



NATIONAL TRIBAL WATER COUNCIL SEEKS NOMINATIONS

The National Tribal Water Council (NTWC) is a technical/scientific body of Tribal water professionals. The NTWC provides input to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Water, and advocates for and assists Tribes by providing information regarding water quality issues. The NTWC is not a policy-making body, and its input is not a substitute for government-to-government consultation.

The NTWC is currently seeking nominations to fill Council Member vacancies for one Alaska Representative, one Navajo Nation Representative, and two At-Large Representatives. Each position is for a term of 4 years. The NTWC is supported by the Office of Water, U.S. EPA, United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET), and the Association of Boards of Certification (ABC).

The Purpose of the NTWC is as follows:

The NTWC was established to advocate for the best interests of federally-recognized Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, and Tribally-authorized organizations, in matters pertaining to water. It is the intent of the NTWC to advocate for the health and sustainability of clean and safe water, and for the productive use of water for the health and well-being of Indian Country, Indian communities, Alaska Native Tribes and Alaska Native Villages.”

Council member responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Participation in monthly conference calls.
- Participation in two (2) annual face-to-face meetings, which will require travel that is paid for by NTWC.
- Input given on matters pertaining to water that is important to Indian Tribes.
- Committee assignments as directed by the Chairman.
- Development of Position and Policy Papers.
- Other matters as needed on a case-by-case basis.

Council members commonly reflect on their experience serving on the NTWC not only as an important contribution to Indian Country nationwide, but also as an opportunity to grow professionally and continue leadership development. Those who are successful in their NTWC role typically possess the following attributes either when they start serving or at the end of their term:

- Professional and personal integrity.
- Ability to visualize beyond the present, look at Indian Country as a whole, and make decisions that are in the best interest and greater good for seven generations.
- An open mind and the ability to think creatively.
- Organizational and leadership abilities.
- Interpersonal, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.
- Believe strongly in NTWC's mission and actively promote its vision and objectives.

Individuals with technical expertise in the following areas are highly desirable, particularly to fill the vacant At-Large Representative positions:

Geology
Hydrology
Water Policy

Hydraulic fracturing "Fracking"
Mining

In addition to describing how their nominee meets the criteria above, nominators should also address how their nominee meets the following requirements:

1. Vocational/professional background and hands-on water-related expertise in Indian Country.
2. Employed by a federally recognized Tribe or tribally authorized organization, and have the support/consent of his/her employer in writing to serve on the NTWC.
3. Willing/able to review and discuss water-related issues in Indian Country with a perspective that will enhance the efforts of the NTWC, EPA, Indian Tribes, and Alaska Native Tribes to improve the health and safety of Tribal communities.
4. Willing/able to faithfully participate in monthly conference call and two (2) regularly scheduled annual meetings with the NTWC. (*The NTWC grantee covers the costs of conference calls and meeting travel.*)¹

All nominations must be in writing on the enclosed form. Forms may be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the address and office seen below. The NTWC will review and evaluate all nomination applications. Applicants will be notified of the NTWC decision on their respective application. You will need to obtain permission from your supervisor/Tribal Leader in writing to serve on the NTWC and include this with your application.

Please send nominations and contact information for your nominee to:

National Tribal Water Council
C/O United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Suite 100
Nashville, TN 37214

¹ *The frequency of regularly scheduled annual meetings may change in the future.*

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If you are interested in becoming a Council member of the NTWC, please fill out the application below:

Name _____

Tribal Affiliation/Organization/Employer _____

Address _____

Reservation/City, State, Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Questions

1. What is your technical or scientific expertise as to water and water-related issues that affect Indian Country? _____

2. Do you have expertise pertaining specifically to (a) Geology, (b) Hydraulic Fracturing "Fracking," (c) Hydrology, (d) Mining Impacts, and/or (e) Water Policy?

3. Have you completed any formal education and/or technical training that relates directly to water and water-related issues? (If so, please provide a brief description or list.)

4. Do you have "in-the-field," "hands-on" work experience in water and water-related issues in Indian Country? (If so, please a brief description.)

5. Are you willing to work as a "team member" on a Council that will promote a national perspective for the improvement of water quality in Indian Country?

6. Does your employer authorize your participation on the NTWC in writing?

Signature

Date