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Speaker Morgan, Navajo Elections Supervisors welcome new board member Norman L. Begay

Begay appointed by Chinle Agency to fill remaining two-year term

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan and the Navajo Board of Elections Supervisors welcome Norman L. Begay, the election board's newest member

Begay, a resident of Lukachukai, Ariz., was appointed as the representative of Chinle Agency for a remaining two-year term by the Chinle Agency Council on April 4 during a board meeting held at Lukachukai Chapter by a vote of 52-18.

A vacancy by former board member Zane James prompted the new appointment. James was elected president of Tsaile/Wheatfields Chapter, halfway through his four-year term as an elections supervisor.

The Honorable Eleanor Shirley, associate justice of the Navajo Nation, administered the oath of office for Supervisor Begay on April 16.

Supervisor Begay looks forward to his work on the board and is eager to get to work on policies.

"I am looking forward to establishing policies that will set minimum qualifications for chapter officials," Begay said. "Chapter and grazing officials use computers a majority of the time and most do not know how. I believe it is important that technology be incorporated in our chapters. I look forward to working with all the board members to continue to improve our Navajo elections."

The ten member election board is elected on staggered four-year terms; the next election is in 2010 when five positions will be up for election.

Current members include Chairman Larry Biltah and Norman L. Begay from the Chinle Agency; Vice Chairman Jonathan Tso and Alfred L. Jim from Shiprock Agency; Ruth Watson and Joe Dayzie from Western Agency; Michael Coan and Leslie Chavez from Eastern Agency; LeNora Johnson and Bessie Yellowhair Simpson from the Fort Defiance Agency.



Norman L. Begay is appointed to the Navajo Board of Elections Supervisors on April 4, 2009, in Lukachukai, Ariz. Top photo, Navajo Associate Justice Eleanor Shirley conducts the oath of office. Bottom photo, Chairman Larry Biltah congratulates Begay.

