

## **Tribal Summit Group Board of Directors' Biographies**

### **CHAIRPERSON - JAMEY BALOUSEK**

My name is Jamey Balousek and I'm currently the Chief Operating Officer for Marine View Ventures - the economic development arm of the Puyallup Tribe. In addition to my work with MVV, I've been honored to be involved with the Tribal Summit Group since it began in 2009. My involvement with the TSG is inspired by the mission statement we established many years ago - to encourage economic success in Indian Country by uniting Tribes in the sharing of best practices, building effective relationships with our partners and leveraging the strength of our members. My motivation is to do my part to help further our mission to the best of my ability.

### **VICE-CHAIRPERSON – CHRIS RICHARDSON**

Chris Richardson is the Managing Director of Chehalis Tribal Enterprises, which includes the management of the End of the Trail Convenience Stores in SW Washington. His education and training is in finance and accounting in which he earned a BA from Queens College, CUNY. As a certified public accountant and a past controller/CFO of several companies, Chris' career has been in Indian Country for the past 18 years serving in various management roles in enterprise and government. He was involved in the early formation of the Summit Group for several years and served on its first Board of Directors. He continues to attend most if not all Summit Group Board meetings. Chris shares a vision of a more robust Summit Group focused on industry training & education opportunities for its members as it grows in the coming years.

Chris also serves on his local Big Brothers Big Sisters' Board of Directors. He has two teenage daughters and a mixed Border Collie dog, none of which are spoiled. He is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation in Oakville, Washington.

### **SECRETARY – OPEN**

### **TREASURER – CHARLIE HENSLEY**

Charlie Hensley, Retail Operations Manager for Quinault Enterprises. I have had the pleasure of working for the Quinault Indian Nation for the last nine years. My journey with Quinault started with their seafood business and led me to take the lead in developing their retail sector. I was invited to join the C-Store Summit Group right after conception and am very proud of the growth of the group and the quality of the information at the meetings. It would be an honor to serve as Treasurer and support the C-Store Summit Group as we move forward.

### **AT LARGE MEMBERS – BOB SOLOMON, CHRIS RICHARDSON & FRANK BLACK**

My name is Robert Solomon. My traditional name is Cha' ja wub. I am a member on the Nooksack Indian Tribe, where I am currently the Retail Operations General Manager. I have been in charge of the Nooksack Market Center for the last 12 years and am currently serving my second term as a Nooksack Tribal Council Member. It's been an honor to serve on the Tribal Summit Group's Board for the last 2 years. I am excited to be nominated to a second term on the Board. I have been in Retail for 32 years, 20 of those years managing Tribal C stores. This industry has changed so much in the last 20 years, networking was weak and tribes didn't like to share what they were doing with each other. Today we all work together networking to stay in tune

with all the new trends, policy changes and industry updates. This group of tribal store operators works together to help each other gain the tools to have better business practices and network to help each other with industry issues. This is a goal we all share. I remember Ron Myers, Marie Murray and myself sitting on a curb behind the Kamilche Trading Post talking about how cool it would be for all of us C store operators to have a chance to work together and leverage buying power with vendors and now we do that and more. I would be honored to continue to sit on the Tribal Summit Group's Board; I believe I bring my 32 years of retail operations experience as well as the perspective of an elected Tribal Council member to this position.

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Tony Liberal is the Retail Operations Manager for Nisqually Markets. I joined the Nisqually Market team a little over a year and a half ago. I am grateful for the opportunity to bring a fresh energetic style of leadership to Nisqually Markets. I have been in the retail industry for over 16 years. I have worked for Costco, WinCo Foods and currently Nisqually Markets. The big box retail store experience has translated well into the C-store industry. I have made it a point to understand this industry as much as possible. I have certificates from OPIS and NACS to help further my education in this industry. We have built a great team and company at Nisqually Markets. This is the types of ideas, experience and energy I can bring to Tribal Summit Group.

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Tim Nydegger is the Director of Small Business Operations for the Kalispel Tribe of Indians located in Eastern Washington. Experienced in people and process development, Tim has led his team to the successful launch of new business ventures and improved business performance. He holds an undergraduate degree from Whitworth University and an MBA from Colorado State University. He resides in Spokane, WA with his wife and two young children.