



SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION

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SHINNECOCK NATION ELECTS TWO OF THREE TRUSTEES RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE SCHEDULED WITHIN TWO WEEKS FOR THE THIRD

Shinnecock Indian Reservation, New York — For the first time since the three member Trustee system went into effect in 1792, the Shinnecock Indian Nation was faced with a tie in its annual Trustee elections.

Elected and retaining his position as Trustee Chairman was Randy King, who will be serving his sixth term. Also elected was Gerrod Smith, who will be serving his first term. Tied for third place were former trustees Fred Bess, who has served five terms, and Lance Gumbs, who has served eight.

Under the guidelines of the Nation's election ordinance, a runoff election between the former trustees Bess and Gumbs will take place within two weeks.

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No further statements will be issued until after the new Trustee Board addresses the Shinnecock Nation at the next regularly scheduled Tribe Meeting.

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