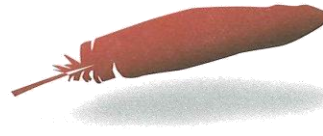


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On January 24, 2011, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) held elections for the executive committee offices of Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Member-At-Large.

NIHB elected as its Vice-Chairman Tribal Councilman L. Jace Killsback, Northern Cheyenne Tribe and Billings Area representative. NIHB Vice-Chairman is a two-year term.

NIHB elected as its Secretary Ms. H. Sally Smith, Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation Chairperson and Alaska Area representative. Ms. Smith has been serving as the NIHB Secretary for approximately a year to finish out the term of former NIHB Tucson Area representative, Cynthia Manuel. NIHB Secretary is a two-year term.

NIHB elected as its Member-At-Large Vice President Rex Lee Jim, Navajo Nation and Navajo Area representative. Vice President Jim replaces Andrew Joseph, Jr., Chairman of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, Councilman to the Confederated Tribes of Colville and the Portland Area representative. NIHB Member-At-Large is a one-year term.

NIHB Board positions not up for re-election this year include Chairperson, held by Cathy Abramson, Councilwoman for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the Bemidji Area representative, and Treasure, held by Tom John, Chairman of the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Board and Oklahoma City Area representative.

During this meeting, it was also announced that the NIHB will sponsor a National Public Health Summit from May 30 – June 1, 2012 in Tulsa, OK. More information will follow.

The following 2012 NIHB Board of Director's meeting dates were also set:

- June 21-22, 2012 in Lincoln, Nebraska
- August 27-29, 2012 with the site in Northern California to be determined
- December 3-4, 2012 in Washington, DC (dependent on funding availability)

The NIHB Board of Director's meeting was held in Washington, DC January 24-25, 2011 at the Phoenix Park Hotel.

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About NIHB: The National Indian Health Board is a non-profit organization established by the Tribes in 1972 to advocate on behalf of all Tribal Governments, American Indians and Alaska Natives, in their efforts to provide quality health care and improve the health status of their People. NIHB is the only organization of its kind: solely dedicated to strengthening health care for all American Indians and Alaska Natives. NIHB is located in Washington, DC.



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About Councilman L. Jace Killsback: "Voaxaa'e Nestoohe" (Screaming Eagle) is a Northern Cheyenne Indian from Busby, Montana and is a direct descendant of Chief Dull Knife. Mr. Killsback is currently serving his second term as a Councilman for the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and is the Billing Area Representative for the NIHB Board of Directors. In 2002 L. Jace received his Bachelors of Arts Degree from the University of California, Berkeley in Native American Studies with a minor in Environmental Science. While pursuing his higher education in the Bay Area, L. Jace Killsback first became involved in health care issues as a board member of the Native American Health Centers of Oakland and San Francisco. Once home on the reservation and as an elected tribal official, Mr. Killsback was appointed as his Tribe's delegate for the Montana & Wyoming Tribal Leaders Council (MT/WY-TLC) and the Council of Large Land-Based Tribes (CLLBT). Mr. Killsback was the former Treasurer of the CLLBT and the past chairman of the MT/WY-TLC and is current chairman of the Subcommittee on Health. Mr. Killsback has facilitated Tribal Consultations with SAMHSA, made presentations on suicide prevention, and testified at a senate field hearing on Indian health care. Mr. Killsback has served as the Billings Area Representative for the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee, IHS HP/DP Policy Advisory Committee, and Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.



mother of four sons.

About Ms. H. Sally Smith: Ms. Smith served as the Chairperson for the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) Board of Directors from December 1999 until January 2009. Currently Ms. Smith is the Alaska Area Representative to the NIHB Board and also serves as NIHB's Representative to the Tribal Technical Advisory Group (TTAG). She also presides as the Chair for the Alaska Native Medical Center Joint Operating Board, the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and on the Board of Directors for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the Alaska Native Health Board. Ms. Smith serves as 3rd Chief of the Native Village of Dillingham and a Tribal Judge. In 1997, she was the recipient of the Alaska Federation of Natives Health Award and in 1998 she received the National Indian Health Board's highest recognition, The Jake White Crow Award. She is Yupik Eskimo and the



About Vice President Rex Lee Jim: After serving as a ranking member on the Judiciary Committee and chairman of the Public Safety Committee within the 21st Navajo Nation Council, Delegate Rex Lee Jim was sworn in as Vice President of the Navajo Nation on January 11, 2011. Born and raised in Rock Point, a small farming and ranching community in northern Arizona, Vice President Jim attended the local school where he learned to read and write in Navajo. He is of the Kin Lichii'nii clan born for Tachii'nii. His maternal grandfather is Kin Yaa'aanii and his paternal grandfather is Naakaii Dine'e. He has five children. Vice President Jim attended the Newfound School in Asheville, North Carolina, and graduated from Colorado Rocky Mountain School in Carbondale, Colorado. In high school, he was introduced to students from other countries and gained much appreciation for their unique languages and cultures. After graduating from Princeton University, Vice President Jim started work with the Rock Point Community School teaching Navajo to students K-12. During this time, he developed a curriculum for K-Graduate programs that was culturally and pedagogically appropriate for Navajo students. He has published books and produced plays using the Navajo language. An author, playwright, and medicine man, Vice President

Jim continues to make diplomatic trips abroad on behalf of the United Nations to improve relations between nation states and indigenous peoples. As a representative of the Carter Foundation, the Vice President has helped improve relations between the United States of America and the Andean Countries of Colombia, Venezuela, Bolivia, Peru and Ecuador. Vice President Jim played a key role in the drafting and final passage of the International Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. On 16 December 2010, President Barack Obama declared that the United States is going to sign the declaration.