

For the past four years, it has been an honor and privilege to represent the Nation as your Chairwoman and so I must begin by thanking you for that, first and foremost. I am humbled by the honor and have worked hard to be a positive leader making positive changes and moving our Nation forward in a good way. Now, I ask you, again, to consider voting for me in the upcoming 2018 election.

My name is Liana Onnen. My Potawatomi name is Nakwakishkokwe. I am happily married to my husband, Terry and we have been together for 22 years, married for 13 of those years. We have two sons. Kameron (Nyewaske) who is 12 and Brandon (Mah-bis) who will be 10 soon. I currently live in Topeka. I lived on the Potawatomi reservation as a young child, moving to Kansas City, Kansas, in third grade. I graduated from Sumner Academy of Arts and Sciences High School in 1992 and attended Haskell Indian Junior College for one year, before moving to Topeka. I worked various jobs in office and service industries and spent five years working as an optician and optometric assistant in the eye-care industry before going to work for the Nation in 2002.

I have faithfully served the Nation for over 15 years in various roles including Administrative Assistant, Office Manager, Assistant Director and Director in the Housing Department. I also served four years as the General Manager (GM) of Tribal Operations. While working full-time for the Nation, I attended Washburn University on both a full- and part-time basis, obtaining my Bachelor of Arts Degree in English-Writing Emphasis. I believe my experience working for my tribe, growing with my tribe, being educated by my tribe, and consistently and exclusively serving my tribe for 15 years, provides the Nation with the continuity of leadership and the experience the Nation needs to continue moving us in a positive direction.

Below are some key achievements, appointments, and activities, which demonstrate my commitment and action on behalf of the Nation in the past four years as your Chairwoman:

- Successful Tobacco Tax Compact with the State of Kansas and passage into law by the Legislature, protecting our tobacco sales and creating exclusive taxation on all tobacco products in the stream of commerce; testimony before two legislative committees
- Revision of Title 22 Employment Code: strengthening and ensuring Tribal Preference was implemented as intended; strengthening employee rights through allowing terminations to be heard by the Employment Disputes Tribunal; significant reduction in "at-will" terminations
- Implementation of Tribal Council Policies and Procedures, TC Travel Policies and Procedures, and TC P-Card Policies and Procedures as per the directive of the General Council and as was needed; policies are still in effect and have not been rescinded as of this writing
- Prairie Band Potawatomi Entertainment Corporation Board of Directors (PBPEC BOD): Ex-Officio for the past year; improved, consistent communication and accountability between the Tribal Council and the PBPEC BOD
- National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Board of Directors: Vice-President, Southern Plans Region; co-chair of Housing Sub-Committee, Tribal Tax Working Group, Land Working Group; delegate or alternate delegate all four years of my term; presenter and facilitator
- Congressional Testimony: Invited to testify before Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) on Taxation in Indian Country; Testified for NCAI before SCIA in support of the re-authorization of NAHASDA; Invited to testify before House Sub-Committee on Alaskan and Insular Affairs
- Shabehnay: Successful submission of our Shabehnay Land-into-Trust Application and significant movement through the process, including publication in the Federal register and beginning the Environmental Impact Study needed for this application. The change in Administration has severely halted this process
- National Institutes of Health Tribal Advisory Committee (NIH TAC): appointed to represent as National At-Large member on the processes for human subject research, research protocols, data sovereignty, and

protection of tribal data in Indian country; elected as committee Chair, served one year as co-Chair and one year as member.

- Service on the GO Topeka Board of Directors; serving year two of a two year term becoming more involved in the economic development ventures in Topeka, our nearest large metropolis, home to approximately 700 tribal members
- Recently appointed to the Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee HHS STAC) as an Alternate At-Large Delegate
- Successful lobbying for HB 2147 in the 2018 Legislature, the Veteran's Tax Bill - passed unanimously; Successful lobbying for Regalia Bill in the Kansas Legislature - passed unanimously
- New Construction: Tax Credit Housing Development; Behavioral Health Center; Language and Culture Center; Casino Expansion and Upgrade

Based upon the past four years, I have developed goals and projects I would like to work to achieve should I be re-elected as your Tribal Chairwoman, outlined below:

- Tribal Needs and Priorities Assessment: It is time for the Nation to reach out to its membership across the reservation, the region and the country and ask them what they want and what they need through a thoughtful and meaningful survey of our member's needs and priorities
- Strategic Plan: After the needs and priorities assessment, I would like to take that data and have the Tribal Council along with stakeholders from all of its entities as well as the community, and create a cohesive, synergetic plan that meets those needs and priorities and leverages our sovereign advantages
- Tribal Tax Parity: Continue to lobby and work for tribal tax parity at the federal and, to the extent possible, the state, to overcome the disadvantages of the lack of federal tax policy with regard to tribes and the continued challenge of dual taxation
- Communication: The Nation has members across the country, many of whom have expressed a desire to have more access to tribal information, activities, and meetings; I will look for practical, economic solutions to this challenge
- Constitution Reform/Enrollment: Two long-standing and complex challenges that are interlaced. Outlined in our Constitution, is our enrollment criteria and a Constitutional amendment is needed to change that; an overall consideration of Constitutional amendment including enrollment and other changes as a whole can help us better analyze, make and approach the decisions and changes needed for our nation.
- Analysis and action to repeal the Kansas Act, (gives exclusive criminal jurisdiction to the State of Kansas) The circumstances that existed when the Kansas Act passed are no longer applicable to the Nation –we have the capacity to handle our own affairs without state interference. It may be a large undertaking, but it is not one to avoid. We should have jurisdiction over our own people on our own reservation and we should do what we can to pursue that possibility.

I have a demonstrated ability to create results and change. I am practical enough to have goals and a plan for the future, but flexible enough to adjust those plans when it becomes necessary. I believe my experience and the relationships I have built within this tribe, within the local community, within this state and at the national level combined with my vision, my drive, and my actions in the past four years have shown my dedication to strengthening our self-determination and sovereignty. These qualities also make me the most qualified candidate for the position of Tribal Chair. I cannot make the promise that all of these things will happen, but I can promise to do all I can to make them happen. I appreciate your time and consideration and humbly ask for your vote in the upcoming Tribal Election. Igwien.

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