



Attn: Election Board  
5318 Chief Brown Lane  
Darrington, Washington 98241-9420  
(360) 436-0131  
Fax (360) 436-1511  
8/30/2023

**2023** Election Board  
Checklist of Items  
Sent to Eligible Voter

- Checklist of items contained in the Election Notice Packet; and
- A statement about the positions to be filled, including the names of the current Council Members whose terms are expiring, and the number of vacant or unexpired terms that shall be filled by the election,
- A current eligible voters list; and
- Notification of Election Day, which shall be the deadline for submitting ballots to the Election Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on Election Day.
- A calendar of events setting forth the election deadlines and important dates; and
- Voter Registration Form, with return envelope addressed to the Election Board. Please fill this out to register for the 1<sup>st</sup> time or if currently a Registered Voter to **Make sure your address is up to date.**
- A statement about the method and deadline for declaring candidacy and a Candidate Application Form with return envelope addressed to the Election Board. If applying to be a Candidate please also include a biography containing your platform and how you plan on reaching bipartisanship to unite the tribe.
- A sample ballot
- A Current Copy of the Election Ordinance
- Any other information or notices consistent with the Ordinance necessary to facilitate a fair and efficient election process.

**Election Board Members:**

Eric Armstrong  
Steve Laberta  
Karen Misanes  
Jordan Maltos  
Alisa Clark



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**Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe  
2023 General Election Notice**

Title	Comments: Who, What, When and Why
<b>Election Day December 4<sup>th</sup>., <u>2023</u></b>	<b>All Ballots MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:30PM on Election Day. Any Ballots received after 4:30pm on Election Day regardless of post-mark date, will be invalid.</b>
<b>Time 8:30 am to 4:30pm</b>	On Election day the Board shall be available between 8:30am to 4:30pm to process Voter Registration and receive hand delivered mail ballots.
<b>Place</b>	Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe's Administration Office
<b>Terms</b>	General Elections are to fill the following vacant terms: Kevin Lenon ( 3 Years ) Natalie Misanes (3 Years ) Allen Price Jr. ( 1 Year )
<b>Candidacy Statement</b>	A statement about the method and deadline for declaring candidacy and a Candidate Application Form with return envelope addressed to the Election Board. If applying to be a Candidate please also include a biography containing your platform and how you plan on reaching bipartisanship to unite the tribe. Candidacy Statements and Applications are Due Oct.14th. In the event Oct.14th. Is on a weekend or holiday this deadline will be postponed until the next business day.
<b>Eligible Voters List</b>	Appeal of Exclusion or removal from the Eligible Voters List must be received by the Chairman no later than Noon on Oct.31st. in the event Oct.31st. is on a weekend or holiday this deadline will be postponed until the next business day.
<b>Tribal Council Hearing</b>	Candidate denial or Eligible Voter Appeal will be held on Nov.5th. in the event Nov.5th. is on a weekend or holiday this hearing will be postponed until the next business day.
<b>Registration New Voters Voters updating their mailing address</b>	Voters Registrations must be received by November 6th. to be mailed a ballot In the event Nov.6th. is on a weekend or holiday this deadline will be postponed until the next business day. Eligible Voters who have not registered by the Mail Ballot Registration Deadline may register in person on Election Day. If a ballot is prepared at the time of the Voter's registration, the voter shall receive a Ballot.

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Phone: (360) 436-0131  
Email: [enrollment@sauk-suiattle.com](mailto:enrollment@sauk-suiattle.com)  
Website: [www.sauk-suiattle.com](http://www.sauk-suiattle.com)



All Records

Thursday, August 31, 2023 9:03 AM

Records: 200

Filters Applied: Deceased: No, At Least Age 18 on 12/04/2023, Status: Enrolled,

Last Name	First Name
Adams	Dorian
Araiza	Yesenia
Bahr	Delores
Banks	Christine
Barrie	Keilani
Benjamin	Stephanie
Bigby	Desmond
Bigsby	Aubry
Bogle	Steven
Bogle	John Jack
Booth	Christina
Bough	Brian
Bough	Jennifer
Bough	Christopher
Briggs	Kara
Brooks	Kyanna
Brown	Teresa
Brown	Shawna
Brown	Evan
Buchanan	Cameron
Bueno	Diangeles
Carrigan	Cammie
Carrigan	Shawna
Carrington	Michel
Charlie	Shannon
Charlie	Josephine

Last Name	First Name
Enick	Robin
Enick	Lewis
Enick	Emily
Enick	Dorjan
Enick	John
Enick	Roger
Enick	John
Enick - James	Anthony
Enick-Pizano	Sharmen
Ernsdorff	Michael
Finkbonner	Miriam
Forrester	Sterling
Garcia	Juanita
Garcia	Alexander
Garcia	Tarrisa
Garcia	Shalena
Garcia	Phillip
Garcia-Moses	Anna
Gonzalez	Colleen
Gonzalez-Nunez	Fernando
Gonzalez-Nunez	Yesenia
Gonzalez-Nunez	Albino
Grendon	Christina
Grendon	Zachary
Grendon	Olivia
Hanefeld	Adderty
Harris	Cynthia
Herrera	Lupita
Herrera-Jimenez	Jose
Hoffman	Steven
Hoffman	Michael

Last Name	First Name
Mills	Marliena
Mills	Elise
Mills	Robert
Mills	Carol
Mills	Daryl
Mills	Michael
Misanes	Raymond
Misanes	Katherine
Misanes	Karen
Misanes	Natalie
Misanes	James
Misanes	Kaylena
Moses	Clarence
Moses	Ezekiel
Navarro	Robert
Navarro	Travis
Overton	Freya
Pickernell	Maranda
Pickernell	Pete
Pierce	Jessica
Pierce	Monica
Pierce	Mitchell
Pizano	Serena
Porter	Mary
Price	Ann
Price	Allen
Price	Mary
Price	Judah
Price	Kyrstyn
Price	Anna
Price	Jeffery

Last Name	First Name
Turner	Tritan
Vail	Andrea
Vilyra	Amilia
Watson	Timothy
Welborn	Cody
welborn	Angelina
Welborn	Kenneth John
Welborn	Deven
Welborn	Kemo
Welborn - Navarro	Kelly
wells	Sheila
wells	Sherri
Westcott	Laura
Willis	Desiree
Wilson	Angela
Wolten	Blaine
Wolten	Richard
Woodward	Zaneta
Zarate-Tillequots	Ray

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Candidate Application  
Deadline

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Eligible Voters List Appeal  
Deadline

Today



# December 2023

Darrington, Washington



Today  
71° F / 58° F



Tomorrow  
68° F / 55° F

Friday  
81° F / 55° F



Month

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Election Day  
Election Day Certification Window

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Protest Deadline  
Recount Deadline

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# Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe Voter Registration Form

**You can use this form to:**

- To be sent a ballot by mail.
- To complete and receive a ballot on Election Day.
- Register to vote for the first time.
- Update your registration if you move to a new address or change your name.

Please complete all the information in the boxes 1 through 10 on the voter registration form below. Be sure to include your signature in box ten (10). Once you have filled out this form, mail to the Tribe at the address below.

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Election Board  
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**TO REGISTER TO VOTE, YOU MUST BE:**

- An enrolled member of the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe.
- At least 18 years of age on Election Day.

<b>1</b>	Are you an enrolled Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Member? (Circle) Yes No Enrollment #:			
<b>2</b>	Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day? (Circle) Yes No Date of Birth:			
<b>*Note: If you checked "NO" in response to box 1 or 2, do not complete this form.</b>				
<b>3</b>	Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Male Female
<b>4</b>	Address Where You Live	City/Town	State	Zip
<b>5</b>	Where You Get Your Mail	City/Town	State	Zip
<b>6</b>	Phone Number	E-Mail Address: (optional)		
<b>7</b>	Would you like assistance with your ballot? Yes No			
<b>8</b>	<b>ONGOING ABSENTEE REQUEST:</b> I would like to receive an absentee ballot for all future elections: (Circle) Yes No			
<b>9</b>	Voter Declaration: "I declare the facts on this voter registration form are true <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I am an enrolled Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Member</li> <li>• I am at least 18 years of age on or before election day"</li> </ul>			
<b>Sign Here:</b> _____ <b>Date:</b> _____				



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**Part 1 - Candidate Application**

Candidacy Application Forms must be received, regardless of post-mark date, by the Election Board on or before Oct. 14th. 2023 In the event Oct. 14th. Is on a weekend or holiday this deadline will be postponed until the next business day.

To be completed by candidate

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby request my name be placed on the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribal 2023 Official General Election Ballot, as a candidate for position of Tribal Council. The General Election is scheduled on December 4th. 2023.

I do solemnly swear that I am an enrolled member of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Article II-Membership, and I am at least 21 years of age on or before December 4<sup>th</sup>. 2023 and do not hold membership in any other tribe.

I consent to the investigation of my enrollment status with the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe by the Enrollment Clerk.

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Print/Type Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public, in and for the State of Washington

(Seal)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness my hand and official seal

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 2 - Enrollment Verification**

To be completed by Enrollment Clerk

Applicant's Enrollment Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: (Please check for dual enrollment) \_\_\_\_\_

Enrollment Clerk's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 3 - Certification**

To be completed by Election Board

The Election Board, duly appointed by the Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Council, met to certify the status of this applicant. We find that the above named applicant  does or  does not meet all the requirements to be a candidate, as specified in the Sauk-Suiattle Constitution and Bylaws and Election Ordinance.

Candidate Certified

Candidate Denied

Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## General Election

### Sample Voters Instruction

Please vote for no more than the number of Candidates stated on the ballot. Write in candidates are not allowed and will invalidate the ballot. After you vote please do the following:

1. Place the ballot in the envelope marked "1" on the envelope flap, which is also marked "BALLOT ENVELOPE DO NOT MARK" on the front of the envelope.
2. Place the ballot envelope number "1" into the envelope marked "2" on the envelope flap, which is also marked, "AFFIDAVIT OF VOTER" on the front of this same envelope. You must sign and date the affidavit and clearly print your name on the place provided or your ballot will not be valid.
3. Place the Affidavit of Voter envelope marked "2" into the envelope marked "3" on the envelope flap, which is also the envelope with the Election Board address and stamped envelope.
4. Ballots of persons personally casting their vote must be hand delivered to the Election Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on Election Day, **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. 2023** Envelopes containing ballots of persons voting by mail must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Election Day, **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. 2023**, Ballots not conforming to this subsection shall not be counted. Ballot envelopes received after 4:30 p.m. on Election Day will be invalid.



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# **Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe ELECTION ORDINANCE**

## **Article 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 1.01** The following ordinance shall be known as the Election Ordinance of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe and shall take effect on September 19, 2018. The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the conduct of the General Elections for the near expired and vacant Tribal Council positions as required by Article IV of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe. This Ordinance supersedes and revokes any prior Election Ordinance and regulations.

**Section 1.02** The standards and procedures for the General Elections may be further defined through regulations prepared and recommended by the Election Board and adopted by Tribal Council resolution. Any such regulations shall comply with this Election Ordinance and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe.

**Section 1.03** Nothing in this Ordinance or any adopted regulations is intended to supersede the prevailing authorities of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe. The provisions contained in this Ordinance should be interpreted, to the extent possible, in a manner so as not to be in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe.

**Section 1.04** If any provision or part of any provision of this Election Ordinance, for any reason be held invalid, unenforceable or contrary to any applicable law, it shall be severed and the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be affected thereby and shall remain valid and fully enforceable.

**Section 1.05** By enacting this Ordinance, the Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Council makes a limited waiver of sovereign immunity to enable the Tribal Court to review certain Protest Filings as described in Article 10. This Ordinance does not, and shall not be construed to, waive in any other manner the sovereign immunity of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe or its officers or employees to suit in any action arising out of their performance under this Ordinance, except for the limited circumstances described in Article 10; nor does this limited waiver permit in any manner whatsoever the payment of monetary damages or attorneys fees relating to claims arising from election matters.

## **Article 2. GENERAL ELECTION**

### **Section 2.01 General Information**

- (1) Elections for the near expired terms and vacant positions of the Tribal Council shall be held in December. Election Day will be specified in the Notice of Election Packet sent to all eligible voters. Other matters to be decided by the tribal membership may be added to the ballot.
- (2) All voting shall be done in accordance with the procedures described in Article 8 of this Ordinance.
- (3) The Election Board mailing address, where all election material is to be sent is:

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- (3) Before taking office, appointees shall swear or affirm to the oath contained in Section 3.05.
- (4) Any Board Member who resigns or is removed will be replaced by an alternate member appointed by the Tribal Council Chairman, and confirmed by Tribal Council resolution.

### **Section 3.05 Oath of Office**

After confirmation by Tribal Council, each appointee to the Election Board shall give the following oath before the Tribal Council Chairman:

I, solemnly swear that I have read the Constitution and Bylaws of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe and the Election Ordinance of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe and promise to uphold them. I promise to maintain confidentiality in carrying out all of my duties under the Election Ordinance. I understand and agree that I am not eligible to become a candidate in the current election, even if I resign from the Election Board.

The newly appointed Board Member and the Tribal Council Chairman shall sign and date document.

### **Section 3.06 Board Conduct**

- (1) No Board Member shall engage in, sanction, or permit to go unchallenged conduct which could prevent a fair election, such as participation in a Board decision that involves an immediate family member. If a board decision involves an immediate family member the board member(s) in question must exit the meeting during any deliberation, discussion, and voting.
- (2) A tribal member, board member, or council member of the Tribal Council may present a resolution requesting removal of a board member. Resolution request must have first-hand knowledge of the facts complained of in the resolution. At the time of removal, the Tribal Chairman will appoint a replacement, with the confirmation of the Tribal Council as described in Section 3.04.

### **Section 3.07 General Rules of Procedure**

- (1) The Board shall consist of five (5) members. Three (3) members of the Board shall comprise a quorum to conduct official business.
- (2) The Board shall elect from among their membership a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary.
- (3) The Board shall act by majority vote, subject to Section 10.02. The Election Board Chairman shall vote only in the event of a tie or in the event described in Section 10.02.
- (4) No Board Member shall participate in any decision that involves an immediate family member, and the remaining Board Members shall make such decision outside the presence of the individual(s) with the conflict of interest. If a board decision involves an immediate family member the board member(s) in question must exit the meeting during any deliberation, discussion, and voting.

- (i) To notify the Secretary of the Tribal Council to schedule a special Tribal Council hearing in the event an individual appeals his or her exclusion from the Eligible Voter List; and
  - (ii) To notify the Secretary of the Tribal Council to schedule a special council hearing in the event a hearing is needed on a candidacy denial appeal.
  - (iii) Submit a request to the Sauk-Suiattle Police Department for a Sergeant-at-Arms to be present during the counting of the ballots on Election Day;
  - (iv) Contact the Court Clerk to request a court date be scheduled in case a hearing is needed;
  - (v) Recommend to the Tribal Council any supplemental rules or changes in this Ordinance which the Board believes are necessary to achieve an efficient, effective and fair election;
- (5) Develop regulations, if necessary, consistent with Sauk-Suiattle Election Ordinance and Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe Constitution and By-Laws subject to approval of the Tribal Council; and
  - (6) All other duties, subject to all tribal ordinances and the Sauk-Suiattle Constitution and Bylaws, necessary for efficient and proper administration of Tribal Council elections.

#### **Article 4. NOTICE OF THE GENERAL ELECTIONS**

**Section 4.01** The Election Board shall prepare and send an Election Notice Packet to each eligible voter, on or before Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. In the event Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, all actions will be postponed until the next business day.

- (1) A checklist of items contained in the Packet;
- (2) A statement about the positions to be filled, including the names of Council Members whose terms are expiring, and the vacant or unexpired terms that shall be filled by the current election;
- (3) A Current Eligible Voter List;
- (4) Notification of Election Day, which shall be the dead line for submitting ballots to the Election Board Ballots must be received No Later than 4:30 pm on Election Day ;
- (5) A calendar of events setting forth the election deadlines and important dates;
- (6) A Voter Registration Form with return envelope addressed to the Election Board;
- (7) A statement about the method and deadline for declaring candidacy and a Candidate Application Form with return envelope addressed to the Election Board;
- (8) A sample ballot;
- (9) A current copy of the Election Ordinance

## **Article 5. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE AND REGISTRATION**

### **Section 5.01 Eligible Voter List**

- (1) Any Sauk-Suiattle tribal member who is at least eighteen years of age on Election Day is eligible to vote.
- (2) The Election Board shall prepare and update as necessary a list of all eligible voters, the Eligible Voter List in coordination with the Enrollment Clerk, who shall provide verification of membership for each person on the Eligible Voter List; and
- (3) The Election Board shall distribute the Eligible Voter List in the Election Notice Packet.
- (4) The Election Board shall update the Eligible Voter List upon receipt of new information regarding eligibility. In the event an individual is removed from or added to the Eligible Voter List that was sent in the Election Notice Packet, that individual will be so notified by certified mail. An individual that is removed from the list may appeal such decision as described in Section 5.02.

### **Section 5.02 Appeal of Exclusion or Removal from the Eligible Voter List**

- (1) An individual who is excluded or removed from the Eligible Voter List may appeal to the Tribal Council. An appeal must be in writing, state the basis on which the individual should be included on the list, and be received (either by mail or hand delivery) by the Tribal Council Chairman (or other Council officer in the event the Chairman is a candidate in the current election) no later than noon on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. In the event Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, this deadline will be postponed until the next business day.
- (2) The Tribal Council shall hold a hearing on any properly submitted appeal on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. In the event Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, this hearing will be postponed until the next business day. At the hearing, the Election Board Chairman or Delegate will present the reason for omission from the list. The individual appealing will be given the opportunity to speak on his or her own behalf and present any relevant documentation.
- (3) At the conclusion of the hearing, the Tribal Council shall, by resolution, either affirm the decision of the Election Board or order that the individual be added to the Eligible Voter List. In either case, the Tribal Council shall immediately give written notice of its decision (in the form of the resolution) to the Election Board and the individual.

### **Section 5.03 Voter Registration Form**

The Voter Registration Form provides the Election Board with an eligible voter's current address, date of birth, and signature. All tribal members must have a Voter Registration Form on file with the Election Board in order to be sent a ballot or vote. Voter Registration Forms do not need to be submitted every year and will remain on file with the Election Board for succeeding years' elections.



### **Section 6.03 Certification**

- (1) The Election Board shall prepare a Candidate Certification Record for each individual who submits a Candidacy Application Form. The Candidate Certification Record shall contain the following information:
  - (i) Signed Candidacy Application Form;
  - (ii) Verification of Enrollment and date of birth signed by the Enrollment Clerk or Council Chairman; and
  - (iii) A duly approved resolution of the Election Board that finds the individual either eligible or not eligible to be a candidate for office. If determined to be not eligible, a copy of the denial letter sent to candidate that details the reason(s) for denial and how to appeal.
- (2) Election Board determinations of eligibility shall be by resolution.
- (3) The Election Board shall post the Certified Candidates List in the locations identified in Section 4.02 on or before Oct.21<sup>st</sup>. In the event Oct.21<sup>st</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, this posting will be postponed until the next business day.
- (4) The Election Board will send a copy of the Certified Candidates List via overnight mail to each individual that submitted an application.
- (5) If the Election Board has determined that an individual is not eligible, the individual shall also receive a statement explaining the basis for denial and explaining the procedure for appeal as described in Section 6.05.

### **Section 6.04 Notice to Voters of Certified Candidates**

The Election Board shall mail the Certified Candidates List to all persons on the Eligible Voter List on the same day the candidates are certified. The Certified Candidates List shall also be posted that same day at the locations identified in Section 4.02.

### **Section 6.05 Appeal of Certification Denial**

- (1) Any individual that submitted a Candidate Application Form who is not included on the Certified Candidates List may appeal the Election Board's decision to the Tribal Council.
- (2) An appeal must be in writing, state the basis on which the individual believes he or she should have been certified, and be received (either by mail or hand delivery) by the Tribal Council Chairman (or other Council officer in the event the Chairman is a candidate in the current election) no later than the noon on Oct.31<sup>st</sup>. In the event Oct.31<sup>st</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, this appeal will be postponed until the next business day.

**Section 7.02 Type and Amount**

Regular Ballots: The same number of regular ballots shall be prepared as the number of eligible voters.

Replacement Ballots: A reasonable surplus of ballots shall be prepared for use as replacements, which shall be identified as "Replacement #" on the numbered corner that is clipped.

Sample Ballots: The Election Board shall prepare sample ballots in the same form as regular ballots but without the names of the candidates or other ballot measure. Sample ballots shall be clearly marked "sample" and shall be mailed with the Election Notice Packet.

**Article 8. VOTING**

**Section 8.01 Generally**

All voting shall be done by mail or hand delivery of the mail-in ballot.

Eligible voters who have registered by the Mail Ballot Registration Deadline on Nov.6<sup>th</sup> will be mailed a Ballot. In the event Nov.6<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, this deadline will be postponed until the next business day.

Registered voters will be sent, by mail, a ballot packet. Ballot Packets will be mailed on Nov.9<sup>th</sup>. In the event Nov.9<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, this mailing will be postponed until the next business day. A ballot packet will include instructions for voting and an official Ballot.

Eligible voters who have not registered by the Mail Ballot Registration Deadline may register in person at the Tribal Administration Office on Election Day and receive a ballot at that time, which may be voted and hand delivered in the Ballot Box.

Each voter shall vote only once using only one ballot, unless properly replaced.

Only official ballots properly marked shall be counted.

Registration Form or the ballot.

- (2) Disabled voters or Active Military Duty Personnel are encouraged to contact the Election Board to request assistance. A request for assistance must be in writing, or if verbal, it must be communicated to at least two Election Board members. If the request was verbal, the two board members shall sign a statement reporting the request. The request should be detailed and explain what specific assistance is needed.
- (3) The Election Board shall consider the request and take reasonable measures to assist, or arrange for assistance. A grant of a request for assistance is subject to the discretion of the Election Board and that decision is final.
- (4) In the event the Election Board authorizes such assistance, the Election Board Members must take every precaution to insure that the disabled person is voting according to his or her own free will and that the secrecy of the ballot is maintained to the greatest degree possible.

#### Section 8.04 Election Board Procedure for Receipt and Processing of Ballots

The Election Board will adhere to the following procedures:

- (1) The Board shall prepare a Ballot Record Form, which shall serve as the recording log for processing of ballots. Entries are made by a member of the Election Board only when at least two members are present. This Form is a list of eligible voters on Election Day.
- (2) Upon receiving a completed, dated, and signed Voter Registration Form, the Election Board will:
  - (i) Record the received date;
  - (ii) Enter the full legal name of the voter;
  - (iii) Enter the selected source for signature verification; and
  - (iv) The processors will initial and date the Ballot Record Form.
- (3) Upon receiving the ballot the Election Board members will:
  - (i) Check the outer envelope for time of receipt and record entry on Ballot Record Form.
  - (ii) Check the inner envelope "AFFIDAVIT OF ABSENTEE VOTER"

that unexpired terms are being filled, see Section 9.02.

### **Section 9.02 Filling Unexpired Terms**

If an unexpired term must be filled as well as the regular full terms, those candidates who received the highest number of votes will fill the available full terms, and the next highest candidate will fill the unexpired term. In the event there are more than one unexpired terms, the candidates will fill the terms in order of votes. The candidate with more votes will fill the longer unexpired term.

### **Section 9.03 Certification of Election**

- (1) Certification of the election results setting out the official count shall be made by a formal Election Board resolution.
- (2) A certifying resolution will be filed with the Secretary of the Tribal Council within five working days after Election Day, consistent with Article III of the Bylaws of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe.
- (3) A copy of the certification resolution shall be posted at the locations identified in Section 4.02.
- (4) The Election Board shall send each candidate a copy of the certification via overnight mail on the date of certification. If the date of certification is on a weekend or holiday certification mailing will be postponed until the next business day.

### **Section 9.04 Recounts**

Any candidate may submit a notarized request for a recount no later than noon on Dec. 12th. In the event Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, this deadline will be postponed until the next business day. The Election Board may grant the request if it determines by resolution that:

- (i) A vote is so close as to justify a recount, OR
  - (ii) There is some evidence of irregularity sufficient to justify a recount.
- (2) In the event the Election Board grants the recount request, two members of the Tribal Council whose positions were not up for election shall participate with the Election Board in the actual recounting of ballots. The Election Board's decision whether to have a recount shall be final.

### **Section 9.05 Reconciliation & Audit Report of the Election Board**

- (1) After all ballots have been counted by the Election Board including unused ballots, ballots invalidated due to irregularities as described in Section 9.01, "spoiled" ballots, and replacement ballots, they shall be placed in a secured envelope to prevent tampering. The certification of the general election results shall be backed by an Election Board "RECONCILIATION & AUDIT REPORT OF FINDINGS."

election results, and holding a hearing on any protest of the run-off election results shall be established by the Election Board, and shall, to the extent practicable, be set so that the newly-elected Tribal Council members can be seated at the regular Council meeting in January.

- (6) The rules governing the General Election, such as secrecy of the ballots, counting the ballots, invalidation of ballots and certification of winners, shall all apply to the run-off elections.

## **Article 10. ELECTION PROTEST**

### **Section 10.01 Filing**

- (1) Any eligible voter may file a protest with the Election Board no later than noon on Dec.12<sup>th</sup>. In the event Dec.12<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be postponed until the next business day. The protest must be in writing and must state:
  - (2) The name of the person protesting;
  - (3) The specific facts on which the protest is based;
  - (4) The specific section of the Election Ordinance or the Constitution and By-laws that the protest claims has been violated;
  - (5) That the protester must have first-hand knowledge of the facts complained of in the protest;
  - (6) An address and phone number where the protester may be notified, directly or by message.

### **Section 10.02 Review by Election Board**

The Election Board shall review any protest and shall notify the Court and protester that a hearing will take place, as previously scheduled by the Board, unless the Election Board finds, by unanimous vote, that the protest fails to meet the requirements of Section 10.01.

### **Section 10.03 Court Hearing**

In the event a protest hearing is needed, it shall take place on a date set by the Election Board in the election calendar, which shall be Dec.17<sup>th</sup>. In the event Dec17<sup>th</sup> is on a weekend or holiday, this hearing will be postponed until the next business day. Court Hearings will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Courtroom. The Court may hear testimony from all persons with firsthand knowledge of the facts and any other evidence that it deems necessary and relevant to resolving the dispute. If the protester or representative fails to appear at the hearing the Court shall dismiss the protest without hearing.

### **Section 10.04 Protest Decision**

- (1) The Court's power at a protest hearing shall be limited to the power to declare the election invalid and order a new election.
- (2) The Court shall consider all evidence presented in the written protest, evidence submitted by

exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

**Section 13.04** All terms of office start on the first Friday in January to maintain the consistency of the staggered terms of office, whether:

- (1) A particular elected individual is installed on that day; or
- (2) A particular appointed individual is installed later by virtue of a mid-term vacancy; or
- (3) At the result of an election dispute; or
- (4) Other contingency cited under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe.