

Section II: Board of Director Nominee Information

***Full Name (Last, First)**
Enos, Jr., Barney B. "BJ"

***Brief (200 words or less) biography of nominee that will be included in the Ballot mailed or emailed to each General Member. Include information related to affiliation with AISES and what the nominee will bring to the Board of Directors.**

Barney "BJ" Enos is an enrolled member of the Gila River Indian Community and currently a Council 4 Representative. His roots in AISES go back to 1994 when he was a sophomore at Coolidge High School, Coolidge, Arizona. More recently he led support within Gila River for sponsorship of the 2017 AISES Leadership Summit at the Gila River River Wild Horse Pass Hotel. With a background and undergraduate degree in public health and an advanced degree in public administration, BJ well understands the important role AISES plays in supporting the development of skills and capabilities in STEM that will allow Native Americans to learn, grow and serve their people.

Please Answer the Following Questions

- 1. Why would you like to serve on the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Board of Directors? (150 words or less)**

I would like to utilize my current capacity as an elected tribal official to help elevate the awareness of AISES and its mission to a broad audience of tribal leadership, at the local levels, as well as at the national level.

I believe I can advocate the importance of focused involvement and appropriate support by tribal leaders, that helps demonstrate necessary support to our members but also to the fields that they may come to be employed within or receive degrees within.

2. What is your past experience/association with the AISES organization? (150 words or less)

As a high school student I found AISES to be a great resource as I transitioned to college. It helped me to understand that native students are successful within higher education and that their fields of study were diverse and only limited by their personal interests. Upon completion of my und graduate, my membership in AISES had lapsed. Until recent, as a tribal leader I have come to find my involvement necessary to ensure up and coming students find AISES to be a resource, just as I had.

The AISES Board of Directors has determined that there are key skill sets needed to fulfill AISES' strategic goals. The questions below specifically address the needed skills, knowledge and experience.

3. Please elaborate on your fundraising and major gifts cultivation experience. (150 words or less)

I have served as a board member for the East Valley Boys & Girls Club Gila River Branches. Our duties were to assist with program enhancements specific to Gila River and to support and raise funds through 4 major fundraising initiatives each year, trough partnerships created in the East Valley.

4. Given the strategic goal of increasing value to all members, what skills and resources can you provide toward the success of this strategic initiative? List experience with program development, target populations and outcomes. (150 words or less)

Within my current capacity, I have worked to create operational efficiencies through evaluation of Community Government general welfare programs. Efficiencies included measuring service deliveries, consistencies in deliveries and timely responses to membership of the tribe and ensure budgets were maintained or fund savings had been created through focused, fiscal responsibilities. Given that tribal government services reach a broad audience, it's important to evaluate multiple variables within a limited amount of resources, such as time and financials.

5. Elaborate on your prior experience serving on non-profit Boards. Specify your understanding of the associated fiduciary responsibilities required of Board members. (150 words or less)

I have served with the Boys and Girls Clubs and Gila River Health Care boards of directors. Due to the stresses of limited financial flexibility, it's essential that there be a fiscally conservative approach taken, but not one that stifles or limits the organizations mission and objectives. It is very important that all funding be accounted for and directed specifically to services and service initiatives to ensure its greatest impacts on those we serve.

6. Have you visited the AISES website to view the AISES Board of Directors Roles, Responsibilities, Agreement, and Member Requirements at the following?

<http://www.aises.org/about/board>

Yes.

AISES Code of Conduct document at the following?

<http://www.aises.org/about/board>

Yes.

Section III: Two (2) Endorsements of Nominee (Required)

Endorsement #1

*Full Name (Last, First)
Stephens, Rick

*Endorsement Date
6-13-2017

*Endorsement Method, explain (in person, by phone, by email, by postal mail, other)
By phone and by e-mail

Statement of Endorsement (Optional) (this will most likely be copied email text from the person making the endorsement to the person submitting this nomination form) (150 words or less)

I met BJ Enos at the 2017 AISES Leadership Conference at Gila River, had the opportunity to hear his presentation at the closing banquet of the leadership conference and have spoken with many others about him. He clearly possesses the leadership skills, business acumen, and kind heart and passion necessary to be a strong board member for AISES. I strongly endorse BJ Enos to be a member of the AISES board.

Endorsement #2

*Full Name (Last, First)
Echohawk, Sarah

*Endorsement Date
6/13/17

*Endorsement Method, explain (in person, by phone, by email, by postal mail, other)
email

Statement of Endorsement (Optional) *(this will most likely be copied email text from the person making the endorsement to the person submitting this nomination form)* **(150 words or less)**

BJ is a strong supporter of AISES. He believes in our mission and was tremendously supportive of our work when his Tribe, Gila River, sponsored and hosted the 2017 AISES Leadership Summit in April at Wild Horse Pass in AZ. BJ attended much of summit and spoke about AISES and the importance of our work at the closing banquet. He has background in STEM and has strong commitment to bring the work of AISES to his own tribal community as well as others. He understands the importance of supporting Native youth in STEM education and will be an effective advocate for our work. We definitely need more tribal leaders like BJ involved with AISES and I believe having him on the board would be invaluable to our efforts to expand our outreach to Tribal Nations. BJ would be a valuable addition to the AISES Board of Directors.

Additional Endorsements (Optional)

Endorsement #3

*Full Name (Last, First)		*Phone	*Email
*Endorsement Date	*Endorsement Method, explain <i>(in person, by phone, by email, by postal mail, other)</i>		

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Endorsement #4

*Full Name (Last, First)		*Phone	*Email
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