

FSIN OFFICE

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CANDIDATE INFORMATION PACKAGE

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NOTICE OF FSIN ELECTION

Further to the notice provided on August 17, 2024, notice is hereby provided for the FSIN 2024 elections for the positions of **OFFICE OF CHIEF** and **FIRST VICE-CHIEF** and **THIRD VICE-CHIEF** as follows:

- DECLARATION DAY:** **12:00 noon**
Tuesday, October 1, 2024
- NOMINATION DAY:** **Wednesday, October 30, 2024**
- ELECTION DAY:** **Thursday, October 31, 2024**

Declarations must be submitted to the Electoral Officer and have all required documentation to be considered an official declaration. The following sections of the *FSIN Election Act* are applicable to individuals wishing to seek elected office:

PART V CANDIDATE AT AN ELECTION

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE

43. A person wishing to be a Candidate for an Executive position shall be:
- a) at least eighteen (18) years of age as of Declaration Day;
 - b) a member of a First Nation that is signatory to the FSIN Convention Act; and
 - c) eligible to sit as a Board member for FSI Inc., which includes being of sound mind and does not currently have the status of bankrupt.
44. A person shall be ineligible as a candidate for an executive position if:
- a) he/she has been found to have sworn false affidavits in relation to Election Act Forms; or
 - b) he/she has failed to complete a Waiver Form, as appended to the FSIN Election Form Regulations — Election Act Form 1 1; or

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- c) he/she has been convicted of fraud, theft or a breach of trust or found civilly liable for fraud, theft or for breach of trust by a court in Canada or elsewhere; or
- d) he/she has been convicted, within five (5) year preceding the date of the election, of a criminal offense under the Criminal Code of Canada; or
- e) he/she has failed to disclose outstanding criminal charges as sworn in Form 7 Declaration of Qualification Regulations respecting Election Act Forms; or
- f) has a current civil court action against the FSI Inc. and/or its Institutions.

DECLARATION OF INTENT AND ELECTION MATERIAL PACKAGE

45. A person wishing to be a Candidate for an Executive position shall file the following documents with the Electoral Officer:
- a) Declaration of Intent; and
 - b) the complete Election Material Package with the Electoral Officer no later than 12:00 noon on Declaration Day. No declarations shall be accepted from any person who enters the FSIN office after 12:00 noon on Declaration Day.
46. All Prospective Candidates shall contact the Electoral Officer anytime within thirty (30) days prior to Nomination Day to file the Election Material Package with the Electoral Officer.
47. In the event that Declaration Day falls on a Saturday, a Sunday or a statutory holiday, the Declaration Day shall be the next business day.
48. All Candidates running for an Executive position shall be required to submit the following documentation on or prior to Declaration Day:
- a) Declaration of Intent such as form as appended to the FSIN Election Form Regulations — Election Act (Form 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5) whichever is appropriate;
 - b) Declaration of Qualifications such form as appended to the FSIN Election Form Regulations — Election Act (Form 7);
 - c) Consent and Release for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information such form as appended to the FSIN Election Form Regulations — Election Act (Form 8);
 - d) Waiver of Liability, Indemnity Agreement for Participants in FSIN Election such form as appended to the FSIN Election Act Form Regulations — Election Act (Form 11);
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- e) candidate contact information;

- f) criminal record check; and
 - g) non-refundable Election Bond.
49. For the purpose of filing a Declaration of Intent, the mover and seconder:
- a) shall be a Chief or Councillor/Headperson elected to office at the time of filing the Declaration of Intent;
 - b) are not required to be the mover and seconder on Nomination Day;
 - c) shall verify that they have seen the Candidate's criminal record check; and
 - d) shall not sign a Declaration of Intent form for a Candidate knowing that he/she is not eligible to be a Candidate.
50. The Electoral Officer shall keep the contents of the Election Material Package and Declarations of Intent confidential and secure.
51. Following the Credential Committee's meeting to verify eligibility of Prospective Candidates, the Electoral Officers shall provide notice to the Prospective Candidate, in written form, of the approval or refusal of:
- a) the Prospective Candidate's Declaration of Intent to seek position and/or
 - b) the Prospective Candidate's Election Material Packages.
52. Upon Verification of Candidate eligibility, written notification from the Electoral officers shall be provided to FSIN First Nation band offices, tribal councils, and media of the following:
- a) the list of Candidates for each position, including the Candidate's First Nation membership; and
 - b) the contact information provided by the Candidate.

APPEARANCE BEFORE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

53. Candidates shall appear, if requested by the Credentials Committee, in the event that clarification is required.
54. Any Candidate who is asked to appear before the Credentials Committee shall do so at their own expense.

ELECTION BOND

55. A Declaration of Intent must be accompanied by a non-refundable Election Bond in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00).
56. The non-refundable Election Bond shall be deposited to the FSIN Legislative Assembly Office. These monies will be used to offset the costs associated with the Election.
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57. Where the Credentials Committee has declared a Candidate ineligible to seek Executive position, the individual shall forfeit his/her Election Bond.

CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

58. To ensure compliance with the section relating to the Declaration of Intent, a person wishing to run as a Candidate in an Election is required to:
- a) submit a complete Criminal Record Check at the time he/she submits his/her Declaration of Intent;
 - b) the Criminal Record Check submitted must be dated within the six (6) months prior to Declaration Day.

WITHDRAWAL OF A DECLARATION OF INTENT

59. A Candidate may withdraw a Declaration of Intent by notifying the Electoral officer in writing. Any Candidate who withdraws will not be refunded the Election Bond.

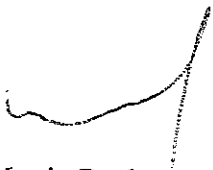
A copy of the FSIN Election Act and Candidate Information Package is available on the FSIN website (www.fsin.com), FSIN office or by contacting the Electoral Officer, Milton Burns.

Contact information for Electoral Officer is:

Phone: FSIN 306-665-1215 Cellular 306-222-1478

Email: FSINelection2024@fsin.com Fax: 306-477-5353

The Candidate Information Package (required forms) has also been provided to Tribal Council and First Nation offices.



Martin Paul

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

FEDERATION OF SOVEREIGN INDIGENOUS NATIONS

CANDIDATE DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

CANDIDATE NAME: _____

DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED:

_____ DECLARATION OF INTENT (Form 3 or 5)

_____ DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS (Form 7)

_____ CONSENT AND RELEASE FOR DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION (Form 8)

_____ WAIVER OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT (Form 11)

_____ PRINCIPLES OF INTEGRITY GOVERNING FSIN CAMPAIGN PERIODS (Form 12)

_____ WAIVER OF CLAIM EXTERNAL BODIES AND PROCESS FOR APPEAL (Form 13)

_____ CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK (name-based CRC)

_____ NON-REFUNDABLE ELECTION BOND

Date Received: _____, 2024 Time Received: _____

Electoral Officer Signature: _____

FORM 1

[Part V- Sections 43 - 52 of the FSIN Election Act]

**DECLARATION OF INTENT
FOR THE
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF**

I, _____,
print first name, middle name, last name

also known as _____
if applicable, include alias

_____, a member of the
date of birth

_____, # _____, that is a
Name of First Nation/Band Ten Digit Status Number

signatory to the *FSIN Convention*, April 1982, do hereby declare that I intend to seek election for the position of CHIEF of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations at the Election Assembly scheduled for October _____, 20_____.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Candidate Signature

Contact Numbers:	
Address:	
Email Address	

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING THIS DECLARATION. SUBSEQUENT TO REVIEW BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

The Nominator has seen the Candidate's criminal record check (if applicable)

Signature of Person Nominating

Print Name and First Nation of Nominator

Signature of Person Seconding this Nomination

Print Name and First Nation of Seconder

FORM 2

[Part V- Sections 43 - 52 of the FSIN Election Act]

**DECLARATION OF INTENT
FOR THE
OFFICE OF THE FIRST VICE CHIEF**

I, _____,
print first name, middle name, last name

also known as _____
if applicable, include alias

_____, am a member of the
date of birth

_____, # _____, that is a
Name of First Nation/Band Ten Digit Status Number

signatory to the *FSIN Convention*, April 1982, and do hereby declare that I intend to seek election for the position of FIRST VICE-CHIEF of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations at the Election Assembly scheduled for October _____, 20_____.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Candidate Signature

Contact Numbers:	
Address:	
Email Address	

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING THIS DECLARATION. SUBSEQUENT TO REVIEW BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

The Nominator has seen the Candidate's criminal record check (if applicable)

Signature of Person Nominating

Print Name and First Nation of Nominator

Signature of Person Seconding this Nomination

Print Name and First Nation of Seconder

FORM 4

[Part V- Sections 43 - 52 of the FSIN Election Act]

**DECLARATION OF INTENT
FOR THE
OFFICE OF THE THIRD VICE CHIEF**

I, _____,
print first name, middle name, last name

also known as _____
if applicable, include alias

_____, am a member of the
date of birth

_____, # _____, that is a
Name of First Nation/Band Ten Digit Status Number

signatory to the *FSIN Convention*, April 1982, I do hereby declare that I intend to seek election for the position of THIRD VICE-CHIEF of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations at the Election Assembly scheduled for October _____, 20_____.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Candidate Signature

Contact Numbers:	
Address:	
Email Address	

FOR THE PURPOSE OF FILING THIS DECLARATION. SUBSEQUENT TO REVIEW BY THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, THIS INFORMATION IS TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

The Nominator has seen the Candidate's criminal record check (if applicable)

Signature of Person Nominating

Print Name and First Nation of Nominator

Signature of Person Seconding this Nomination

Print Name and First Nation of Seconder

FORM 7

[Part V - Sections 43 - 52 of the FSIN Election Act]

DECLARATION OF QUALIFICATIONS

I, _____ solemnly declare that I possess the qualifications pursuant to sections 43 and 44 of the *FSIN Election Act* and have submitted the required documentation as Candidate for the position of _____.

I possess the following qualifications:

- I am a member of the _____ First Nation whose name appears on the Membership List.
- I am a member of a First Nation that is signatory to the *FSIN Convention*.
- I have attained the age of 18 years on Declaration Day.
- I have not been convicted of fraud, theft or a breach of trust or found civilly liable for fraud, theft or for breach of trust by a court in Canada or elsewhere.
- I have not been convicted of a criminal offense under the Criminal Code of Canada within the last five (5) years preceding the date of the election, for which I have not been pardoned.
- I have a conviction free record for the last five years, which includes the following:
 - I have no outstanding criminal convictions within the past 5 years;
 - no outstanding criminal charges pending against me;
 - I have disclosed any ongoing criminal investigations that I am involved in and aware of, to the Credentials Committee.
- I am eligible to sit as a Board Member for FSI Inc., as I am of sound mind and do not currently have the status of bankrupt.
- I voluntarily executed the Waiver of Liability & Indemnity Agreement, as appended to the FSIN Form Regulations – Election Act Form 11.
- I do not have a current civil court action against the FSIN or FSIN Inc.
- I understand that I must be bondable when seeking a Candidate position and further I understand that I must be bonded when elected.

DECLARED before me at the _____ of)
_____, in the Province of)
Saskatchewan, this)
day of, A.D.)
20____.)
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A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the
Province of Saskatchewan. My commission
expires on _____
Being a Solicitor

.....
[name of candidate]

FORM 8

[Part V - Sections 43 - 52 of the FSIN Election Act]

CONSENT AND RELEASE FOR DISCLOSURE OF CRIMINAL RECORD INFORMATION

Person Requiring a Criminal Record Check:

Surname First Name Middle Name(s) Other

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____
 Day Month Year

Street Address: _____

Mail Address: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ Province Issued: _____

Treaty Number: _____ Band/First Nation: _____

Social Insurance Number: _____

Release and Discharge:

Pursuant to s. 8(1) of the *Privacy Act* of Canada, I hereby give my consent for release of records of criminal convictions for which a pardon has not been granted, attainable through the Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC). I understand that this is a requirement for seeking a position on the Executive for the FEDERATION OF SOVEREIGN INDIGENOUS NATIONS.

I hereby release and forever discharge the FEDERATION OF SOVEREIGN INDIGENOUS NATIONS, it's employees and members, as well as the FSIN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE from any and all actions, claims, and demands for damages, loss or injury howsoever arising which may be sustained by me as a result of the disclosure of information by the Canadian Police Information Centre to the FEDERATION OF SOVEREIGN INDIGENOUS NATIONS.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

ATTACH CRIMINAL RECORD CHECK

FORM 11

*[Part V – Sections 43 – 52 of the FSIN Election Act;
Sections 4 - 20 of the FSIN Executive Act; and Sections 34 - 37 of the Convention Act]*

WAIVER OF LIABILITY & INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS this Waiver of Liability & Indemnity Agreement applies to all Candidates in an FSIN Election;

Waiver: I, _____, for myself, (the "Releasor", which term includes heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns) do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN), (the "Releasee", which term includes officers, directors, agents, employees, successors and assigns) of and from all manner of action, causes of action, claims or demands which the Releasor had against the Releasee, now has or hereafter may have including without limiting the generality of the foregoing any claims arising out of the Releasor's participation as a Candidate in an FSIN Election.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless: In the event that the Releasor should hereafter make any claim or demand, commence, or threaten to commence any action, claim or proceeding or make any complaint against the Releasee or anyone connected with the Releasee for or by any reason or by any cause, matter or thing, this document may be raised as an estoppel and complete bar to any such claim, demand, action, proceeding or complaint.

I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD the Releasee HARMLESS from any all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of my involvement in the FSIN Election and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

Severability: The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Acknowledgement of Understanding: I have read this Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I agree to forgo seeking any redress from any external court process at any time and may be giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue outside the First Nation jurisdiction. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

DECLARED before me at the _____)
of _____, in the Province)
of Saskatchewan, this)
day of, A.D. 20____.)
.....)

.....
Signature
.....
Print name

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the
Province of Saskatchewan.
My commission expires:
Or Being a Solicitor

FORM 12

*[Part V – Sections 43 – 52 of the FSIN Election Act;
Sections 4 - 20 of the FSIN Executive Act; and Sections 34 - 37 of the Convention Act]*

**PRINCIPLES OF INTEGRITY
GOVERNING FSIN CAMPAIGN PERIODS**

I, _____ understand that fairness is an important part of ensuring integrity within our election process, and that during this campaign period I shall adhere to the following:

1. I shall respect the equal rights and freedoms of other candidates to participate in the campaign period.
2. I shall respect all voters equally and their freedom to vote for their candidate of choice.
3. I shall respect the principles of honesty, transparency and good relations in all written and verbal communication.
4. I shall refrain from using the property or services of FSIN and its institutions to advance my political campaign.
5. I shall be responsible for ensuring that my campaign team and supporters are knowledgeable of and adhere to the *FSIN Election Act* and these Principles of Integrity governing the campaign period.

DECLARED before me at the _____)
of _____, in the Province)
of Saskatchewan, this)
day of, A.D. 20____.)
.....)
.....)

.....
Signature

.....
Print name

A Commissioner for Oaths in and for the
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FORM 13

*[Part V – Sections 43 – 52 of the FSIN Election Act;
Sections 4 - 20 of the FSIN Executive Act; and Sections 34 - 37 of the Convention Act]*

WAIVER OF CLAIM EXTERNAL BODIES AND PROCESS FOR APPEAL

In seeking election for a position with the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, I agree and accept the following conditions, terms and processes:

I, _____, agree that I will not seek redress from the Courts both during the election process, or if elected, on any process established by the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations, including a non-confidence motion under the rules of the organization, whether such redress would be based upon lack of procedural fairness, breach of natural justice or otherwise. All decisions of the Chiefs-in-Assembly are final and binding. In seeking election, I agree that it will be a major offence against the organization for me to seek redress from a Court or other tribunal outside of the procedures established by the organization for those seeking election or elected by the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations.

In addition, I agree, as a candidate for election that if there is a non-confidence motion and I have concerns about any part of the process leading to the final decision that I will, after the process is finally completed, direct any issue of concern to the Appeals Tribunal set up under an Act Respecting the First Nations Appeals Tribunal of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations.

I also agree that if the procedure followed is in accordance with the rules established for a non-confidence motion that the final decision will not be able to be set aside. I specifically waive any issue relating to denial of natural justice and apprehension of bias if the procedure is in accordance with the rules established by the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations.

I agree that the jurisdiction of the Appeals Tribunal will be to determine if there was a problem with the process, and if so, it has the jurisdiction to send the matter back with a corrected process unless the Appeals Tribunal determines that the final result would not have been affected by the change to process.

I also agree that if I proceed to an Appeals Tribunal, I must submit the dispute in writing under the above Act within ten (10) days following the final decision. The issues for dispute shall be clearly set out in writing indicating the procedures that I say were not followed in the process leading to the final decision.

I further agree that there will be no appeal or review to the Courts or otherwise on any ground whatsoever and agree that it will be an offence against the independence of the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations and its right to self-government for a candidate to seek a resolution for any problem encountered in the process through any process outside of the process established under the rules established by the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations.

DECLARED before me at the _____)
of _____, in the Province)
of Saskatchewan, this)
day of, A.D. 20__.

.....
Signature

.....)
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Province of Saskatchewan.
My commission expires:
Or Being a Solicitor

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Print name