



# Membership Recruitment

Application Deadline: September 13, 2021

The National Tribal Water Council is a technical and scientific body established to advocate for the best interests of federally-recognized Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in matters pertaining to water. The Council is currently accepting applications from tribal water professionals to fill two open membership positions.

## Region 2 Representative

Open to tribal water professionals employed by a federally recognized Tribe or tribally-authorized organization from Region 2, which includes the following states: New Jersey and New York.

## Region 10 Representative

Open to tribal water professionals employed by a federally recognized Tribe or tribally-authorized organization from Region 10, which includes the following states: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

## Overview of Member Duties, but not limited to:

- Participate in monthly conference calls
- Attend bi-annual meetings
- Participate in crafting response documents to policy and/or rule making actions

We are seeking individuals that are passionate and vocal about tribal water issues. Interested candidates must submit the following: application form, letter of interest, and professional resumé. Please refer to the Council's membership application information packet for additional details.

To express your interest or obtain more information, please contact Elaine Wilson at [elaine.wilson@nau.edu](mailto:elaine.wilson@nau.edu) or (480) 452-6774.





## NATIONAL TRIBAL WATER COUNCIL

### Membership Recruitment Application Information

## Who We Are

The National Tribal Water Council (NTWC/Council) is a technical and scientific body created to assist the Environmental Protection Agency, federally recognized Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Tribes, and their associated tribal communities and tribal organizations, with research and information for decision-making regarding water issues and water-related concerns that impact Indian and Alaska Native tribal members, as well as other residents of Alaska Native Villages and Indian country in the United States. These water issues include, but are not limited to, surface water, wetlands, nonpoint source pollution, point source pollution, drinking water, groundwater, oceans and estuaries, and underground injection.

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## Membership Information

### Appointment Term

- Council members shall serve **three-year** terms.
- There shall be no prohibition on re-nominating and re-appointing members whose terms are due to expire.

### Qualifications

The following criteria shall be used to determine the qualifications of nominees for membership on the NTWC:

1. Members of the NTWC must have a vocational/professional background and previous or current hands-on water-related expertise in Indian Country, including Alaska Native Villages.
2. Members of the NTWC must be employed by a federally-recognized Tribe or tribally-authorized organization, and have the support and consent of their employer to participate in the activities of the NTWC. (A tribally-authorized organization must provide adequate documentation of the existence of its authority.)
3. Members must be willing and able to provide oral and written scientific and, as appropriate, culturally-based opinions on water-related issues confronting Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Tribes.
4. Members must be willing to review and discuss water-related issues in Indian Country with a perspective that will enhance the efforts of the NTWC, EPA, Indian Tribes, and Alaska Native Tribes to improve the health and safety of Tribal communities.
5. Members must be willing to faithfully participate in the monthly conference calls and the two (2) regularly scheduled annual meetings of the NTWC.
6. Members must be willing and able to share information and explain to third parties the goals and purposes of the NTWC.

7. Members who participate in water-related educational and professional forums at NTWC expense should report back to the NTWC.
8. Members must document their travel and other approved expenditures for the purposes of NTWC fiscal accounting and audits.

### Knowledge and Skills Requirements

A Council member must:

1. Have extensive knowledge of the policies and procedures of the Council, including but not limited to the current Bylaws and Policies and Procedures and Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
2. Be aware of resources available.
3. Have good interpersonal, problem-solving, and critical thinking skills.
4. Be a team player, a good listener, and communicator.
5. Have an open mind and the ability to think creatively.
6. Make decisions in a timely and knowledgeable manner.
7. Represent the Council in a professional manner both internally and externally.
8. Have organizational and leadership abilities.
9. Visualize beyond the present, look at the Council as a whole, and make decisions that are in the best interest of federally recognized Indian and Alaska Native Tribes.

### Key Duties and Responsibilities of the Council

1. Approve position and white papers on issues affecting the Council and Tribal Nations.
2. Develop, implement, and evaluate the strategic plan, and report the progress of the strategic plan to the EPA on a regular basis.
3. Cultivate individuals to serve as appointed and elected volunteers of the Council.
4. Perform other such duties in coordination with the EPA.
5. Advocate for the health and sustainability of clean water, and for the productive use of water for the health and well-being of Indian Country, Indian Communities, Alaska Native Tribes, and Alaska Native Villages.
6. Raise awareness of a wide range of water related issues pertaining to the health of tribal communities and the quality of tribal aquatic resources and watersheds.
7. Promote information exchange.
8. Facilitate the exposure of tribal water protection program development and implementation.
9. Provide a platform to inform tribes on a wide variety of issues related to ground, surface, and drinking water.
10. Promote community water protection education and awareness.
11. Assist in the development, establishment, and sustaining of comprehensive tribal water protection programs.

**If interested and you meet the specified qualifications, please submit your application form, letter of interest and resumé to:**

**Elaine H. Wilson**

*NTWC Project Manager*

(480) 452-6774

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To view the Bylaws of the Council or to obtain additional information, please visit the Council's website at <https://nau.edu/ntwc>. The Bylaws are located under the "About Us" tab. Thank you for your interest.



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## NTWC New Member Application Form

The \_\_\_\_\_ would like to support  
*Tribe/Nation/Village/Community*  
clean water in Indian Country by authorizing a member or employee of our Tribe to participate in the National Tribal Water Council, as a means to advocate for the health and sustainability of clean and safe water, and for the productive use of water for the health and well-being of Indian Country, Indian communities, Alaska Native Tribes and Alaska Native Villages.

The authorized representative for our Tribe/Nation/Village/Community is:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe/Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: State: Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*Authorizing official:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

*\*If selected by the National Tribal Water Council, candidate must submit an authorization letter, on tribal letterhead, signed by a member of the Tribe's governing body indicating that the Tribe is authorizing the above-named representative as the designated representative for the Tribe to NTWC.*

*\*\*The NTWC was established to advocate for the best interests of federally-recognized Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, and Tribally-authorized organizations, in matters pertaining to water. It is the intent of the NTWC to advocate for the health and sustainability of clean and safe water, and for the productive use of water for the health and well-being of Indian Country, Indian communities, Alaska Native Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. As such, the NTWC uses its resources to support the efforts of all federally recognized Tribes in protecting and improving the water quality within their respective jurisdictions. Although the organization always seeks to represent consensus perspectives on any given issue, it is important to note that the views expressed by the NTWC may not be agreed upon by all Tribes. Furthermore, interactions with the NTWC do not substitute for government-to-government consultation which can only be achieved through direct communication between the federal government and Indian Tribes.*