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I am a member of Choctaw tribe of Oklahoma. Currently work as a Logistics Engineering Management Specialist for Foreign Military Sales (FMS) with the Department of the Navy in the Electronic Warfare Department, Point Mugu, California. I hold a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Business Administration from LaVerne University of May 1992. I have worked for the Navy for the past 28 years. I have been the Native American/Alaskan Native (NA/AN) Co-Chairperson Committee member for over 20 years at Point Mugu and China Lake Navy bases. I currently serves as board of trustee member on the First Americans in the Arts (FAITA) Beverly Hills, CA for 18 years. I showcase (along with other trustees) an award show for American Indians. I am Vice-Chair for Candelaria American Indian Council (CAIC) in Ventura, CA which assists employment to student graduates, provides support to low income families in emotional and financial need with assistance in housing and utilities, and distribute food share to the public in Ventura County. Work with the San Francisco Headquarters in the management and distribution of CAIC programs and funding/resources. I developed a network for outreach to veterans in my community with CAIC. I have been a past board member for SAIGE 2005-2007. I have attended all SAIGE conferences. I am a lifetime member of SAIGE. I am single and have 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

I received an achievement award from the CAIC for making a difference in our community and at work. I work well with others, and make a great team member. Additionally as an logistics specialist I have extensive training in planning and organizing events and programs. In the past, working with SAIGE to help instructors for audio requests for setup, AV needs: microphones, laptops, screens, printers, etc. Addressed daily cost of workshops, computer video equipment, support items, i.e., Flip Charts, laptops, Pipe and Drape, meeting accessories, i.e., laser pointer, extension cords, etc. telephone & lines for teleconference and wireless access, and dance floor pricing on spreadsheets. Assisted SAIGE with “stuffing” backpacks with programs, pens, etc. Relieved SAIGE tables for people to go on break. Reviewed bio’s for selection of military awards & scholarships for SAIGE. Organized/hosted event for Native American comedy entertainment for SAIGE in San Diego. In my current position I am responsible for managing meetings, visitor access to the base, etc. for foreign nationals who work with U.S. Navy personnel to conduct national weapons business.

As a SAIGE board member, you would have my active participation throughout the years. As a Southwest SAIGE Chapter member I assisted in the development of the SAIGE

Award and Scholarship programs. I also served as the Vice-Chair for the 2009 SAIGE Conference in San Diego, CA. I know the dedication and personal committee needed to run a non-profit organization. I would favor federal employment opportunities to students, Promote training opportunities and promotional advancement to NA/AN federally employed, including veterans. I hope to be given the opportunity to serve as a board member for SAIGE and to improve the employment of NA/AN's throughout all federal employment agencies and Native Americans in our communities.