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CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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Colville Business Council Members Organize Committees

Today the Colville Business Council (CBC) conducted the swearing-in of the recently elected CBC members at a Special Session held at the Lucy Covington Government Center auditorium. Taking the Oath of Office were Jack Ferguson of the Keller District, Norma Sanchez and Melissa Louis of the Omak District, Rodney Cawston and Andy Joseph, Jr. of the Nespelem District, and Joel Boyd and Susie Allen from the Inchelium District. Sanchez, Louis, Cawston, and Boyd are all newcomers to the CBC.

After the swearing-in, the Executive Committee was elected by the CBC. Dr. Michael E. Marchand of Omak was re-elected by acclamation. His brother, Edwin Marchand, also of Omak, was elected as Vice-Chairman. Former Law & Justice committee Chairwoman Sheilah Cleveland of Nespelem was selected as Secretary of the Tribes. As is customary, representatives from the Districts that don't attain representation in the elections of the Executive Committee, in this case Keller and Inchelium, will be selected at the next Special Session, which will be held on July 20, 2017.

In other Committee selections, the Management and Budget Committee Chairmanship was retained by Keller Councilman Jack Ferguson. Andy Joseph, Jr. also preserved his Chairmanship of the Tribes' Health and Human Services Committee, as did Inchelium District

Representative Larry Allen, who ran unopposed for the post of Veteran's Committee Chair.

Incumbent Willie Womer will take the lead for the Culture Committee.

All four of the first-time councilmembers received the honor of Chairing Committees.

Sanchez was elected Chairwoman of the Tribal Government Committee, while Louis takes over the Employment and Education Committee. Cawston and Boyd will each head the Natural Resources and Law and Justice Committees, respectively.

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About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,536 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The tribes, commonly known by English and French names, are: the Colville, the Nespelem, the San Poil, the Lake, the Palus, the Wenatchi (Wenatchee), the Chelan, the Entiat, the Methow, the southern Okanogan, the Moses Columbia and the Nez Perce of Chief Joseph's Bands.