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[Letter to North East Tribe](#)

Dear John,

The ICS board are writing to you personally about events affecting the North East tribe of the International Comanche Society and the members of the North East tribe.

As you will be likely aware there has been ongoing unrest between a handful of ICS members including CJ Stumpf and the board of ICS. This culminated on 2nd February in a hearing where CJ Stumpf and Les Thomas were found to have not acted in accordance with ICS bylaws, specifically Article 1 Section 3. As a consequence, their membership in ICS was revoked.

Both CJ and Les had been involved in posting misleading and false information on a website, social media posts and in emails.

The board did not take the action to revoke their memberships lightly. Several attempts had been made by board members to reach an agreement between the various parties including the offer of binding arbitration (which was rejected by parties associated with CJ and Les), all without success.

One of the issues leading up to the hearing was the lack of elections for officers in recent years within the North East tribe and the claim by CJ Stumpf that the North East tribe did not have any bylaws.

There used to be a copy of bylaws on the North East tribes website which were removed somewhere around October 2017. These bylaws are the current North East tribe bylaws. These bylaws require tribe elections every 12 months as do the ICS bylaws.

We are now faced with the North East tribe having no Tribe Chief. **The ICS board want to have this situation rectified as soon as practical.**

We are also faced with the fact there has been a lot of misinformation and there is a small body of ICS members including some North East tribe members who do not view the ICS board in a good light. Do not forget, you are members of the International Comanche Society, an organisation that has a good history of providing member support and social interaction with like-minded people from all over the world. The North East Tribe is greatly appreciated and we all want to see it continue providing the value it has done historically.

There is no doubt mistakes have been made on both sides of the fence. However, the way in which some events were brought into the public arena and the slant that was put on some things was not appropriate in the boards view. Everyone has the right to an opposing opinion, it is how this opinion was expressed that was the problem. It was also the fact CJ did not seem to accept a majority point of view and cast this majority as "rogue board members" when she was in the minority.

Now is the time to build bridges and move on and not dwell in the past.

ICS board members are fellow ICS members like yourself who have volunteered their time to help run the organisation. We are not perfect but we try to do our best for ICS as a whole. We want to get on with making ICS as good as it can be. You have our promise on that.

Since there is no evidence of tribe elections in the North East tribe since 2015, the validity of those people currently filling the roles of tribe officers is also in question. Since the North East Bylaws require annual elections (as do ICS bylaws), elections for the North East tribe are well overdue.

The North East tribe is an independent entity, formed with the sanction of the ICS. The North East Tribe is affiliated to the ICS and the ICS members attached to the North East Tribe are placed in the tribe by the ICS, it is therefore in the interests of both the ICS and the North East tribe to put in place free and transparent elections.

The NE Tribe are a tribute to the ICS in the fly-ins and clinics that they produce each year. ICS does not want to lose this impetus.

For the past two weeks the ICS board have been trying to establish dialogue with past North East officers with the express intention of holding elections for the North East tribe. Our efforts to establish dialogue have been fruitless. As much as the ICS board did not wish to be seen to be interfering in the running of the North East tribe we cannot allow the current situation to drag on.

The ICS Board will be calling for elections for the North East tribe.

We urge the North East Membership to pull together at this difficult time and nominate some volunteers who would be willing to stand for Tribe Chief, Tribe Rep, Tribe Scribe and Treasurer.

At this point it is planned to utilize the ICS nominating committee to assist with promoting the nominations to the North East Tribe, and use the voting platform on the ICS website. This voting platform has been used successfully for many ICS and tribe ballots.

The only individual who has access to the voting platform is the webmaster who is the only person able to download the results and send them to whomever is designated to announce the results.

We need your help to ensure the North East tribe has fair and proper elections. Please either consider standing yourself or if you think someone will do a good job encourage them to stand. Most importantly we want you to vote in the election.

The ICS board has no wish to influence the outcome of the elections and want the North East tribe members to freely choose their tribe officers.

We thank you for supporting ICS and it is our fervent hope you will continue to do so in the future as we all strive to make ICS the best Piper Comanche type club it can be.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact your Tribe's Board representative.

Yours in ICS,

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