



Red Lake Nation College Board of Regents

Code of Ethics

The Board of Regents of the Red Lake Nation College hereby adopts the following “standards of good practice” that will provide guidance and allow the governing board to function more effectively. These standards are designed to clearly outline each Board member’s role, responsibility, and behavior as a Regent.

As a governing board member, I pledge to:

1. Bear in mind, under all circumstances, that the primary function of the Board is to *approve and support the policies* by which the Tribal College is to be administered;
2. Devote time, thought, and study to the duties and responsibilities of a Tribal College board member so that I may *render effective and creditable service*;
3. Work with my fellow board members *in a spirit of harmony and cooperation* in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during vigorous debates of points of issue;
4. Base my personal decisions upon all available facts in each situation; *vote my honest conviction* in every case, and remain unswayed by partisan bias of any kind; therefore, to abide by and uphold the final majority decision to the board;
5. Remember at all times that *as an individual I have no legal authority outside the meetings of the board*, and conduct my relationships with the Tribal College staff, the local citizenry, and all media of the community on the basis of this fact;
6. *Resist every temptation* and outside pressure to use my position as a Tribal College Board member *to benefit myself or any other individual* or agency apart from the total interest of the Tribal College community;
7. Recognize that it is as important for the board to *understand and evaluate the education programs of the Tribal College* as it is to plan for the business of college operations;
8. *Welcome and encourage active cooperation by citizens, organizations, and the media* of communication in the community with respect to establishing policy on current college operations and proposed future developments;
9. Support the *American Indian Higher Education Consortium*;
10. Finally, strive step-by-step *toward ideal conditions* for the most effective Tribal College Board service to my community, in a spirit of teamwork and devotion to a public education as the greatest instrument for the *growth and development of our reservation community*.

I solemnly swear to uphold the above principles, and I take this oath freely, willingly, and with great honor.

Regent
Red Lake Nation College

Date