

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING TO
CONSIDER WHETHER OF THE CHAIRMAN
SHOULD BE RETAINED OR RECALLED

June 25, 2013

A Petition was submitted to recall Spirit Lake Tribal Chairman Roger Yankton, Sr. from his elected position. As Vice-Chairman, upon receipt of a sufficient Petition, it is my duty under the Spirit Lake Constitution to schedule, provide notice, and preside over a General Meeting of Tribal Membership to consider whether the Chairman is to be removed or retained. For the Petition to be sufficient, it must contain signatures from not less than 20% of "every enrolled member of the ... Tribe of the Age 18 years or more, who has resided on the reservation for a period of one year...."

The Petition was examined by the Election Board, which has determined that it bears the signature of 547 qualified resident voters.

The total number of members over age 18 who have resided within the Spirit Lake Reservation for at least one year is difficult to state with precision. However, in March 2012, the Spirit Lake Tribal Court found that the estimate that there were 2,700 such qualified resident voters to be reasonable.

I therefore have determined that since a more precise figure is unavailable, the estimate of 2,700 qualified voting members should be utilized. 20% of this number would equal 540. Accordingly, 540 valid signatures would be required for the Petition to be deemed effective. As the Election Commission has determined that there were 547 qualified resident signatures, a General Meeting is hereby set to consider whether the Chairman should be retained or recalled.

The General Meeting to consider whether Roger Yankton, Sr. should be retained or recalled will be held on Monday, July 1, 2013, commencing at 10:00 a.m., in the gymnasium of the Four Winds School in Fort Totten, within the Spirit Lake Reservation. Participation in the General Meeting will be limited to qualified resident voters consisting of individuals who are:

1. members of the Spirit Lake Tribe
2. over age 18, and
3. have resided within the Spirit Lake Reservation for a period of one year or longer.

Chairman Roger Yankton, Sr., will be given an opportunity to be heard prior to a final vote being taken as to whether he should be retained or recalled. If Roger Yankton, Sr. is not retained as Chairman, a replacement shall be selected thereafter by secret ballot.

Joel Redfox
Vice Chairman, Spirit Lake Tribe