

Indian Health Service Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board

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Ms. Yvette Joseph-Fox, Executive Director
National Indian Health Board
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Dear Ms. Joseph-Fox:

I am writing to ask the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) for assistance in filling vacancies that will occur on the Indian Health Service (IHS) Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board (FAAB) when terms of several board members expire in December 1999. The FAAB was established by the IHS, in consultation with the NIHB, to provide advice related to policies and procedures of the programs funded by the IHS Facilities Appropriation and to address other Facilities issues. Each of the eight tribal members and two Indian Health Service members serve 2 years (except during this, the first, session when half the FAAB will serve terms of 3 years).

To assist with this change in membership, IHS asked each Area Office, in consultation with tribes, to provide nominees. A total of eight nominations were received.

- Two of these are from the Billings Area, which has a member on the FAAB whose term does not expire this year.
- Two members whose terms will expire this year (Donna Swallows and Ervin Chavez) were re-nominated, and we expect them to continue with the FAAB for two more years.
- One member (Everette Enno), whose term had been scheduled to expire, asked to serve another two years. The FAAB believes that, since Mr. Enno is an elected tribal official, his request should be honored.

In addition, the IHS plans to appoint its new federal representative from the Tucson Area, which did not have a member on the FAAB during the last session. Table I, "Recommended FAAB Membership for January 2000-December 2001, Including Continuing Members and Federal Appointees," (attached) summarizes the FAAB recommendations for re-appointing members whose appointments have expired and the IHS appointments.

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To complete the membership we are asking NIHB to select one tribal representative from the attached Table II, "1999 Nominees for the FAAB." The following criteria should be considered in selecting the new FAAB member:

- Balanced representation from self governance, 638 contracting, and direct service tribes;
- Representation from the Albuquerque Area, which did not have a member on the board during the last session; (IHS plans to appoint a member from Tucson, which also did not have a member on the board last session); and
- Representation from diverse regions in Indian Country.

Our next meeting is December 6, 1999. If possible we would like to introduce new members to the FAAB at that time. In order to give IHS time to notify new members and make travel arrangements for them, we are asking that you make your selections and forward their names by October 1 to Richard Barror, Acting Director, Division of Facilities and Environmental Engineering, IHS. Dr. Barror's address is 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 600, Rockville, MD 20852.

If you have questions regarding selection of new members for the FAAB, you may call Dr. Barror on (301) 443-1247 or me on (505) 324-6830).

Sincerely,



Ervin Chavez, Chairperson
Facilities Appropriation Advisory Board

Attachments: Table I, "Recommended FAAB Membership for January 2000-December 2001, Including Continuing Members and Federal Appointees"
Table II, "1999 Nominees for the FAAB"

TABLE I - Recommended FAAB Membership for January 2000-December 2001, Including Continuing Members and Federal Appointees

NAME	TITLE	TRIBE/TRIBAL ORGANIZATION	SERVICE TYPE	MEMBERSHIP STATUS	AREA ¹	NOMINATION STATUS
Everette Enno	Chairman	Trenton Indian Health Service Area	Contract	Current Member. Term ends 1999.	Aberdeen	Recommended to Continue by the FAAB
Paul Sherry	President and Chief Executive Officer	Alaksa Native Tribal Health Consortium	Self Governance	Current Member. Term ends 2000.	Anchorage	Continuing
					Albuquerque	
George Allen	Associate Director, Billings Area Office of Environmental Health and Engineering	Federal Employee		Current Member. Term ends 2000.	Billings	Continuing
Donna Swallows	Assistant Tribal Manager	Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa	Self Governance	Current Member. Term ends 1999.	Bemidji	Re-nominated Continuing
Edwin Fluette	Associate Director, California Area Office of Environmental Health and Engineering	(Federal Employee)		Current Member. Term ends 1999.	California	
Adrian Stevens	Environmental Health and Engineering Program Coordinator	Seneca Nation of Indians	Contract	Current Member. Term ends 2000.	Nashville	Continuing
Ervin Chavez	Navajo Tribal Health Board	Navajo Nation	Direct Service, Considering SG	Current Member. Term ends 1999.	Navajo	Re-nominated. Continuing
Fan Robinson	Deputy Executive Director, Community Development Division	Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma	Self Governance	Current Member. Term ends 2000.	Oklahoma City	Continuing
Loren Sekyumptewa	Manager of the Department of Administration of Technical Services	Hopi	Direct Service	Current Member. Term ends 2000.	Phoenix	Continuing
Rodney Smith	Puyallup Service Unit Director	Puyallup	Contract	Current Member. Term ends 1999.	Portland	
Rod Gardner	Associate Director, Tucson Area Office of Environmental Health and Engineering	NA (Federal Employee)			Tucson	Appointed

¹ Areas not represented on the FAAB during the January 1998 - December 1999 Session: Albuquerque and Tucson

Table II - 1999 Nominees for the FAAB

Name	Title	Tribe/Tribal Organization	Service Type	Membership Status	Area	Nomination Status
Everett Vigil	Tribal Health Coordinator	Jicarilla Apache Tribe	Contracting/Direct Service		Albuquerque	Nominated
Floyd Phillips	Board of Directors for the Shoshone Utility Commission	Shoshone from the Wind River Reservation	Direct Service		Billings	Nominated
Allen Sloan	Division Manager, Salish and Kootenai Housing Authority	Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation	Self Governance		Billings	Nominated
Patsy Martin	Yakama Nation Council Member	Yakama Nation	Direct Service, Contemplating Contract		Portland	Nominated
Reuben T. Howard	Executive Director, Health Department	Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona	Contracting/Direct Service		Tucson	Nominated
Richard Ramirez	Executive Assistant	Tohono O'odham Nation	Contracting/Direct Service		Tucson	Nominated

Service type representation for the January 2000-December 2001 session of the FAAB before the new appointments:

Self Governance: 3 Direct Service: 2 Contracting: 2

Regional Representation for the January 2000-December 2001 session of the FAAB including new appointment

Alaska 1 Northwest 0 Northern Plains and Mountains 2
 California 0 Southwest 3 North Central 1
 Central Plains 1 Northeast 1 Southeast 0