

Joe Eitrem will provide common sense, candor

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Congratulations to Chairman Joe Eitrem.

As I promised in my last unit report, I nominated Vice Chairperson Causley to fill out the remainder of the former chairman's term. It was my conviction that—regardless of the individual—appointment of the vice chair to chair was the most logical, least political action, and would lend stability and resiliency to our governing institution. No one can deny that Vice Chair Causley kept our tribal nation on an even keel during this time of uncertainty. She demonstrated great stewardship and I want to take this opportunity to thank her for her service.

However, the board of directors saw things differently and—after a number of convoluted, protracted and last minute efforts—exercised their constitutional duty and appointed Director Eitrim as our new chairman. I cast the lone dissenting vote, but now that the appointment process is complete, I want to extend my heartfelt and sincere congratulations Chairman Joe Eitrim.

I've had the pleasure of sitting next to Joe at the board table over the last 14 months. He is a strong leader with a no nonsense approach. He will provide candor, common sense and stability as we tackle our strategic planning for the future. I look forward to working with Joe as our chairman and I'm confident that he will lead with the best interest of our tribal nation in mind. Congratulations, Joe!

We have a few more community events before summer draws to a close. The Rendezvous at the Straits St. Ignace Powwow was the weekend of Aug. 27-28 as well as a Corn Camp at the Mary Murray Culture Center. Don't miss out on the Smoked Fish Camp Sept. 18-19. Everyone is welcome. Come on down and have some fun. Contact Jackie Minton at (906) 635- 6050 or jminton@saulttribe.net

I hope to see you at the Honoring the Waters Newberry Powwow

Head veteran: Gene Reid

Friday, Sept. 9 — Blessing of the grounds, 5 p.m. Drum social and pot luck feast

Saturday, Sept. 10 — 12 p.m. Grand entry, 5 p.m. pot luck feast

This is a tribal and community event open to the public! Everyone is welcome! Bring your lawn chairs, come and hear the drums and see our beautiful dancers in their regalia, food vendors and traders!

For information call Lois or Shirley at (906) 293-8181.

Thanks to everyone who dedicated their time, labor and good will and welcomed all our tribal members who came home this summer. That's what its all about, folks. Chi Miigwech.

As always, call me with your questions, comments and concerns: (906) 484-6821;

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