

## **Sault Tribe 2016 General Election Results**

SAULT STE. MARIE — All tribal board incumbents running for re-election were returned to office in the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' 2016 General Election, according to June 23's General Election Day unofficial results.

In the chairperson's race, incumbent Aaron Payment was re-elected. Running against him was Unit 3 Director Keith Massaway. Chairperson Payment said, "I am honored and humbled to have been returned to office by Sault Tribe voters. I will do my best to earn everyone's support going forward."

The Sault Tribe is governed by a 13-member Board of Directors with representatives from five election units across the tribe's seven-county service area in the Michigan counties of Chippewa, Mackinac, Luce, Schoolcraft, Alger, Delta and Marquette and a chairperson elected by all tribal members registered to vote. The four-year terms are staggered so that the board always has experienced directors seated. The election is conducted by mail.

In Unit 1 (Sault area), three seats were up for election, with Unit 1 Director Cathy Abramson retiring. Incumbents Dennis McKelvie and Jennifer McLeod were voted back in and newcomer Michael McKerchie will take the seat vacated by Abramson.

In Unit 2 (Hessel area), incumbent Lana Causley-Smith was returned to office unopposed.

In Unit 3 (St. Ignace area), incumbent Bridgett Sorenson defeated opponent Ilene Moses.

In Unit 4 (Manistique area), Director Darcy Morrow was returned to office, fending off candidate Krystal Goudreau.

In the Unit 5 (Munising area) Special Election to decide who would fill the vacancy left by former director Rita Glyptis's removal, Anita Nelson defeated Charles Matson Sr.

The contest period for election results ends June 27 after which the results will be certified and the directors installed in a special ceremony where they will take the oath of office.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

(Winners in bold)

#### **CHAIRPERSON**

**Aaron A. Payment 3,485**

Keith Massaway 3,224

#### **UNIT 1**

**Michael McKerchie 1,559**

**Dennis McKelvie 1,487**

**Jennifer McLeod-Tyson 1,382**

Angeline Bouley 1,299

Betty Freiheit 1,154

Nichole Causley 1,107

#### **UNIT 2**

**Lana Causley** was unopposed and deemed elected

#### **UNIT 3**

**Bridgett Sorenson 931**

Ilene Moses 547

#### **UNIT 4**

**Darcy Morrow 488**

Krystal Goudreau 299

#### **UNIT 5**

**Anita Nelson 295**

Charles Matson Sr. 222