

# BULLETIN BOARD

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ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS

JULY 19, 2007

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## MAY 2007 - "BOARD meets May 17th . . . "

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| 6                  | 7<br>OIAAC GIVEN "CITATION" FOR 40TH ANNIVERSARY | 8                                     | 9                                 | 10  | 11   | 12                     |
| 13<br>Mother's Day | 14   | 15                                    | 16                                | 17<br>BOARD MEETING<br>4545 N. LINCOLN, RM. 284; 10AM | 18   | 19<br>Armed Forces Day |
| 20                 | 21   | 22<br>Kiowa Casino—<br>Grand Opening! | 23                                | 24  | 25<br>Legislative<br>Deadline:<br>"Sine Die Adjournment" | 26                     |
| 27                 | 28<br>Memorial Day—<br>State Offices<br>Closed   | 29                                    | 30<br>SOVEREIGNTY<br>SYMPOSIUM XX | 31<br>SOVEREIGNTY<br>SYMPOSIUM XX                     | Red Earth<br>June 1-3, 2007<br>Cox Convention Center     |                        |

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## CENTENNIAL YEAR 2007 MARKS 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF OKLAHOMA INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

By the end of the 1967 legislative session, history was made with the creation of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. For the next 40 years, the Commission would transform itself many times from a service-delivery agency to an agency designed to meet the mission of serving as liaison between State and tribal governments.

Oklahoma was one of the first states to provide state funding for an agency that was dedicated to state and tribal issues. Currently, there are 21 states that have similar state-funded agencies.

### AGENCY LEADERSHIP

The Commission is governed by a nine-member Board of Commissioners that are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate for three-year terms.

Currently, the Commissioners include:



**Chief Bill Follis (Modoc Tribe), Board Chairman.** Chief Follis has been a Commissioner since 1996 and was elected to his fourth term as Chairman of the Commission in July, 2006.

**Chief John Froman (Peoria Tribe), Board Vice-Chairman** and Commissioner since 2001, Chief Froman was also elected to his fourth term of office as Vice-Chairman of the Commission in July, 2006.



**Chairman John A. Barrett (Citizen Potawatomi Nation)** has been a Commissioner since 1998.



**Former Governor Kenneth Blanchard (Absentee Shawnee)** has served as a Commissioner since 1996.



**Mary Flute-Cooksey (Cherokee Nation),** former member of the Cherokee Nation National Council, has served as a Commissioner since 1994.



**Former Chief Charles Enyart (Eastern Shawnee Tribe)** has been a member of the Board of Commissioners since 2003.



**Chairman Dan Jones (Ponca Nation),** is one of the newest members of the Board who was appointed in 2005.



The newest member of the Board is **Assistant Chief Charles Locust (United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees),** appointed by Governor Brad Henry in 2006.



**Wanda Stone (Kaw Nation),** former Chairman of the Kaw Nation who subsequently served on the Kaw Council, has been a Commissioner since 1998.

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**CHARLES LOCUST**  
United Keetoowah Band  
of Cherokees

**WANDA STONE**  
Kaw Nation

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**AGENCY LEADERSHIP (cont'd)**

The Board of Commissioners has been served by Board Chairmen representing a variety of tribal nations throughout the agency's 40-year history. These tribal affiliations have included three Kiowa, two Chickasaw, two Ponca, two Osage, two Muscogee, and one Modoc Chairman. Although serving at different times, **Lawrence Hart** (Cheyenne) served as Chair and much later, his son, **Nathan Hart** served as Executive Director. **Dana Knight** and **Vincent Knight**, both Ponca, were the only uncle/nephew Chairmen. **Tim Tall Chief** (Osage) held the Chairman position the longest (8 years). The current Chairman of the Board, **Chief Bill Follis** (Modoc) and former Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, **Claude Cox**, have both held the Chairman position for 4 years.



Members of the original Board of Commissioners of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission at Indian City in Anadarko on Armistice Day 1967. Identified left to right: Neal McCaleb (Chickasaw), Bob Miller (Muscogee), Overton James (Chickasaw), Lawrence Hart (Cheyenne), Unknown, Unknown, Kenneth Anouee (Kiowa), and Sylvester Tinker (Osage). (Photo courtesy of Neal McCaleb.)

The **Executive Director** of the Commission is **Barbara A. Warner**, an enrolled member of the Ponca Nation, who was hired in March of 1993 as the Deputy Director to former Executive Director **Nathan Hart**. Barbara assumed the position of Executive Director in November 1993. Warner, the first and only female Executive Director to date, celebrated her 14th year with the Commission in March 2007. Other Executive Directors include **Robert Gann, Jr.** (Osage) - 13 years, **Bat Shunatona** (Otoe) - 3 years; **Harvey E. West** - 1 year; **Hickory Starr, Jr.** (Cherokee) - 2 years; **Dr. Charles Gourd** (Cherokee) - 2 years; and **Nathan Hart** (Cheyenne) - 3 years.



**OPENING DAY  
LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION**

The kickoff activity for the anniversary year of the Commission was the "4th Annual Opening Day Legislative Reception", which took place on February 5, 2007, in Devon Hall at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City. The event provided Chairman John A. Barrett, OIAC Commissioner and moderator for the event, with an opportunity to highlight the anniversary. An ice sculpture, contributed by OIAC Advisory Board member, **Michael C. Kelley**, *President of Redstone Investments, Inc.*, provided the centerpiece for reception.

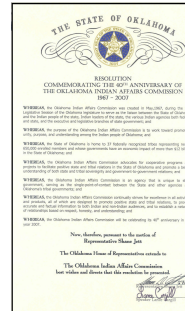
The reception was made possible through contributions from various Indian and non-Indian entities. Hosts for this year's event were the **Choctaw Nation, Chickasaw Nation, Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission, Northeast Intertribal Council,**

**Citizen Potawatomi Nation, United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees, Bank of Oklahoma & BOSCO, Inc., Kaw Nation, Redstone Investments, Inc., and Hobbs, Straus, Dean, & Walker-OKC.**



Ice Sculpture courtesy of Redstone Investments. Artist: Ken Burtemper.

**UNITED INDIAN NATIONS OF OKLAHOMA and the  
OKLAHOMA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Honor the INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION for its 40 years of service...**



On April 16, 2007, the **United Indian Nations of Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas (UINO)**, passed Resolution No. 07-07 Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission 1967-2007. The UINO is comprised of a membership representing elected officials of the majority of Oklahoma's tribal nations. Muscogee Nation Speaker, **George Tiger**, was principal author of the Resolution.

After the presentation, Director Warner addressed the members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and thanked them for the work they do. Warner spoke about the changing climate of the Oklahoma legislature in comparison to when she was first employed with the Commission in 1993. As examples of the positive changes in state-tribal relations in Oklahoma, largely due to Oklahoma's Governors and legislation, Warner referred to former Gov. **David Walter's Executive Order 94-10**, (1994) which requested state agencies to develop a better working relationship with tribes; the creation of the **Native American Cultural & Educational Authority**, charged with developing a world-class museum, a vision of the late **Sen. Kerr** and former **Sen. Haney**; the 1996 dedication of the **Tribal Flag Plaza** on the Capitol grounds, an initiative of former **Sen. Kelly Haney**; the dedication of **The Guardian**, the statue of an Indian, created by former **Sen. Haney** and placed on top of the Capitol Dome. It should also be noted that the formation of the **House Native American Caucus** is also a prime example of an initiative by Indian House members to address state and tribal issues, as well as the formation of an **International, Federal, and Tribal Relations Sub-Committee** in the Oklahoma House.

The Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission was recently recognized in the Oklahoma House of Representatives with the formal presentation of a Resolution Commemorating the OIAC's 40th Anniversary.

Initiated by Native American Caucus member, **Representative Shane Jett**, and co-signed by **Speaker of the House Lance Cargill**, the Resolution was presented to OIAC Board Chairman **Chief Bill Follis** by Representative Jett. Members of the Native American Caucus joined Rep. Jett, Chief Follis, and Barbara Warner, OIAC Executive Director, at the podium.

Other Commissioners, Ex Officio, and/or Advisory Committee members present at the reading of the Resolution were **Board Vice-Chairman John Froman**, Chief of the Peoria Tribe of Indians; **Commissioner Charles Enyart**, **Betty Price**, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council; **Larry Wilson** of the Tax Commission; **Archie Mason**, Speaker of the Osage Nation Congress; **Valeria Littlecreek**, Director of Tribal Affairs for the Dept. of Education, as well as staff members **Carol Jones** (Cherokee) and **Angie Atauvich** (Comanche).

*The Commission will be developing other products and implementing other activities throughout 2007 in recognition of this significant milestone in OIAC's history.*

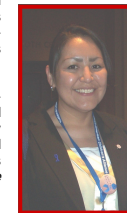


**INTRODUCING: ANGIE ATAUVICH**  
...the Commission's newest staff member.

**ANGIE ATAUVICH** joined the OIAC in March 2007 as the agency's Administrative Assistant. Angie's duties include office reception, fiscal duties, records management, and development and coordination of various agency activities.

Ms. Atauvich is a 2004 graduate of the University of Oklahoma's Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication. After graduation, she wrote many stories covering state, city and tribal government and business, agricultural and education issues in various publications such as the *Ada Evening News*, *Shawnee Sun* and *Capitol Network News*.

She also wrote legislative bill summaries and tracked bills considered by the State Legislature. In addition to writing, Angie shot photos of community events for publication.

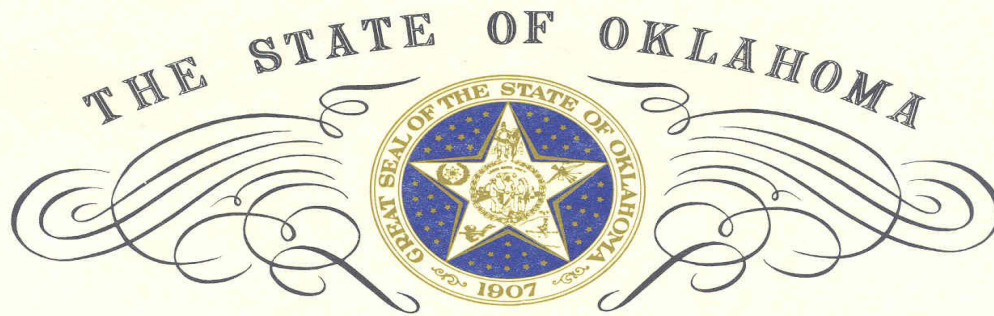


Atauvich has worked with the American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma and Little Axe Public Schools as a substitute teacher. While in college, she was a television reporter for *News4Norman*, the university's student produced newscast; a disc jockey for the WIRE, the campus alternative television station; and a writer for the *Oklahoma Daily*, the campus newspaper. She was also the Public Relations Representative for the Native American Student Association.

*Angie is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and is also Absentee Shawnee and Kickapoo. She is the daughter of Mary and Richard Birdtail of Newalla and DeRoy (Sr.) and Jo Atauvich of Lawton. Although she is a native of Cache, Oklahoma, she currently resides in Shawnee.*

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**RESOLUTION  
COMMEMORATING THE 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
1967 - 2007**

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission was created in May, 1967, during the 31<sup>st</sup> Legislative Session of the Oklahoma legislature to serve as the liaison between the State of Oklahoma and the Indian people of the state, Indian leaders of the state, the various Indian agencies both federal and state, and the executive and legislative branches of state government; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission is to work toward promoting unity, purpose, and understanding among the Indian people of Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Oklahoma is home to 37 federally recognized tribes representing nearly 650,000 enrolled members and whose governments have an economic impact of more than \$12 billion in the State of Oklahoma; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission advocates for cooperative programs and projects to facilitate positive state and tribal relations in the State of Oklahoma and promote a better understanding of both state and tribal sovereignty and government-to-government relations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission is an agency that is unique to state government, serving as the single-point-of-contact between the State and other agencies and Oklahoma's tribal governments; and

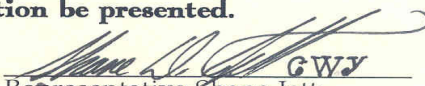
**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission continually strives for excellence in all activities and products, all of which are designed to promote positive state and tribal relations, to provide accurate and factual information to both Indian and non-Indian audiences, and to establish a network of relationships based on respect, honesty, and understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the year 2007.

**Now, therefore, pursuant to the motion of  
Representative Shane Jett**

**The Oklahoma House of Representatives extends to**

**The Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission  
best wishes and directs that this resolution be presented.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Shane Jett

  
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Speaker Lance Conrath



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