

LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
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Aanii,
Nakii Qua Ndiiznakaaz.

My name is Regina Gasco. I am seeking your support in this election for Chair/Vice Chair with Denise Petoskey, my candidate for Vice-Chair.

Born in Harbor Springs, I attended Holy Childhood Boarding School. I graduated from Boyne Falls High, living in Northern Michigan my entire life. I've been honored to represent and fight for our people, serving the tribe over 24 years, 10 of those as your Tribal Chairperson. Chi-Miigwetch for that privilege. It is a duty I never take lightly, and hold close to my heart as I navigate each situation our tribe faces.

I am asking for the opportunity to continue serving you and complete the projects we have worked so hard to bring to our citizens.

With me, I bring strong morals that guide me each day, as well as the knowledge and experience I have gained from serving on Tribal Council and as your Tribal Chairperson. I follow our Seven Grandfather teachings as I make decisions that will impact all of our tribal citizens.

I've consistently voted in consideration of our tribal membership as a whole. It will always be a priority for me to ensure all our tribal members are represented, regardless of where their path has taken them.

While in office, I've continued expanding Elder's services, including a general welfare stipend for utilities and other necessities, dental, hearing, and vision services no matter where they live. The medical services at our health clinic have increased. We've opened the new Crooked Tree Clinic. I implemented a Medicare reimbursement program for Elders and those living with disabilities. We got through the COVID pandemic, ensuring members were taken care of, getting resources and relief money out to citizens. I am also proud of the work we've done bringing accessible housing to the citizens, including our "Indian Town" project in Harbor Springs. It's been my dream to help our people return there, should they choose. I've been honored to be a part of these accomplishments, and strive to keep moving forward.

Our Elders are critical to our tribe, as they hold the important teachings of our past, and our youth are our future. While in office, my focus has always been youth services, elder services, education, tribal preference, and health care.

I want to continue serving as your Tribal Chairperson because I believe the creator still has more for me to do accomplish. A few of my goals are: continued expansion of services, a new medical center, more accessible housing, and maintaining stability for our tribe. As we face uncertain times with the US Government, funding, and more, it is important that this position is held by someone with experience fighting for our people in this capacity. I want to use my experience, knowledge, and passion for protecting our people to keep us moving forward in a good, positive way-- never going backwards. I ask for your support-- that you'll allow me to renew my dedication to the Waganakising Odawa Nation.

Chi-Miigwetch,
Regina Gasco

**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Regina Gasco

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Petoskey, MI

City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience:

Business owner, Tribal Chairperson for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Tribal Councilor/Secretary/Legislative Leader for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Secretary/Vice Chairperson for United Tribes of Michigan.

2. Educational Background:

Tribal Government Relations trainings, trainings in Anishnaabemowin language function and teachings, training and education on treaty rights, certification in tribal genealogy and enrollment.

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

Decades of participation in/involvement with language conferences, traditional teachings, and sovereignty trainings. Traditional mentorship from respected tribal elders. Strong, cherished knowledge of traditional values, teachings, and tribal community.

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

- Volunteering for LTBB Homecoming Pow-wow - 25+ years
- Service on Michigan Civil Rights Commission - 5 years
- Skilled and experienced in government relations, negotiations, tribal history, and LTBB constitution.
- 30+ years of numerous volunteer positions within LTBB and other entities

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

Recognition of service awarded by Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer for service on Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

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

- Current Tribal Chairperson for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (10 years)
- Tribal Councilor for Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians (15 years): held various positions including Secretary and Legislative Leader.
- Secretary for Land and Reservation Committee (8+ years)
- Legal and Legislative Committee: positions including Secretary and Chairperson (8+ years)
- United Tribes of Michigan: positions including Secretary and Vice Chairperson (8+ years)
- Member of LTBB Gaming Authority (3 years) -Secretary of Boyne Area Free Clinic (4+ years) -Michigan Civil Rights Commissioner (5 years)

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

Social media, to include but not limited to Facebook
Direct Mail Campaigning
Community Based Campaigning