

Kanata Native Cultural Centre board members appointed, dancers return home from L.A.

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SIX NATIONS - The Kanata Native Culture Society held it's first annual board meeting June 22 announcing the appointed board members.

The initial board meeting follows the return home of the Kanata Dancers from two months of touring elementary schools throughout central Los Angeles.

The six person entourage performed 91 shows of prairie style and pow wow style dance all for public school students

with the exception of two performances at other venues.

This is the second consecutive year the Kanata dancers have toured the central L.A. school district, "we have an American agent who o organize our entire U.S. bookings," says Naomi Powless.

Among the Ontario tour stops are Toronto, Ottawa and the London area. However the entourage has scheduled bookings in British

Columbia Washington and New Zealand.

Powless believes her travels with the theatre group has been beneficial, "I've made friends with people all over. People who have really influenced my life and my way of thinking. From the dancing itself I've gained a lot of confidence."

Dancers range between the ages of 18 to 30. Currently there are two levels of training for Kanata Dancers, "level one and level two, so far we have 8 supply dancers," said Holly Powless, Kanata treasurer and public relations officer.

The newly appointed Kanata board is comprised of, Carole Powless as board chair person, vice president, Rene Thomas, treasurer Holly Powless who also works as public



The Kanata Dancers have travelled throughout North America performing prairie and pow wow style dance. (left to right) Garrett Jones, Tabitha Honyust, Marc Neuman, Brian General, Naomi Powless, Maureen Dowan and Cherri Medena.

relations officer, secretary, Darlene Hill, fund raiser Bertha Smoke, membership, Jessie Maracle with

board members Romaine Bomberry and Jodi Hill.

To show their appreciation for community support the Kanata National Culture Society

is planning to host an event in Six Nations Veterans Park July 21 with a special performance by the Kanata dancers.