

Institute of American Indian Arts

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Ms. Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief
Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma
P. O. Box 948
Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74465

Dear Ms. Mankiller:

The Institute of American Indian and Alaska Native Arts and Culture Development (IAIA) located in Santa Fe, New Mexico was founded in 1962. In 1988, IAIA became the only federally chartered fine arts educational institution in the country dedicated solely to the study and practice of the art and cultures of American Indian and Alaska Native people.

IAIA is governed by a 19-member Board of Trustees appointed by the President of the United States and confirmed by the U.S. Senate. Four members of the Board are congressional appointees and two are ex-officio with no voting authority; thirteen members are voting, of which a majority must be American Indian or Alaska Native.

IAIA's Board of Trustees has several terms ending in May. It is IAIA's intent to consult with Indian tribes and various Indian organizations across the country to seek nominations of individuals who will provide appropriate regional and tribal representation to the Board. Nominees should be recognized in the field of Indian art and culture and who represent diverse political views, and diverse fields of expertise, including finance, law, fine arts, and higher education administration.

Please contact Mary Zuni at 505/989-2222 (fax# 505-989-2235) if you have any questions. Reference the Federal Register for the various vacancies and deadlines, and please submit nominations immediately to: Chairman Kenneth Blankenship, IAIA, P.O. Box 20007, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Blankenship
Kenneth Blankenship

(Eastern Band of Cherokees)
Chairman, IAIANCAD Board of Trustees

cc: IAIANCAD Board of Trustees