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A WORD FROM CHIEF CHARLES DIEBOLD



Dear Tribal Members,

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds everyone in good health and spirits. Winter has faded, and Spring is upon us and the time for planting and bringing in the new year of our ceremonies.

As a Seneca-Cayuga you have a special connection not only with our past, where we came from and how we got here, but also that we are still thriving. As a Seneca-Cayuga we should hold a warm heart to know our traditions are still being carried on with each generation as best we can. These continue to this day with the commitment of our faith keepers and will continue. Our culture is a living, breathing entity much like the fire built in the Longhouse. If you were to sit and watch it burn you can almost see pictures and memories of the past as the flames dance and move.

Each Spring our ceremonies show our appreciation for what the creator has provided us as we should always be thankful for the blessings of life and family. On April 25th we will be having our Spring Sun Dance to welcome in the new growing season, and for the sun to ensure continued good growing cycles, to the thunder which bring with it the rain, and all living plants and animals. The date has been set for Saturday, April 25th. Everyone is welcome, and the men and boys are encouraged to participate and dance.

Next will be the Strawberry Dance, which will be in May (usually towards the end of the month). This date is set by the head Faith Keeper and is set once the wild strawberries have been picked. These are strawberries with white blooms. It is a morning dance and usually done by noon.

Following up in July is the Blackberry Dance which is held the first full moon. This year it looks like that will be Wednesday, July 29th. This is a nighttime dance and will not begin until later in the evening and will last all night, with the morning set of songs sung as the sun comes up. It comes late in the month this year and just a few days before Green Corn.

We wrap the season with our Green Corn gathering. Always the first full week of August, with camp day this year being Sunday, August 2nd, and continues till the Peach Seed game is concluded. I encourage everyone to attend, even if it's just a day or two.

This year is also our election of tribal officers during General Council, happening Saturday, June 6th. Casting of votes will be done via electronic voting. The Election Committee approached the Business Committee with the idea of enabling a more streamlined and cost-effective solution. The Business Committee agreed, so this year there are two ways to vote (1) In person at the polls (2) remote via electronic device such as mobile phone, tablet etc. Included in this edition are the officer positions up for election, along with biographies each candidate has submitted.

As we continue to move our Nation forward, it is an honor and privilege to continue serving the people of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation. Unity and Progress!

Nya-Weh (thank you)

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Diebold".

Charles Diebold, *Chief of the Seneca Cayuga Nation*

UPCOMING ELECTION

An election for the Seneca–Cayuga Nation will be held **JUNE 6, 2026**. Please read the following information carefully so you can vote.

VOTING PROCEDURE

It is vital that every member vote in this years election. This is your chance to choose your leaders. The Election Committee works hard to ensure a fair election that follows the election process prescribed in the election ordinance.

IF YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE BY ELECTRONIC ELECTION BALLOT:

The Electronic Ballot will contain “QR” codes that when scanned on a smart device, will allow the voter to register and vote. This is a simple and secure process that will be demonstrated in a training video that will be made available to everyone. Electronic Voting will be available during the polling times of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

IF YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN PERSON:

The polling place shall be the Seneca-Cayuga Nation Community Building located at 24805 South 660 Road, Grove, Oklahoma. The voting hours shall be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on June 6, 2026. Any enrolled member of the Nation that is 18 years of age and older on June 6, 2026, will be permitted to register and cast their ballot at the polling place.

**FOR THE OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION, AND A MORE DETAILED UNDERSTANDING OF ELECTION PROCEDURES, PLEASE VISIT:
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Election Committee Announcement

The Election Committee hereby announces the list of qualified candidates for the regular election of the officials of the Nation. This election will be conducted at the Annual General Council Meeting scheduled for **June 6, 2026**.

The certified list of candidates has been reviewed and approved in accordance with the Nation's election procedures and requirements. All eligible voters are encouraged to participate in the upcoming election.

Further details regarding the election process, candidate information, and voting procedures will be provided in advance of the meeting.

Election Committee

Candidates:

2nd Chief

Curt Lawrence
Kim Guyett
Stephen Bunch

Secretary-Treasure

Melissa Morrison
Natalie Dixon
Roberta Smith

2nd Council Member

Amy Nuckolls
Carol Brown
David Lane

Election Committee

Rayne Hackler Chairman

MSB Secretary

Leah Servant

Cyndie Whittaker-Rios 1st Council Person

CP

4th Council Member

Chandy O'Neal
Tonya Blackfox

4th Grievance

Devin Snell – Unopposed

2nd Grievance No Declaration Filed

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CANDIDATE PROFILES

There are several positions up for election this year. We asked candidates to submit bios and pictures which follow. These have been published as submitted without editing. All the submitted profiles are published on the following pages.

Candidates running uncontested will be automatically elected.

CANDIDATE FOR 2ND CHIEF

Curt Lawrence



First, as the incumbent 2nd Chief, I want to say Nya-Weh to the Nation's voters for electing me to the privilege and honor of serving in my first elected office, although unlike other members of the BC, I had previously served as an employee since 2011; as ICW Director, the first Coordinator of the Sex Offender Registry; then Executive Director for three years before accepting a similar position at the Eastern Shawnee Tribe. For three years. My first election from the floor to replace Chief Diebold as 2nd Chief was an anomaly because I don't have a large family of voters. Four-year terms have been beneficial to the Nation evidenced by the significant progress that has been initiated in the past 4-5 years and described by Chief Diebold in the current GAH-YAH-TONT. Current progress includes a soon-to-open convenience store and Early Childhood Center. A much-desired language program is currently funded to advance language and culture. As the Tax Commission Chair, amendments to the Tax Ordinance have significantly increased revenues. Building and acquisition of housing units have increased to 38 rentals and significant revenue increases. Recent progress includes our 158 Cattle Ranch. Lengthened terms have contributed to the continuity of our Nation's progress. Increased revenue has allowed us to fund a COPS Program Director and initiate a Codification Project to help us develop an enforceable Tribal Code for police and a court. I supported the inception of our Constitution Committee and serve as the BC liaison to that committee to improve our legal framework. I believe my legal training as an attorney and experience in administration can be a value as we continue our continued growth from a tribe into an actual nation, but much work is yet to be done to bring what has been initiated into fruition. I'm asking voters to allow me to help continue our ongoing good work. For more professional information, a Google search of "Curt Lawrence" will pull up a past press release by "Who's Who Biographical Registry." Most of what I have done with my legal training has been in Child Protection and representing disadvantaged Indian Children in area tribal courts. I was selected to attend the American Indian Graduate Center's pre-law program and returned to recruit Native Law Students as VP of the inaugural Native American Law Association in Washburn University School of Law. Native Studies has been a big part of my education.

I believe that Great-Grandfather Charlie Bigtail Hubbard, reportedly of one of the first four families to move to this area; my grandmother, Esther Hubbard-Luther; her sister, Great Aunt Florence Hubbard (the first tribal enrollee) would be pleased with the on-going progress of our Nation, of which you, the General Council is the catalyst. I am happy to discuss my views with any tribal member that would like to. My tribe cell phone number is 918-314-2016. Text messages work best and I can respond by phone.

Nya-Weh,

2nd Chief, Curt Lawrence

CANDIDATE FOR 2ND CHIEF

Kim Guyett



Sgeno,

My name is Kim Guyett and I am running for the position of 2nd Chief, of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation. I am a mother of four and grandmother of four. I am very proud of my family lineage: I am of the Deer Clan (Southside), great-granddaughter of the late David "Babe" Logan, granddaughter of the late Frances "Jackie" Birdsong (Logan), and daughter of the late Glenda Barton (Birdsong).

I am honored to have been afforded the opportunity to previously serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation from 2/12/2021-1/18/2025. During my service as Secretary-Treasurer, I demonstrated my ability to effectively perform the duties of the position as prescribed by the Seneca-Cayuga Nation's constitution. Even more importantly, I prioritized the wellbeing of our tribal members in all my decisions and contributions, in this role. During my previous terms, my commitment to serving our Tribal members pushed me to make great strides for our Nation. The main accomplishments that I am very proud of are:

1. I created and Implemented new processes to ensure that tribal enterprises were operating in accordance with General Council Resolution# 188-090608, to distribute monthly profits to the tribe, resulting in increased tribal distributions to service our tribal members, General Council, and tribal operations.
2. My contributions and decision making played an integral role in the fruition of several new projects and revenue streams for the betterment of our Nation including Flint Fire Ranch, Flint Fire Marina, Flint Fire Mercantile, Early Childhood Development Center, successful a/location of ARPA funding which Included multiple distributions directly to tribal members, additional housing, and land acquisitions.
3. I spearheaded the successful transition of Nation and Enterprises accounting "in-house" as directed by General Council. This move saved the tribe approximately \$200,000/year in accounting expenditures and we now have full control over our own financial affairs. I am particularly proud of this accomplishment, as this move has been called for by Tribal members many times over the last 8 years.
4. I provided amendments to our enrollment ordinance, resulting in the admission of 321 new tribal members in 2021, many of whom had been waiting for years.
5. Through utilization of technology and massive efforts to update enrollment files, we have greatly improved communication and transparency to tribal members. We are reaching more tribal members than ever before, and I continue in my pledge to keep tribal members abreast of actions and decisions of the Business Committee.

I am running for the position of 2nd Chief because the welfare of our tribe and our tribal members is very important to me and to us all, and I possess the skills necessary to positively affect both aspects. I believe the role of 2nd Chief is essential for making progress in tribal affairs, and my knowledge and experience as a former Business Committee member, accountant, and former business owner enable me to be effective in this position.

Currently, I serve as a Staff Accountant for the Seneca Cayuga Tobacco Company and as a Sr. Project Accountant for the FCG of Miami Nation Enterprises. I have earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, as well as a Master's Degree in Accounting and Financial Management which I believe can be a great benefit to the Nation. As a single mother of four, I successfully ran my own business for 6 years to put myself through school. These experiences instilled in me the required hard work and creative problem-solving skills essential for building a prosperous future for our Nation.

This position requires organization, diligence, and vision. Beyond these skills, I believe in complete transparency and accountability to ALL Seneca-Cayuga Tribal Members, while maintaining the appropriate confidentiality demanded by the position. Our members deserve to have the necessary information to make informed decisions. If elected as 2nd Chief, I pledge to continue my commitment to open communication, transparency, and accountability to our tribal members. As an active Tribal member, I am constantly seeking out new opportunities for our Nation and all tribal members. I have many plans and project ideas to help move our tribe forward, increase revenue streams, and improve tribal member access to programs and information, to strengthen our tribe. While it is important to be creative and come up with new ideas, it is more important to encourage and be willing to listen to the ideas of the GC.

The Business Committee is in place to serve the tribal members and carry out the wishes of the General Council, as well as enforcing all GC resolutions with transparency and accountability. I pledge, with absolute certainty, that all my passion and dedication will be focused on serving the Seneca-Cayuga Tribal members and their families. With your vote and support we can continue in our efforts to heal and grow the Seneca-Cayuga Nation and work together to provide a positive future for all our generations to come.

Nya:weh,

Kim Guyett - Candidate for 2nd Chief, Seneca-Cayuga Nation

CANDIDATE FOR 2ND CHIEF

Stephen Bunch



I am the son of Sandra Wabaunsee Kingston, . and great Grandson of Florence Bigtail Hubbard and our family allotment was on Cayuga road. First and foremost, I am a Corporate Charter/Constitutionalist; in that order. For the last 25 years I have been fully engulfed with participating in the daily action of governing and worked hard to produce oversight and report data to the People. If it is or was a critical event in our government I was there and participating for a solution.

I have been fully involved with our Tribal Government Administration(s), Business Committee and General Council meetings, court cases, elections, election disputes, removal/replacements. bingo to Casino transition, Casino Development attempts and Tobacco expansion attempts, just to name a few. I bring substantial experience to the table in all facets of our Nation's Business Models of Gaming and Tobacco. I have real world connections in the private sector that can enhance and grow our businesses and, thereby, create more jobs here at home. I have fought the good fight from as far back as Chief James Allen, then Jerry Dilner, then Leroy Howard, then Paul Spicer, then Leroy Howard again, then Bill Fisher, then Sue Channing and now Charlie Diebold. And every "fighting the good fight" I reference has always been over unlawful acts including, but not limited to, violations of members' Civil Rights, misappropriation of Nation funds, violation of Tribal Laws (aka General Council Resolutions), the Nations Corporate Charter, our Constitution, precedent Judicial Rulings, Tribal Ordinances and Election interference and/or tampering. Lack of adherence to our laws means we have no functioning "government of the people", as our Charter, Constitution and bylaws command. The toughest ingredient of this is that it's done knowingly and by design, not as a result of ignorance or lack of experience. If you grant me this opportunity to serve I will absolutely prove everything with actual transparency of all supporting documents that have continued to be concealed. It's time to enforce the Corporate Charter and return real authority to the Council as our Charter commands. Thank you for any consideration to vote for me in this very critical election.

CANDIDATE FOR 2ND COUNCIL MEMBER**Amy Nuckolls**

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Seneca-Cayuga Nation 2nd Council person. I have a proven record of passionate service and I look forward to continuing the work I began. Throughout the past five years, I was assigned as the liaison to the tribes housing program. I worked closely with the tribe's Housing Director to successfully enhance our housing programs. Together, we boosted our housing revenue from \$12,000 to \$240,000 each year! We also obtained an extra \$100,000 in NAHASDAQ annually. These are the main funds for housing. These funds help us rehab elders homes, pay rent and utilities for members and also help keep our rentals up to par. I crafted a detailed 10-year strategic plan for our tiny home development, that aims to introduce 150 new residences, walking paths, parks, and communal areas for families and seniors. We have been able to expand our affordable housing stock from 2 units to 38 units in these last few years. This does include fair market rentals as well as a majority being income based.

I spearheaded the establishment of our first elder community that consists of eight tiny homes and recently submitted a grant proposal for \$3.4 million to fund 40 additional housing units. These units will house veterans, disabled, families and elders. My dedication goes beyond housing; I collaborated closely with our grant writer on multiple applications, securing millions of dollars for essential infrastructure, public safety, language initiatives, and support services for foster families.

Additionally, I am actively involved in emergency response efforts during storms, working alongside our Public Safety Director to ensure residents receive vital supplies and assistance. We hope to move forward with plans to establish our own emergency response team to help ensure people's safety during these difficult times. I also worked to secure funding to fix and maintain transportation routes to help ensure safe and reliable roads. I am currently working with our grant writer to secure additional funding through the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant. Our goal is to become the transportation hub of Indian country as no other tribe has taken that initiative.

In addition to the work on behalf of the tribe, I set a personal goal to obtain my Associate's Degree in Business Administration. I will complete this degree in just a few short months but have already learned vital skills and earned multiple badges in areas such as Leadership Skills and Accounting, I remain committed to advancing our Nations goals, public safety, housing, infrastructure, economic development and so much more. I remain committed to giving our members back their voices and keeping them informed.

I hope you will help me continue the vital work that I started and vote for me as the Seneca-Cayuga Nation 2nd Council Member. If you have any questions or concerns please reachout on Facebook, email or my number is 9189987825.

CANDIDATE FOR 2ND COUNCIL MEMBER

Carol Brown



Greetings to all Tribal Members. My name is Carol Brown, and I am formally announcing my candidacy for Second Council Person of the Seneca Cayuga Nation in the June 6, 2026 Election. My Tribal lineage comes through my father, Hobert M. Brown; my grandmother, Julia Kariho Brown; and my great-grandfather, John Kariho. I have three adult children, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild. I was raised in a large family alongside three brothers and five sisters.

I was born in Claremore, Oklahoma, and raised in Wyandotte, Oklahoma. I attended Wyandotte Public School from first through twelfth grade. After graduating, I completed two years at NEO A&M College in Miami, Oklahoma, earning an Associate of Arts in Education. I then attended Pittsburg State University for two and a half years, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Education. After working for fourteen years, I returned to school to pursue additional education requirements. I took night classes at Oklahoma State University for three semesters while working full time, then applied to OSU's Graduate College of Education and for a graduate scholarship. I was accepted into both and completed my master's degree in educational administration in May 1991.

My administrative experience includes serving the Ponca Nation first as Education Director, then as Tribal Planner and Grant Writer, and later as Executive Director. For several years, I was also selected as a Grant Reader for tribal proposals submitted to the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), traveling to Washington, D.C. to complete those responsibilities. My administrative work for the Seneca Cayuga Nation includes serving as Human Resources and Education Manager, and later as Benefits Manager, a position I held until my retirement on December 31, 2025.

I would like to continue serving the Seneca Cayuga Nation and would humbly request your vote in the upcoming election on June 6, 2026 as Second Council Person.

Respectfully,
Carol J Brown

CANDIDATE FOR 2ND COUNCIL MEMBER

David Lane



Sgeno, my name is David Lane, but most of you know me as "BOO." My Ongwehoweh name is Sgenahe'. I am of the Deer Clan and come from the Logan/Birdsong family.

After a very long time of thought, consideration, and encouragement from many of you, I have decided to run for 2nd Council Person of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation. This decision comes from my deep commitment to our people and our future.

I have always stayed actively involved in our Nation, our community, and our traditions. I believe our culture is not just something we honor, but something that should guide the decisions we make every day. Our teachings, values, and way of life must remain at the center as we move forward. As a teacher in our Language and Cultural Program, I am proud to help preserve and pass down our language, traditions, and identity to future generations.

I currently serve on the Grievance Committee, where I work to ensure fairness and accountability. In that role, I take pride in bringing an unbiased and balanced perspective when making decisions, always focused on the facts and evidence in front of me.

Those who know me know I stand for the people, both near and far. I believe in looking out for one another, listening to our voices, and working together for the good of all. I want to help ensure our Nation continues to grow and thrive by supporting opportunities that bring in resources, while also making programs and services more accessible and affordable for our people.

If elected, it would be a true honor to serve you and to work on behalf of the Seneca-Cayuga people with honesty, respect, and dedication.

Nyaweh.

CANDIDATE FOR 4TH COUNCIL MEMBER

Chandy O'Neal



Hello Fellow Nation member,

My name is Chandy O'Neal, and I'm proud to be a member of the SenecaCayuga Nation. I am the Great granddaughter of Ogal and Clara Whitetree, the granddaughter of Mary Whitetree and the daughter of Terri Johnson. I'm running for the position of Fourth Council Person because I believe our Nation deserves leadership that is practical, responsible, and focused on our future. In my professional life, I manage operations inside a casino environment. That means every day I deal with budgets, staff, compliance, and making sure businesses run efficiently. Those same skills are important for helping our Nation grow stronger economically.

But more importantly, I'm also a parent raising my children here. I care deeply about the future our Nation is building for the next generation. I want to make sure our families, youth, and elders continue to be supported while we also make smart decisions that protect our Nation's resources.

If elected, I will focus on three things: responsible financial decisions, strengthening tribal businesses and economic opportunities, and making sure our members stay informed about the decisions affecting our Nation.

I'm not running because I have all the answers. I'm running because I believe leadership should listen, learn, and work hard for the people.

Thank you for your time and for considering me to serve our Nation.

CANDIDATE FOR 4TH COUNCIL MEMBER

Tonya Blackfox



Sgeno, my name is Tonya "Kahn-dahn-seh,, Blackfox, it has been one of the greatest honors of my life and a true privilege to serve as your 4th Council Person. With humility and gratitude, I am asking for your continued support in the upcoming election so I may continue serving our people with dedication, transparency, and love for our Nation.

My husband Damian and I have been happily married for 25 years. We are blessed with three wonderful adult children-two daughters and a son-and our hearts are full with four beautiful grandchildren: three granddaughters and one energetic grandson.

I am deeply passionate about preserving our language and ceremonial traditions. These teachings connect us to our ancestors and give our children pride, direction, and identity. Every young person who learns a Seneca-Cayuga word or stands in ceremony is carrying our fires forward and helps keep our culture alive. I chose to serve on the Business Committee because I want to give back to the community that raised me. This role allows me to help build programs and make decisions that strengthen our Nation today while protecting what makes us who we are.

Over this past term, our Business Committee has worked with the teachings we were raised on - teamwork, perseverance, gratitude, and humility. We worked together not for recognition, but to honor our ancestors and build something strong for the generations who will follow us. These accomplishments matter not because they look good on paper, but because they make life better for our people - today and for the generations yet to come:

Strengthening Our Nation & Expanding Opportunity: Envisioned and secured funding for the construction of our Early Childhood Development Center, advancing education for our youngest citizens; Continued long-term planning for Flint Fire (Cattle) Ranch to support business diversification and food sovereignty; Began building our Nation's first Flint Fire Mercantile Country Store, furthering diversification and strengthening food access; Purchased Elk River Marina, expanding our land base from the Casino to the waterfront and diversifying our business model; and Expanded our Nation's land holdings by approximately 700 acres to support ranch development and future casino growth.

Housing, Infrastructure & Community Resources: Completed 8 emergency housing units; Acquired additional homes and renovated others to support families in need; Improved our Ceremonial Grounds with upgraded water lines, electrical updates, a new bathroom, and renovations to existing facilities; Upgraded the Nation's water tower and treatment plant to ensure safe, reliable water for our people; Completed 3 BIA road projects, including two resealing projects and one re-pavement near the ceremonial grounds; Continued progress on paving Cayuga Road, north from the Council Church; and Began the important codification of laws project to strengthen tribal governance.

Modernizing & Supporting Nation Operations: Secured significant grants, including: Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB), State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI), Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A),

Additional housing-supporting grants; Implemented electronic check approval and signing, increasing efficiency and accountability; Standardized Nation departments on Microsoft Office, improving consistency, document storage, and communication; Exploring the future use of electronic voting, increasing accessibility for our citizens; and Continued our Fee-To-Trust land application with the BIA.

Beyond my role on the Business Committee, I have continued to stay involved in areas that serve our people directly: Advisory Member of the Northeastern Tribal Health System (NTHS) Advisory Board; Close partnership with our language teachers, helping strengthen connections locally and with speakers up north; Participation in Veterans Stomp Dance and Social events; Support for Elders and Youth gatherings, including Christmas and Easter activities; Member of the Quapaw Powwow committee; and Contributions to Green Corn events. These moments are reminders of who we are: people who show up for one another, who laugh, dance, pray, and rebuild together.

These moments of community connection remind me why I serve: because our people, our language, and our traditions matter. If I am honored to serve again, I will continue to work with compassion and commitment. My priorities remain rooted in: Expanding and sustaining our language program, including pursuing grants and funding opportunities; Supporting continued economic development, job creation, and tribally owned enterprises; Ensuring transparency, communication, and accountability to our citizens; Strengthening cultural, educational, and wellness opportunities for all generations; and Protecting our traditions, values, and sovereignty for the generations to come.

My greatest hope is that our grandchildren and future generations grow up with pride-rooted in our language, strong in our traditions, and confident in who they are. More than anything, I dream of a Nation where every child grows up knowing they belong - where our language is strong, our ceremonies are full, and our people feel heard, seen, and valued.

To every member of our Nation: Nya-weh for your continued trust and for the role each of you plays in keeping our culture strong and our community moving forward. Nya-Weh for the conversations, the support, the teachings, and the reminders of why our work matters. We are strongest when we stand together, guided by the wisdom of those who came before us and the hope of those who will come after. With unity, respect, and deep gratitude for each of you, I humbly ask for your support in this upcoming election as we continue building a strong, vibrant future for the Seneca-Cayuga Nation.

**I humbly ask for your support in this upcoming election.
In gratitude,
Tonya "Kahn-dahn-seh" Blackfox
Candidate for Re-Election as 4th Council Person**

CANDIDATE FOR 4TH GRIEVANCE

David Snell – *Unopposed*



No picture or Bio submitted.

CANDIDATE FOR 2ND GRIEVANCE

No Declaration Filled



CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER

Melissa Morrison



Sgeno,

My name is Melissa “Miss” Morrison and I am honored to announce my candidacy for re-election for the Seneca-Cayuga Nation’s Secretary-Treasurer position. I take great pride in my family heritage. I am of the Deer Clan (Southside), great-granddaughter of the late David “Babe” Logan, granddaughter of the late Frances “Jackie” Birdsong (Logan), and daughter of Lisa Morrison (Birdsong). I have three children of my own and am also a devoted Auntie to many!

With over 20 consecutive years of experience in business and finance, including 9 years serving our Nation across multiple programs, I bring proven leadership, financial knowledge, and a deep commitment to our people. My background in executive assistant and treasury roles, combined with hands-on experience in office, has prepared me to manage our Nation’s resources with accountability and care.

While serving, I have gained valuable experience in this role and have remained firmly committed to continually strengthening my knowledge and effectiveness. In addition to my current degree, I am actively advancing my education with a focused dedication to Native American government, tribal governance, and government financial management. This commitment reflects my determination to fully understand our ordinances, organizational structure, and the responsibilities of leadership, ensuring I can continue to serve our Nation with informed, capable, and effective governance.

I believe in building a stronger future for our Nation by creating new opportunities, supporting our businesses, and making smart investments that benefit our people for generations to come. To sustain our Nation and provide for future generations, we must increase our revenue. Growth is not optional, it is necessary. We cannot rely on the same sources and expect different results. We must be intentional in creating new opportunities that bring in consistent and sustainable income.

Our Nation must take a focused and strategic approach to growth. My priorities for growing revenue and strengthening our Nation include:

- Expand Tourism & Cultural Experiences - Promote Grand Lake while also sharing our heritage through events, cultural tourism, and unique experiences that bring visitors back year after year.
- Grow and Connect Tribal Businesses - Strengthen coordination between our casino, marina, mercantile, and tobacco company to increase traffic, improve customer experience, and maximize revenue across all enterprises.
- Invest in Long-Term Revenue Opportunities - Pursue new ventures, strategic partnerships, and emerging industries that create sustainable income for the Nation.
- Build for Future Generations - Manage our resources responsibly while reinvesting in infrastructure, workforce development, and economic initiatives that provide lasting benefits for our members.

Financial responsibility, sovereignty, and strong governance guide my work. I am dedicated to ensuring our resources reflect the priorities of our people while supporting long-term stability and growth.

As Secretary-Treasurer and Chair of the Enrollment Committee, I carry a profound responsibility to ensure that our enrollment process is conducted with the highest standards of integrity, unwavering objectivity, and deep respect for our heritage. This duty is not merely procedural, it is essential to preserving the legitimacy, fairness, and cultural significance of our Nation.

It is a true honor and privilege to serve our people while upholding the Constitution and By-Laws of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation. I am deeply grateful for the trust and support you have shown me, and I remain committed to serving with dedication and purpose. I respectfully ask for your continued support and your vote for re-election.

Nya:weh,

Melissa “Miss” Morrison
Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer,
Seneca-Cayuga Nation

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY–TREASURER**Natalie Dixon**

Sgɛ:nɔ' swagwe:gɔh, Natalie gya:sɔh. hynagwai' niwagesyaɔdɛ:' ne:hni'
 Gahnawiyo'geho:nɔ' niwagɔhwɛjo'dɛ:' // Hello everyone, I am Natalie. I am Bear Clan
 and my Nation is the people at the place of the beautiful rapids [the literal translation for the Seneca-
 Cayuga Nation in our Gayogohó:nɔ' / Cayuga language]

My mother is Susan Dixon (née Barger) and her mother was Arbery Rhodes. Her mother was Ida Guyami and her mother was Sarah/Sallie Mush. Sallie's mother was Mary Crow, sister of Chief John Crow. My Wyandot family on this side is a Guyami-Greyeyes family union. My father is Walter Mark Dixon, who is Cherokee through his mother, born Juanita West, and her father Walter Adair West who was the grandson of a West-Scraper family union.

I am running for Secretary-Treasurer of the Nation for three main reasons. The first is that I want to continue aiding any Constitutional work and government reform the 2026 General Council directs the Business Committee to do or make happen. The second is that I want to see our Business Committee seek out and apply for more funding for more language and culture programming for our Nation, made accessible to all members and families. The third is because I want to help with the already-in-progress codification of laws so that the creation of these new legal statutes by our Business Committee will reflect the power of our General Council people as it stands today.

My professional experience includes 1. working as an administrative assistant for a 3-partner law firm 2. working as a customer service representative and 3. later in-courtroom reporter for the Alaska State Judiciary, as well as being a 4. fundraising and operations coordinator for a Native non-profit based in Seattle, WA but serving the entire PNW including where we focused on giving money to people for projects or reasons that included food sovereignty, MMIP, intergenerational knowledge exchanges, and classes for all ages in traditional cultural skills.

In 2022 I moved to my mom's here in NE Oklahoma and later I became/am the Secretary for the 2023-2024 Constitution Advisory Committee created by the Business Committee and 2025-2026 Constitution Committee created by the 2025 General Council. It has been an honor to serve our people in this way.

I received my AA from Seattle Central College in 2023 and was finishing my junior year at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK for a BFA in 2D Studio Art, but I have since changed my degree path to first focus on attaining a Certificate in Fund Accounting and then one in Tax Compliance at the same university. I am dedicated to doing this job right for our people and for our Nation. I humbly ask your vote this June 6, 2026 for the opportunity to carry out the responsibilities above.

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY–TREASURER**Roberta Smith**

Tribal Members,

Most of you know me and my family. You know we have been involved in and working for the improvement of the Seneca Cayuga Nation all of our lives. I am running for Secretary Treasurer to continue to fight to strengthen our tribal government and for the well-being of future generations.

While working on the Constitution Committee the past few years, I learned first-hand that we need to update the Constitution, strengthen tribal ordinances and put checks and balances into place. Right now, there is no transparency between the Business Committee and the General Council. The General Council is not allowed to listen to Business Committee meetings by computer. Meeting minutes from the monthly and weekly Business Committee meetings are not made available to the General Council. The General Council is not provided current financials or even allowed to see operating budgets. The General Council is the supreme governing body of our nation and that fact has been ignored for far too long.

My goal is to fight to make sure the General Council is provided information so that every member is aware of the workings and spending of the Business Committee. The Resolutions and Ordinances of the Nation have not been scanned into a computer for easy reference or access by all. Instead, an incomplete set of laws and ordinances are stored in file drawers and access by the General Council is limited or non-existent. Operating budgets need to be passed in a timely manner and followed. If elected, my priorities will be to get the laws and ordinances digitalized and to make sure budgets for all programs and entities are available and are being followed.

I appreciate your support and your vote on June 6.

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