



2022 Voter's Guide

Brothertown Indian Nation



2022 Tribal Election

Saturday, May 21, 2022

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Brothertown Community
Center

While not everyone is able to serve as an officer, be a council member or on a committee, there is something each and every adult member 18 years or older in our Brothertown tribe can do, and that is to **VOTE** at our annual election. By voting, it shows that we care enough about our tribe to take the time to vote for those members who will help our tribe move forward.

If you would like to run for a position in a future election, please contact one of the Election Committee members listed below.

If you have questions regarding the election, you can contact the following members of the Election Committee:

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**2022 Seats Up for Election - Chair, Treasurer, Councilmember,
and Peacemaker**

Chairperson

(Three Year Term)

Richard Schadewald

Federal restoration of our Brothertown Indian Nation sovereignty will be my number one goal as your Chairperson. I have many years of political experience in Wisconsin government having been first elected to the Brown County Board of Supervisors in 1984. I would use my many contacts at the local, state and federal level to build the political coalition we will need to get federal approval of our restoration bill proposal.

Secondly as Chairperson, I would work to bring back the Veterans recognition groups we had during my previous terms as Chairperson 2007-2013. We need to properly recognize all our current and past military service tribal members and their families.

Thirdly, I will work to rebuild the communication and contact systems needed to establish contact on a more regular basis between the Tribal Council and all tribal members. We will need all Tribal members to participate to make our restoration effort successful.

Finally, I am a proud member of the Brothertown Indian Nation as are my children and hopefully, someday, my grandchildren will be too.

Phyllis Tousey

I've been coordinating our Tribe's efforts to be restored to a federally recognized Indian Tribe. My work on the Planning, Coordinating and Review Team (PCR) along with Chairman Fowler and Vice chair Ryan has been successful in promoting more participation from current and former Council members and membership at large. If elected I will continue a strategy of using teams of Tribal members to build support for restoration within Wisconsin's state and local government with the goal of having a "Bill for Restoration" presented to Congress in the near future. The same team strategy will be used across the country again to gain national Congressional support for restoration.

Over the years many members of my family held leadership positions within the Tribe. Some of you may remember my father Philip G. Tousey who served as Vice-tribal Chairman. I also served on the Council in the past. Now that I'm semi-retired from my law firm after 25 years of practicing law in Indian Country I have more time to devote to achieving restoration.

I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Treasurer

(Three Year Term)

Michelle Wood

My name is Michelle Wood, granddaughter of Vern Mathers and I'm running for my third term as the treasurer. I started volunteering with Bingo about 10 years ago in an effort to learn more about the Indian Nation. I attended summer picnics as a kid with my grandparents and studied our tribe in junior high school as my grandfather shared his knowledge. I've volunteered with many different local fundraisers and participate in the annual water walk. I've helped organize our adopt a highway cleanup and cemetery care taking in Brothertown and Calumet County, as well as cleaning up at our land parcel. I assist in the craft store with getting items packaged for shipping and posting on media sites. I'm choosing to run again because i know there is so much more to learn about my heritage and this keeps me involved. My background as an accountant and experience in nonprofits allows me to help with the financial activity and reporting requirements without having to pay a third party service. I grew up in the Fond du Lac area and am able to assist at local events and have continuous contact at the community center.

Peacemaker

(Five Year Term)

Greg Wilson

I would like to continue as a Peacemaker for our Tribe. Since being elected, we have had a complete turnover in those acting in the capacity of Peacemaker. We have a good dedicated group at this time and I would be proud to continue to be part of the process with them. I have strong Brothertown roots - through Grandma, I come from the DeGroat-Johnson-Welch-Moore-Skeesuck families. Through Grandpa, my ancestors are Baker-Sampson-Dick families.

I have been honored to serve and feel there is more to do. I would appreciate your vote.

Thank You.

Councilmember

(Three Year Term)

Austin Hammond

My name is Austin R. Hammond, I'm and Outreach Coordinator for the Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity. I studied Digital Media Technology at Northeast Technical College in Green Bay. During my time at NWTC I studied abroad in Ireland at the Waterford Institute of Technology, earning a certificate in Irish Business & Culture. After graduating from NWTC, I went on to study at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. Graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Social Justice(emphasis in prejudice & discrimination). And I am seeking re-election to the Brothertown Indian Nation Council.

During my time on Council I have accomplished many things that I am proud of. I voted to approve November 7th to be "Eeyamquittoauconnuck Day (Brothertown Day)." I was able to get Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers to pass a proclamation acknowledging November 7th, 2020 as Eeyamquittoauconnuck (Brothertown Day) in the great state of Wisconsin. I helped author a resolution for the tribe to take an official stance on the usage of Native American mascots, helped create the Environmental and Natural Resources Department (ENRD), voted to make zoom a permanent format for council meetings, and continue to be an advocate for eliminating the cradle roll. I was one of three council members to vote to change the age of the cradle roll from 5 to 18. I have helped with our pursuit of federal recognition by gaining relationships with connections that I have with folks in local government. I served on the Governor's Task force on Student Debt as one of the two student representatives. Currently I am serving as a board member of the Housing Authority and Sustainability Boards for the City of Menasha. As well as a board member of the UWO Fox Cities Foundation Inc.

I hope to get re-elected to council to continue my efforts for our Nation.

Hector Marroquinn II

I respectfully and earnestly request your vote as a prospective council member. I have previously been involved with the tribe when I was younger, in a more modest role along with my mother Christine Tousey, tending to our cemetery, participating in road cleanup projects, processing ID cards, helping with genealogy research, and other office tasks. More recently i have been attending meetings at the office were I have identified and resolved, many technological advancements that have encouraged growth and learning among our community.

Having a solid background in technology through both personal and professional avenues, I believe i can help to provide many ideas that will help our communication and outreach goals. To help make these changes, I believe that a more invested approach will assist not only myself but the community in discovering where technology can assist our main goal of restoration.

Even though I do not currently live in the area, I make great effort to attend meetings and I plan to continue to attend in person as I believe this creates a very collaborative and educational environment even after the meetings are over. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.