

**Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee
Process for the selection of Tribal Area Representatives**

IHS TSGAC Area: ALASKA AREA

Please describe the process that the Tribal Nations within this IHS TSGAC Area use to select both the Primary and Alternate members for the IHS TSGAC:

The process should provide enough detail for Tribal Nations within the Area to understand how to submit a nomination for consideration for an open position on the IHS TSGAC. If possible, please provide frequency and general timeframe for accepting, considering, and selecting nominations to send forward to the IHS TSGAC for full Committee approval.

The Alaska Tribal Health Compact (ATHC) authorizes tribes and tribal health organizations to operate health and health-related programs previously managed by IHS. The Compact is the umbrella agreement that sets forth the terms and conditions of the government-to-government relationship between Alaska Native tribes and/or tribal organizations, and the United States government through the Indian Health Service.

The ATHC is a single compact covering multiple tribes and tribal organizations, known as Co-Signers. Today, 26 Co-signers are party to the Alaska Compact who also negotiate individual funding agreements with the IHS, to manage health services and funding to best meet the needs of their beneficiaries, as authorized by Title V of the ISDEAA. The Co-signers provide health care services to more than 170,000 American Indians and Alaska Natives and 229 federally recognized tribes in Alaska.

On behalf of the Alaska Compact, the Alaska Native Health Board (ANHB) facilitates Pre and Final Negotiations, Tribal Compact Caucus, and coordinate multiple meetings with elected Tribal Leaders, ATHC Co-Signers, Tribal Presidents and Tribal CEOs from across the state of Alaska. During these vacancy nominations are discussed for national Tribal advisory committees and open seats for Alaska. This process includes selection of the TSGAC primary and alternate representative; and also, the TSGAC Technical Advisor(s). Formal nominations are made and approved by motion and vote of the Compact Co-Signers. A letter from ANHB is transmitted to the Alaska Area Director and/or the IHS Director announcing the Compact's selection for the respective committee appointments.

This process is respectful and honors the government to government relationship. It is transparent and allows for participation of the 26 Co-Signers that provide health care on behalf of 229 Tribes in Alaska. It is also consensus based following a formal consensus process that is the responsibility of the Co-Signers to understand and follow the protocols for selecting advisory committee representatives.

Primary Representative (printed): Ileen Sylvester

Signature:



Alternate Representative (printed): Jim Roberts

Signature:



Date:

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