

Who's your boss?

That is the question of the ages for ICS, "...and therein lies the rub."

Back in 2018 the Northeast Tribe held its election in the usual manner, with voting on the Northeast Tribe website. For the first time there were multiple candidates for the offices - specifically Av Shiloh and CJ Stumpf for Tribe Chief. (Shiloh also wanted to run for Tribe Rep, but at the time that position did not exist as separate from the Tribe Chief) At the last-minute Mr. Shiloh asked to put in his name for Tribe Scribe, running against the incumbent, Pete Morse.

Almost immediately Mr. Shiloh emailed the incumbent Northeast Tribe leadership announcing that he was contesting the election because an "election candidate was counting the votes, a clear conflict of interest." As the Northeast Tribe has done for the past ten or so years, voting was to be done on the Northeast Comanche Tribe website, with the webmaster counting the returned votes. The Northeast Comanche Tribe election process allows for this. The webmaster, who created the ballot form, was Pete Morse, candidate for Tribe Scribe.

After receiving Mr. Shiloh's letter announcing his contestation of the Northeast Tribe's election process, the Northeast Tribe board chose to suspend the election to address the contested election method issue.

After deliberation on how to assure a fair election, the Northeast Tribe Board chose to form an independent election committee to oversee the vote. This independent committee was composed of non-Northeast Tribe members to insure impartiality. The election committee spent several months devising a verifiable system and to verify the names and addresses of all known Northeast Comanche Tribe members. The latter was done to correct gaps and errors in the then-current ICS database.

The election committee then worked to develop a method to ascertain that the vote would be fair, with one vote per member, no falsified votes, and to eliminate the ability to vote multiple times using individual names that were not Northeast Tribe members. To do this the committee created a paper ballot to record votes, mailing ballots to all Northeast Tribe members using the verified address list of Northeast Tribe members. All members were encouraged to return the ballot so their vote would be recorded. These ballots were mailed out to all Northeast Comanche Tribe members on Sept 7, 2019.

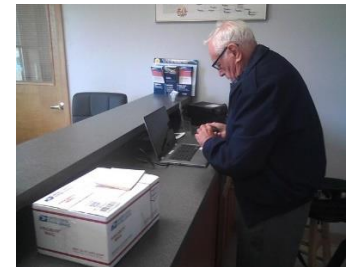
The process was designed to be totally transparent, with the signed ballots returned to a Post Office box, collected by a local Judge, transported by registered mail to the location where a team of members opened and counted the votes, and tallied by two independent recorders. Once again three of the elected positions were uncontested, with only the Tribe Chief position having two candidates: Av Shiloh and CJ Stumpf.

The results of this 2018-19 Northeast Tribe election were as follows:

- Tribe Chief: CJ Stumpf 85, Av Shiloh 9
- Tribe Assistant Chief: Ron Ward, 92
- Tribe Secretary: Pete Morse, 94
- Tribe Treasurer: Malcolm Dickinson, 91

This voting process was overseen by Bill Cunniff of the SE Tribe.

Thus the elected Northeast Comanche Tribe officers for 2018-19 were: CJ Stumpf -Tribe Chief/Tribe Rep, Ron Ward - Assistant Chief, Malcolm Dickinson - Treasurer, and Pete Morse – Scribe.



CJ Stumpf



Ron Ward



Malcolm Dickinson



Pete Morse

Independently Mr. Shiloh had asked the ICS board to host a vote for the Northeast Tribe leadership using the ICS website. This was done without informing or working with the elected Northeast Tribe officers, even though the

members voted the previous June not to use the ICS platform for our election. At Mr. Shiloh's request the ICS organized this unauthorized election without any communication or the concurrence of the elected Northeast Tribe leadership. This election, with a slate recruited by Mr. Shiloh, was held in March of 2019 in the days prior to the annual Sun n' Fun week.

When the elected Northeast Tribe Board officers learned of this maneuver, they immediately sent a cease and desist notice to the ICS Board. When the elected Northeast Tribe Board did not receive a reply, an injunction was filed in the Michigan Court against the ICS to halt the election. The argument filed was that the ICS, a company incorporated in Kansas with a home office address in Michigan, has no authority to control the inner actions of a separate company, the Northeast Comanche Tribe, who is also incorporated in Kansas. The injunction was deemed moot by the Court as a decision could not be made before the election voting period had ended. The logic was that you cannot stop something that has already been completed.

Meanwhile Mr. Shiloh had declared himself to be the Northeast Tribe Rep to the ICS Board of Directors. This declaration was supported by the ICS Board despite President Kate Boroughs statement that she "...cannot determine the status of the NE election results while the (Michigan Court) case is undecided." The ICS Board, by its actions, has completely recognized Shiloh's team of officers as valid. Note that this election process was unverified, relied on votes from the internet, and excluded Northeast Tribe members who did not receive notification of the vote due to a corrupted ICS email database. After the vote on the ICS website was completed the ICS Board of Directors recognized Mr. Shiloh as Chief and Tribe Rep, Mr. Shearer as Assistant Chief, Mr. Books as Scribe/Secretary, and Mr. Rosenberg as Treasurer. Since that time Mr. Shiloh has actively participated in all ICS Board meetings and voted decisions.

The Northeast Comanche Tribe recently concluded a second paper ballot election to elect officers for the August 2019 to August 2020 terms. Mr. Shiloh chose to not run for any of the positions. The nominated slate of Northeast Comanche Tribe officers, uncontested, was elected unanimously by a vote of 69 to 0.

Therefor the current Northeast Comanche Tribe officers, as elected by the Northeast Comanche Tribe membership in two paper ballot elections, are CJ Stumpf as Tribe Chief/Rep, Ron Ward as Assistant Chief, Pete Morse as Scribe/Secretary, and Malcolm Dickinson as Treasurer.

So, it comes down to this: Who do you want to lead the Northeast Comanche Tribe - those officers elected by your fellow members of the Northeast Comanche Tribe, Inc, or the individuals selected by Shiloh and the ICS?

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