



Notice of Intent to Run for Chairperson – Filing Information

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) requests all candidates file this Notice of Intent to Run for Chairperson. The information provided by you will be provided to the Voting Membership prior to the Annual Members Meeting.

Candidates are requested to submit their notice of intent by **close of business at 5:00 pm ET on Friday, April 10, 2026**. Candidates may be nominated from the floor of the Members Meeting on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at which time the candidate must certify their eligibility.

Eligibility

Candidates are eligible to declare their candidacy provided that:

- Must be a natural person with legal capacity;
- Must be a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, a member of a state-recognized Indian Tribe, an Alaska Native or a Native Hawaiian;
- Must be a director, officer, agent, or employee of a NAIHC voting member in good standing;
- Must be at least 18 years of age;
- Must not have a felony criminal record within the last 10 years;
- Must not be a regional director or alternate director and to the extent such newly elected chairperson is a director of the Board of NAIHC, upon election as a chairperson, such person shall resign as a director.

Declaration Materials

- Candidate certification that they meet all the eligibility requirements (required).
- Statement of interest to run for position (required).
- Candidates' background and qualifications (optional).
- Endorsements (Optional)

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Notice of a candidate's intent to run for the Chairperson can be provided to Blythe McWhirter by email at bmcwhirter@naihc.net with subject line: *NAIHC Chairperson Notice of Intent*.

Election Process

Electronic voting credentials will be distributed to all voting members prior to NAIHC's annual Members Meeting. The candidate receiving a plurality of votes cast will be elected as the NAIHC Chairperson. In the event of a tie, the balloting will be repeated until a winner is determined.



Term of Office

The chairperson shall be elected for a two-year term. The chairperson cannot serve more than two terms consecutively, as provided by NAIHC's bylaws.

Duties of the Chairperson

- Be the principle executive officer of NAIHC and in general supervise and control all the business and affairs of the corporation;
- Preside at all meetings of the members and of the Board of Directors. May cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie vote at such meetings of the Board of Directors.
- Sign, with the secretary or any other proper officer of the corporation authorized by the Board of Directors, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the Board of Directors has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution is expressly delegated by the Board of Directors or by the bylaws or by statute to some other officer or agent of NAIHC;
- Perform all duties incident to the office of Chairperson and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors;
- Perform all other duties as outlined in the NAIHC Bylaws;
- Be the principal representative of the organization which may include frequent travel;
- Assure good governance and policy oversight of the organization.



Certification of Nominee for NAIHC Chairperson

The undersigned certifies as follows:

1. I am a member of [fill-in] _____, which is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, a state-recognized Tribe, an Alaska Native community, or Native Hawaiian organization; and
2. I am a [circle any that apply] *director, officer, agent or employee of* [fill-in] _____, which is a voting member of the National American Indian Housing Council ("NAIHC"); and
3. The dues payable to NAIHC of the entity listed in question 2 above are current; and
4. No immediate change is planned or expected as to the membership with NAIHC of the entity listed in question 2 above; and
5. I am 18 years of age or older; and
6. I have not been convicted of a felony within the last 10 years. (I understand that if this is found untrue, pursuant to NAIHC Bylaw Art. VI § 2(c), I would be ineligible to run and/or if elected, be subject to immediate removal in accordance with NAIHC Bylaws Art. VII § 5.)

Name and Title (print): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

E-mail the Certification of Nominee for NAIHC Chairperson form to Blythe McWhirter at

bmcwhirter@naihc.net

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