

**LTBB Election Board Nonimation Application Form - SECTION 3
CANDIDATE STATEMENT (Limit to 1 page)
(This Section of Form Will Be Published on LTBB Website)**



In this time of country's history, we need leadership that is well informed and willing to be the bridge between the dominant society and our community.

With my experience, I feel I could serve my community the best by being on Tribal Council. I have experience in education, business and health care. As an experienced business woman, I would be an asset in the operations and various details of Tribal operations.

As a Historian of our culture and of our story, preservation and protection of our sacred sights and diverse culture is important for our future. I am also certified through Native American Graves and Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). With the push for Natural resources having a certified council member would be an asset to our community.

As A retired teacher, I am a strong supporter of the efforts that have been made for our students in our community. As changes are being brought to the surface in the educational system, as a council member, I would act in the best interest of the students and protect their future.

**LTBB Election Board Nomination Application Form - SECTION 2
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Sheila L. Chingwa

Petitioner's Name As It Should Appear On The Ballot

Petoskey, Michigan

City & State of Residency

1. Work Experience:

C.E.O: Jiibi-Kwe Publishing LLC

Author: Independent Author

Entrepreneur: Diva Dash

YouTube Content Creator

Archivist: Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

Cashier: Odawa Casino

Manager: Comprehensive Services for the Developmentally Disabled. (Health Care)

Manager: Grand Traverse Band of Odawa Indians (Cultural Department)

Teacher/Paraprofessional: Monroe MI., Kalamazoo MI.

2. Educational Background:

Western Michigan University: BA Elementary Education

University of Phoenix: MA +30 Administration and Supervision in Education.

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

Cultural experience is a living and thriving practice in my life. Praying with my feathers for family and community has been part of my daily living. My day starts with smudging and communing with the ancestors. Listening respectfully to my elders to their teachings and to be a witness of their skills. I am looking forward to another year of learning more about the culture.

4. Volunteer Experience, Special Skills and Abilities:

YouTube content creator- Language preservation and Historical content.

Collector and Researcher of Native American History.

Aunties' Tea coordinator- Bridging generations together to gather and socializing in a safe environment.

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

I carry five Eagle feathers.

2005-2006 Who's Who Among American Teachers.

2023-2024 Who's Who among Women Leaders.

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

None

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

Campaign Address: 1325 Clarion Ave., Petoskey MI.

Email: Spiritwoman1966@gmail.com

Website: <https://jiibi-kwe-llc.com>

Social Media: Facebook-Sheila Chingwa

Campaign Plan: Meet and greets at social events and Tribal activities. YouTube video with a get to know me introduction. Flyers and posters could be used.

Endorsements: Yvonne Walker, Christine Kellogg,