

LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
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Aanii Boozhoo Inawemaaganak, Gdinmikoon. Anishinaabe-Odawa kwe ndaaw miinwaa Waganakising Odawa ndodabendaagwaz. Nme ndodem. Anishinaabe aki ndoonjiba. Jaadaan Shawwawnawnawquet ndo zhaaganaashii noozwin. Hello Relatives, I greet you all in a good way. My name is Jordan Shananaquet and I belong to the sturgeon clan. I am the daughter of Greg Shananaquet and granddaughter of Joan Shananaquet-ba. Our family descends from Burt Lake, Nahma, and Grand River.

Community at Heart, Sovereignty in Action: it's not just a slogan—it is a promise. A commitment. A way forward. It means that every

decision we make, every effort we take, is rooted in what is best for our people—not just today, but for our ancestors who have yet to be born. Sovereignty is not just about what we have the right to do; it's about what we have the power to build. Strong families. Strong Nation. A future where every Waganakising Odawa Citizen—no matter where they live—knows they belong, knows they matter, and knows they have a voice.

Our Nation has always had leaders who look inward and leaders who look outward. Both are needed. One without the other is incomplete. As Chair, my role will be to focus outward—strengthening our sovereignty, defending our treaty rights, securing resources, and making sure our Nation is recognized and respected at every level of governance. But sovereignty means nothing if it does not serve the people. That is why I will work in relationship with our Vice Chair, Kerstine Omev, to ensure that every decision is made with our tribal elders, youth, and families in mind.

Giinwi. This is about all of us, together. Our voices. Our families. Our future. We deserve leadership that listens, leadership that fights, leadership that does not sit on the sidelines when our people need action.

Kerstine and I have been in this work long before this election. We didn't step up because we wanted a title—we stepped up because it was needed. We have fought for our people, stood beside our people, and will continue to do so every single day. Because leadership isn't about what you say you'll do. It's about what you've already done and what you're ready to keep doing.

This is our Nation. This is our future. And together, we will carry it forward with Community at Heart and Sovereignty in Action.

Chi Miigwech for your trust, your voice, and your vote.

Jordan Shananaquet

For more information about our shared values and commitments, visit:
LTBBCitizens4Change.com

**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Jordan Shananaquet

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

**Indian River, Michigan
City & State of Residency**

1. Work Experience:

Enaagdawenjiget– Michigan Department of Education's Indigenous Education Initiative
Associate Director of Advancement & Communications – First Peoples Fund
Niigaandwin Education Director – Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Archivist – Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Assistant Manager – Best Buy Mobile

2. Educational Background:

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
B.A. in History (Cum Laude)
B.A. in Anthropology with a Cultural Tourism Concentration (Cum Laude)
Minor(s) in Native American Studies & Classical Studies with a Latin Concentration
M.A. in Indigenous & Early American History (3 Courses to Completion)

3. Traditional Cultural Experience/Knowledge, and/or Other Training, Certificates:

Gikendaasowin—our knowledge systems—guide my journey as a learner and leader. I have been fortunate to learn from elders, knowledge keepers, and community members who have shared their wisdom in language, governance, and our relationship to the land. Their generosity has shaped my path and worldview, and I say miigwech to them. My journey has also included formal training in Collaborative Governance & Leadership, Federal Procurement, Grant Management, and Consensus Decision Making. I carry forward what I have learned in service to all our people. Learn more at LTBBCitizens4Change.com.

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

I have always believed that leadership is about service. Over the years, I have volunteered across diverse initiatives within tribal, intertribal, and broader community spaces, contributing to programs that foster mutual learning, growth, and connection(s). Through these volunteer roles, complemented by my professional experience, I have developed skills in facilitation, policy development, grant writing, and strategic planning as well as execution. My experience spans budget management to intergovernmental relations. Learn more at LTBBCitizens4Change.com

5. Awards, Honors Received (cultural/colonial):

Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Indian Education Council (MIEC)
Excellence in Mentorship for Teaching From North Carolina State University Graduate School

6. Describe Current and/or Previous Elected or Appointed Positions Held at LTBB or in Any Other Capacity, Government, or Organization (dates, titles, etc):

Highlights: LTBB Tribal Council (2023–Present) – Economic Development Committee Member (2024)

Education & Outreach Tribal State Manoomin Stewardship Committee (2023–Present)
Festival of the Book Board of Directors (2021–2024)

Bay Mills Community College Board of Regents (2019–2023) – Chair (2020–2023),
Vice Chair (2019–2020), Strategic Planning (2021)

Bay Mills Charter School Office Board of Regents (2019–2023) – Chair (2020–2023),
Vice Chair (2019–2020), Strategic Planning (2021)

Confederation of MI Tribal Education Departments (2019–2023) – Chair (2022–2023),
Vice Chair (2019–2021), Strategic Planning (2019)

7. If applicable, describe anticipated Campaign Information in Detail (Campaign Address, Email, Website, Social Media, Campaign Plan, Any Endorsements, etc):

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Facebook Page: Vote Jordan Shananaquet & Kerstine Omey for LTBB Tribal Chair & Vice Chair