

Spirit Mountain fund board elects new chairman

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GRAND RONDE — Sho Dozono was elected chairman of the Spirit Mountain Community Fund Board of Trustees during a Sept. 28, meeting, officials of the fund announced recently.

Dozono, who began serving on the fund board in May 1997, succeeds Kris Olson.

Dozono, 65, is chief executive officer and owner of regional travel agency Azumano Travel in Portland. His term will run through Sept. 30, 2010.

Dozono will head a board that includes Grand Ronde Tribal Council Vice Chair Reynold Leno, and council members June Sell-Sherer and Camille Mercier, Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown and Portland attorney Chip Lazenby.

SMCF is the philanthropic arm of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, which donates 6 percent of profits from Spirit Mountain Casino to aid organizations in a 10-county region of northwestern Oregon.

Since its 1997 inception, SMCF has invested more than \$48 million in the local community, aiding organizations involved in health, arts and culture, education, historic preservation, public safety and environmental preservation.

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