Carl Roessel Slater elected as Navajo Nation Council Delegate

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Carl Roessel Slater took the Oath of Office for the Navajo Nation Council as the Council Delegate for the Tsaile/Wheatfields, Lukachukai, Round Rock, Tséch'izhí and Rock Point Chapters at the Navajo Nation Council Chamber Oct. 10.

Delegate Slater was elected at a special election carried out by the Navajo Election Administration Sept. 24 upon the retirement of Delegate Nelson S. BeGaye.

Navajo Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice JoAnn Jayne administered the oath for Delegate Slater Oct. 10 after the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors acted to certify the special election results.

Delegate Slater thanked those in attendance after taking the oath and shared a statement of gratitude to the chapters he represents.

Slater's maternal clan is Kiyaa'áanii, his paternal clan is S^{II} 'Dine'é, his maternal grandfather is S^{II} 'Dine'é, and his paternal grandfather is S^{II} 'Dine'é. Delegate Slater's mother is Faith Roessel and his father is Matthew Slater. His maternal grandparents are the late Ruth and Robert Roessel of Round Rock, Ariz. His paternal grandparents are the late Ruth and Carl Slater of New Rochelle, N. Y.

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"We are honored to have Delegate Slater alongside us on the floor of the Navajo Nation Council," Speaker Seth Damon said. "The five chapter communities Delegate Slater represents can continue to be confident that their voice is being heard at Council."

"On behalf of the Nez-Lizer Administration, we congratulate Council Delegate Carl Slater and we wish him well as he takes on the challenge of serving his communities. We look forward to working together with Delegate Slater and all of the council members," President Jonathan Nez said.

Damon expressed appreciation, on behalf of the 24th Navajo Nation Council, to the five chapters, the Navajo Board of Election Supervisors, the Navajo Election Administration and the Office of Hearings and Appeals for their work in carrying out the special election.

Slater will serve on the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee and the Navajo Community Development Financial Institution and Síhásin Subcommittees.

Following the swearing-in ceremony, Slater participated in the Naabik'íyáti' Committee meeting the same day, and cast his first vote as Navajo Nation Council Delegate.

The 24th Navajo Nation Council is the legislative body of the Navajo Nation and is comprised of 24 Council Delegates representing 24 voting districts across a total of 110 local Chapter communities.