

## **What is a THPO Advisory Review Board and its Function/Opportunity?**

The THPO Advisory Review Board is an integral component of a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and must consist of individuals knowledgeable and interested in historic preservation and/or tribal culture. Accordingly, it will consist of individuals from MBPI departments, committees, and the tribal community. The functions of the board will include:

- 1) Providing advice to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer on the direction and priorities of the THPO program/department
- 2) Identifying and reviewing historic properties for National Register of Historic Places nominations.

### **How to get involved:**

If you are interested in being a part of the THPO Advisory Review board please send a letter/email of interest and a description of your qualifications to:

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## **Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO)**

The tribe is in the process of planning for a Tribal Historic Preservation Office and will be looking toward designating an individual as a Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. Many of you are probably wondering what is a THPO? And what is its purpose and function? How can I get involved?

The following information about THPO purpose and functions was provided by Dr. Jeff Chivis, contracted Cultural/Historical Preservation Consultant.

### **What Does a TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (THPO) Do?**

In general, a THPO ensures the preservation, protection, curation, and management of MBPI's ancestors, sacred objects, archaeological sites and objects, properties, archives, language materials, or cultural knowledge significant to Pottawatomini history and culture. Specific tasks include:

- 1) Working with tribal members and U.S. and state government agencies to identify and inventory historic properties, sacred places, or archaeological sites significant to Pottawatomini history and culture.
- 2) Consulting with and charging Federal agencies monetary fees to review construction projects in order to protect or preserve any known historic properties or archaeological sites.
- 3) Providing MBPI tribal members and the larger public with information, education, or training in historic preservation.
- 4) Preserving and curating archaeological objects and historical documents.
- 5) Identifying and nominating eligible properties to the *National Register* (The National Register is the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation).
- 6) Writing and managing THPO grants to fund THPO functions and projects.
- 7) As determined by MBPI, the THPO department will also work with MBPI NAGPRA representatives to return and rebury our ancestors from various universities and museums (even though this is technically not a THPO function according to the U.S. government)
- 8) In the future, potentially create MBPI's own tribal archaeology program/business, and conduct archaeological surveys and excavations to provide another source of revenue for the tribe