

# **National Indian Council on Aging**

## **BOARD MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION PACKET**



**NICOA is seeking Board members to fill seven vacant positions. If you are interested or you know of an outstanding professional that can represent your area, please provide them with this information. The deadline for nomination to the Board is August 15, 2012.**

Mail all required forms and payment by August 15, 2012 to NICOA  
ATTN: Executive Director,  
10501 Montgomery Blvd., NE, Suite 210,  
Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Checks, money orders and cashier's checks are acceptable forms of payment.  
Cash will not be accepted.



## 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Aging in Indian Country NICOA BOARD MEMBERSHIP NOMINATION FORM

The NICOA Board of Directors is comprised of enrolled members American Indian and Alaskan Native tribes and are 55 years of age or older. Board members represent each of the NICOA's 12 Regions, with one additional member representing the National Association of Title VI Grantees (they determine own elections process). The regions up for election during the 2012 conference are:

Eastern Region  
Eastern members

Eastern Oklahoma Region  
Eastern Oklahoma  
members

Navajo Nation Region  
Navajo Nation  
members

Northwest Region  
Washington mbrs  
Oregon members  
Idaho members

Rocky Mountain Region  
Montana members  
Wyoming members

Western Region  
Arizona members  
Nevada members  
Utah members

Title VI  
Representative  
All Title VI Directors

The roles and responsibilities of the 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 conflict 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 nation 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 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 resume. The petition must be signed by fifteen Elders of federally recognized Tribes and notarized. If it is not signed by fifteen eligible individuals and if not notarized, it will not be accepted.
- Step 3. Submit a Board membership form, completed by a bona fide nominating organization, along with requested documentation and pay the **\$35 filing fee**.
- Step 4. Mail all required forms and payment by August 15, 2012 to NICOA, ATTN: Executive Director, 10501 Montgomery Blvd., NE, Suite 210, Albuquerque, NM 87111. 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 September 15, 2012 during the conference. No proxy or absentee Ballots are allowed.

## 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

NAME	ADDRESS	TRIBE	C.D.I.B./Census #	AGE
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____	_____
9.	_____	_____	_____	_____
10.	_____	_____	_____	_____
11.	_____	_____	_____	_____
12.	_____	_____	_____	_____
13.	_____	_____	_____	_____
14.	_____	_____	_____	_____
15.	_____	_____	_____	_____

Complete the Certification on the following page.

## Certification

The undersigned (resident of the area to be represented) certifies that the signature on this 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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print or Type Name of Certifying Individual

*Seal Here*

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

NOTE: The signature should be that of the person circulating the petition, which 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 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 attach your **resume that highlights your experience in the field of Indian aging, health or social services, whether personal or professional.**

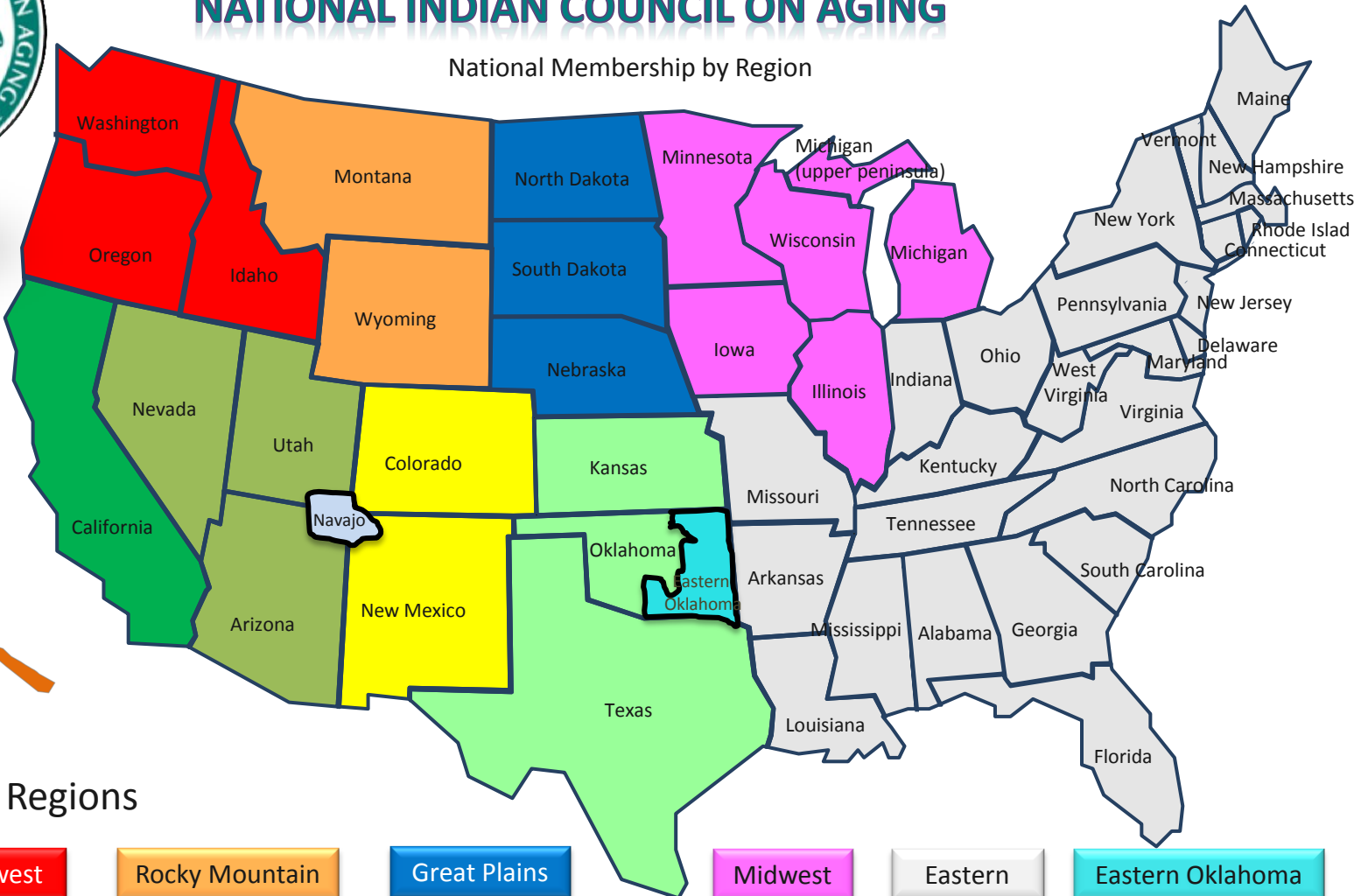
Please prepare a complete written statement responding to the following questions:

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 details 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 Agni's continuing work with AI/AN Elders?



# NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGING

National Membership by Region



12 Regions

- Northwest
- Rocky Mountain
- Great Plains
- Midwest
- Eastern
- Eastern Oklahoma
- Southern Plains
- Southwest
- Navajo
- Western
- Pacific
- Alaska