

CANDIDACY

Eligibility.

In order to be eligible for candidacy in the election, an individual must be at the time of filing Candidacy Application Form:

- ✓ An enrolled member of the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe; and
- ✓ At least 21 years of age.

Disqualifying Criteria for Candidacy:

No member of the Election Board shall be eligible to be a candidate in the current election, even if that individual shall resign from the Election Board prior to Election Day.

No member of the Sauk-Suiattle Trust Corporation shall be eligible to be a candidate in the current election (*see* SSIT Trust Corporate Charter).

Application

In order to declare intent to be a candidate, an individual must submit (via mail or hand delivery) a signed, notarized, Candidacy Application Form (available at the Tribal Administration Office or in this Election Notice Packet) to the Election Board at the following address:

Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe
ATTN: Election Board
5318 Chief Brown Lane
Darrington, WA 98241

The Candidacy Application Form will contain a statement that the candidate declares, by signing the Form, that he/she does not hold membership in another tribe. The Candidacy Application Form will also contain a statement that the candidate authorizes, by signing the Application Form, the Enrollment Clerk to disclose all relevant information relating to verification of Enrollment and date of birth.

Candidacy Application Forms submitted via mail must be post marked on or before **Friday, October 20, 2006**

Certification

The Election Board shall consult with the Enrollment Clerk to verify the enrollment status and date of birth of each candidate seeking to run for office. Falsification of enrollment information, knowingly or unknowingly, shall be grounds to prohibit the certification of candidacy and the subsequent opportunity to hold official office on Tribal Council.

On October 25, 2006 the Election Board shall post the Certified Candidates List.

The Election Board will send written notification to the candidates by overnight mail the same day the Certified Candidates List is posted.

If the Election Board has determined that an Applicant is not eligible and denies such Application, the notice sent shall contain a statement explaining the basis for denial and explaining the procedure for appeal as described in Section 6.05.

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 following locations:

Web page: www.sauk-suiattle.com

Sauk-Suiattle Social Service Building, Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Administration Offices, Sauk-Suiattle Education Department Building, Sauk-Suiattle Longhouse, Sauk-Suiattle Office of Law Enforcement,

Location Address:
5318 Chief Brown Lane
Darrington, WA 98241-9420

Sauk-Suiattle Natural Resources Building

“Big Shop”
Location Address: Mile Post 47.1 SR Hwy. 530
43724 SR 530
Arlington, WA 98223

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Location Address:
Puget Sound Agency
3006 Colby Avenue
Everett, WA 98201

Appeal of Certification Denial

Any Applicant not included on the Certified Candidates List may appeal the Election Board’s decision 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 Secretary no later than November 3, 2006 after the Certified Candidates List was posted.

The Tribal Council shall hold a hearing on any properly submitted appeal on November 7, 2006. At the hearing the Election Board Chairman will present the reason for denial of candidacy. The Applicant appellant will be given the opportunity to speak on his or her own behalf.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Tribal Council shall, by resolution, either affirm the decision of the Election Board or order that the Applicant be added to the Certified Candidate

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 Applicant.

Withdrawal from Candidacy

A candidate may withdraw from an election candidacy by submitting a signed and notarized statement requesting removal from the Certified Candidates List and the ballot.

If a candidate withdraws after certification of candidacy notice of withdrawal shall be posted prominently at the polling place and shall be mailed to all eligible voting members.

Failure of any voter to receive actual notice of a candidate's withdrawal shall not be grounds from an election protest provided the Election Board complied with the notice required of this section.

If the notice of withdrawal is received after absentee ballots have been sent, the withdrawn candidate's name will still be on the ballot. In that event, any vote cast for the candidate shall not be counted but such vote shall not invalidate the entire ballot

