

**National Indian Council on Aging
Board of Directors Nomination Petition Form**

The undersigned Indian individuals aged 55 or over, residing in:

Bureau of Indian Affairs Area, Reservation, city, state or community

hereby nominates for membership to the National Indian Council on Aging Board of Directors:

Name Tribe

Street Address Telephone

City, State and Zip Email

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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned (resident of the area to be represented) certifies that the signature on this nomination petition are those of the required fifteen (15) individuals' names, all of whom reside in the area stated, are age 55 or older, and are members of a federally-recognized Tribe.

STATEMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC:

Signature of Certifying Individual (person circulating form)

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Print or Type Name of Certifying Individual

Address (street, city, PO Box, state and zip code)

Telephone

Date

NOTE: The signature should be that of the person circulating the petition, who can attest that the individuals named did indeed affix their signatures and are residents of the Area to be represented. Any interested Tribal member aged 55 or older may sign the petition.

Organization or Tribe Sponsoring Nominee, Address, City, State, Zip Code

NICOA Board Membership Nomination

The NICOA Board of Directors is comprised of American Indian and Alaska Native Elders, aged 55 or older. Board members represent each of 12 Bureaus of Indian Affairs Areas and one member represents the National Association of Title VI Grantees through that organization's own election process. The Areas up for election during the 2008 Conference include:

Billings Area
Central Area

Muskogee Area
Navajo Area

Phoenix Area
Portland Area

The roles and responsibilities of Board members include:

- Ensuring the organization's mission and purpose are realized;
- Supporting and evaluating the Executive Director's performance;
- Ensuring the organization has adequate resources through fundraising to carry out its mission;
- Monitoring the allocation of these resources and ensuring the legal and ethical integrity of the organization;
- Representing the organization at local, regional and national events;
- Working cooperatively with fellow Board members to proactively represent the Elders from the Area that elected you; and
- Avoiding conflicts of interest between the work of NICOA and other organizations to which you belong.

When considering whether to serve as a Board member of a national organization, you must evaluate the time you have to devote to the fundraising, advocacy and governance responsibilities required of each Board member. It is truly an honor to represent and serve your fellow Elders, but it is also a substantial time commitment that should be considered very carefully. Board members are not allowed to be paid for the services they provide on behalf of the non-profit organization.

To become a NICOA Board member you must:

- Step 1. Be 55 years old or older and an enrolled member of a federally recognized Tribe;
- Step 2. Submit a completed board nomination petition with current résumé. The petition must be signed by fifteen Elders of federally recognized Tribes and notarized. If it is not signed by fifteen eligible individuals and is not notarized, it will not be accepted.
- Step 3. Submit a Board membership form, completed by a bonafide nominating organization, along with requested documentation and pay the \$35.00 filing fee.
- Step 4. Mail all required forms and payment by JULY 31, 2008 to NICOA, Attn: Executive Director, PO Box 21070, Albuquerque, NM 87154. Checks, money orders and cashier's checks are acceptable forms of payment.
Cash will not be accepted.

ONLY Indian Elders aged 55 and over who are paid members of NICOA are eligible to vote. Elections will be held on **Sept. 8, 2008** during the conference. No proxy or absentee ballots are allowed.

**NICOA Board of Directors
Application Form**

Please check one of the following:

- SPONSOR:** Federally-recognized Tribe
 Urban Indian Organization
 State Indian Council on Aging

Name of Nominee: _____

Tribe: _____

Occupation: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Cell phone: _____ Email: _____

Please include your résumé that highlights your experience in the field of Indian aging, health or social services, whether personal or professional.

Please prepare a complete written statement responding to the following questions:

1. What do you feel are the three most important issues facing American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Elders today?
2. Describe your experiences as an advocate within your community, your state, region, or on a national basis.
3. Describe your fundraising experience and what types of support and resources you could bring to NICOA.
4. Describe how you are connected to the Elders in the Area you are seeking to represent. Provide detailed examples of the networking and outreach you have done previously within your Area.
5. Are you available to travel and represent the organization within your Area, at national meetings and before Congress in Washington, DC? Describe how you and/or the Tribe/organization sponsoring you will cover your travel costs associated with serving on the NICOA Board
6. What is your vision for the National Indian Council on Aging's continuing work with AI/AN Elders?

ALL REQUIRED FORMS, FEE, AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
MUST BE RETURNED TO NICOA AND POSTMARKED BY
JULY 31, 2008.