

August 19, 2014

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Travel Report
MAST

On August 14, 2014 I traveled to Traverse City to attend the one day conference of Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes, which consists of federally recognized tribes of the Midwest states consisting Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota Tribes and organizations consisting United Tribes of Michigan, Inter Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc., Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council, and Minnesota Chippewa Tribe.

I think the best way to describe the purpose of MAST is understand and know the mission statement of this organization it states: "To advance, protect, preserve and enhance the mutual interests, treaty rights, sovereignty, and cultural way of life of the sovereign Nations of the Midwest throughout the 21st century."

Elections were held for Treasurer; Mary Peterson of Lac Du Flambeau was elected Secretary Melanie Benjamin of Stockbridge-Munsee Community. Cathy Abramson who has served for several years as treasurer/ secretary and as Chairperson for National Indian Health Board for many year choose to step down due to personal reasons. Her years of service were and are applauded. In the past only chairs and vice chairs were able to hold sets on the MAST board, now any council persons of each member tribe in good standing may also serve on the board.

Many presentations of great interest and concerns such as IHS, HHS, MAST Resolutions and other issues as indicated on the attached agenda. I have also attached materials presented.

The Sault Tribe Law Enforcement presentation of their Youth Facility was presented. Enclosed presentation with information and shows a service we can utilize for our tribes needs without having to use facilities out of area or state.

All present were asked to look up several bills and statues by number on the federal web site that are of importance to Indian country and write their area state representative and congressman in support of those due to their effects on us.

Enclosed are all the informational materials for on the one day conference which I fill was very well done and the information gather from the presenters and printed material are of good value if used by those in intendance.

“Miigwech” to the Tribe affording me the opportunity to learn that helps me to serve the LTTB Citizens.

Chii Miigwech,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bea Law". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bea Law, Tribal Council Member

