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**Lori Windle 2014 election bio and statement:**

Lori Windle is Anishinaabe, enrolled in the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe at White Earth, Mississippi Band. She has worked at the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) Western Regional Office since 1990 as a video producer and has also been American Indian Special Emphasis Program Manager there since 1992.

Lori was instrumental in the development of SAIGE from an idea to a working organization and was the first Chairperson of the founding Board of Directors. After serving as Chair, she was elected Secretary (2 terms) and then Vice-Chair (2 terms). She most recently has completed another term as Secretary. Lori served as Co-Chair of SAIGE National Training Programs in 2008 and 2012. She is a Lifetime Member and belongs to the Colorado Front Range Chapter of SAIGE. In her career she has received numerous awards including the Secretary of the Interior's Equal Opportunity Award, the OSMRE Director's Award, an Excellence in Government Award from the Denver Federal Executive Board, and a DOI Diversity Champion Award (largely for her work with SAIGE).

She was raised in the Denver, Colorado area where she still resides. Lori earned her BA in Fine Arts with a Communications minor at Metropolitan State University in Denver, and a Master of Fine Arts at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she was the first in their Arts department to graduate with an advanced degree in Media Arts. She is an award-winning documentary maker, and has also done post-graduate work in Tribal Sovereignty and Law. In 2004, she organized the Native Peoples' Political Alliance, a volunteer non-partisan get-out-the-vote effort to increase American Indian registration and voting in the Denver/Boulder area. In 2006, Lori was given the Inspiration Award by Boulder's Safehouse Alliance for Non-Violence for her work in the community.

**Statement:** I've been privileged to witness the evolution of SAIGE from the beginning. It's been a joy to watch its' growth and development, with new people discovering it who contribute their time, work and creative ideas to make it stronger. I believe this organization's integrity is built on fidelity to its mission and on its people. One of many things I'm proud of about SAIGE is the board's consensus based decision making process that is indicative of its inclusive nature, that everyone has a voice. As SAIGE moves forward we can anticipate more progress and greater opportunities for the organization and those we

serve. We are excited about embracing new technology by stepping up to Google Tools for non-profits to update our business operations and improve our processes. If I could serve another term, I believe my institutional knowledge, skills and passion for serving the organization would be beneficial to the Board of Directors and to the members. I would be most honored if you would allow me to serve you again in my last term as Secretary for SAIGE. Mii gwetch.