4:00 pm. DATE: Saturday, April 6, 2024**

#### LOCATION

The NVE Tribal Membership Meeting will take place in person and on the Internet. The in-person location is **Southcentral Foundation, Nuka Learning Center, 4085 Tudor Centre Drive, Anchorage, Alaska 99503**. A follow up mailing will be sent to Eligible Voters with website details, instructions, and contact information for online attendance and voting. Meeting packets will be available the week before the meeting.

#### PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- Election of three Tribal Council positions, President, Secretary, and one Trustee. These positions are currently held by Aaron Leggett, Dorothy Cook, and Trésia Coleman, respectfully.
- Any other matter that may properly come before the meeting.

#### QUALIFIED VOTERS AND QUORUM

Only Full Members who are adults on the date of the meeting are qualified to vote. NVE's current Enrollment Record shows **260** Eligible Voters. A quorum of the general membership shall consist of fifteen percent (15%) of Eligible Voters. **Thirty-nine (39)** are required for a quorum, whether by in-person, absentee, or on-line ballots.

#### REQUEST FOR CANDIDACY

Any Tribal Member who is an Eligible Voter and does not have a felony conviction may have their name placed on the ballot by filing a written Request for Candidacy with the Election Committee and Council Election Board no later than **5:00 pm** Anchorage time, twenty-four (24) days prior to the election date. If more than one Tribal Council position is to be filled, the request must designate the Officer position being sought. The deadline for submitting the attached **Request for Candidacy Form** is **March 13, 2024**. To accommodate on-line voting system and candidate prerequisites, there will be no nominations from the floor.

#### ELECTION COMMITTEE: [NVElections@eklutna.org](mailto:NVElections@eklutna.org)

The Election Committee serves a function similar to that of Inspector of Elections, processing ballot requests, assisting Tribal Members with forms, distributing, and counting ballots. **The Election Committee** shall supervise, administer, and conduct all tribal elections in accordance with the Election Ordinance and the NVE Constitution, and carry out other duties. If you have questions on the procedures for filing requests for candidacy, absentee ballot, or on-line voting, please contact the Committee.

**Election Committee** members are a Professional Contractor BDO, along with NVE Staff Walter Ondola, and Sharon Munson.

**COUNCIL ELECTION BOARD:** [election2024@eklutna.us](mailto:election2024@eklutna.us)

The Council Election Board is a government position serving similar to an Election Judge. The **Council Election Board** shall observe all election procedures to ensure that the election is conducted objectively and fairly; provides “oversight” through review of documents, determining responses to question or complaints submitted by Tribal Members, working to reduce potential bias, decides on rule compliance, makes decisions when questions arise to ensure a fair outcome, and observes the counting of ballots.

Tribal Members may submit questions or concerns to the Election Board in writing or have a Committee Member forward it by email, Allow 2- 4 days for a response in most cases.

**Council Election Board** members are Maria Coleman, Angeleen Waskey, and Susan Olson.

**REQUEST FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT**

Ballots may be requested any time after the Notice of Meeting is sent out. A Ballot Request Form must be submitted with a readable copy of the requester’s identification and signature. Ballots are not distributed until the candidates are validated as eligible.

Paper Ballots will be available on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Online voting will begin Monday, March 25, 2024. On the date of the meeting, Ballots may be submitted in-person beginning at NOON. Polls will close at 3:00pm on April 6, 2024.

Tribal Members may fill out the attached **Request for Absentee Ballot** and turn it in to the Election Committee. Unless the person is present and personally known to the Election Committee Member, or identified by three full Tribal Members, a copy of the person’s photo ID issued by a governmental body is required. The Election Committee shall note names of those requesting absentee ballots on a list of qualified voters and when ballots were provided.

- Send Ballot Requests by email to: [nveelections@eklutna.org](mailto:nveelections@eklutna.org)
- For Ballot Requests made **in person or for pick up**, make an appointment.
- For Mailing Requests, use one of the addresses below.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Contracted Business</i>  <b>BDO USA, LLP</b>          3601 C Street, Suite 600          Anchorage, AK 99503</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NATIVE VILLAGE OF EKLUTNA</b>          26339 Eklutna Village Road Chugiak,          Alaska 99567</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For in-person Appointment</i>          (907) 278-8878 or Fax 907-278-5779  <a href="mailto:NVElections@BDO.com">NVElections@BDO.com</a></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>For in-person Appointment</i>          (907) 688-6020 or FAX 907-688-6021  <a href="mailto:nveelections@eklutna.org">nveelections@eklutna.org</a></p>

To be counted, Absentee Ballots must be executed and received by the Election Committee by either personal delivery or by mail prior to the time the polls close, and **the back of the envelope containing the ballot must be sealed and signed by the voter.**

**POLLING PLACE / BALLOT BOX**

The **Polls will open beginning Wednesday, March 20,2023**; for Paper Ballots during normal business hours (M-F 9am-5pm, except Holidays).

There may be two ballot boxes kept secure by Election Committee Members, one at each office listed above. Absentee Ballots received in the mail the morning of the meeting will be delivered to the meeting sight for counting. On the date of the election, the polling place shall be located at the place of election only. **Polls will close at 3pm on April 6, 2024.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
**EKLUTNA NATIVE VILLAGE**



Dorothy Cook, Tribal Council Secretary  
*Attachments are enclosed with the mailed Notice.*

February 16, 2024