

**From:** Jenny Miller <Jenny2010@cableone.net>  
**To:** Shannon Shaw  
**Sent:** Tue Dec 15 00:15:43 2009  
**Subject:** Jenny Miller - December Article

Ms. Shaw:

I'm curious as to why my December article hasn't been posted on the Osage News Online and am interested in knowing if it will be published in the Osage Newspaper. My records indicate that I sent my article to you on the 5th and again on the 7th.

Will you please enlighten me as to why my article has not been published?

Your attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Jenny Miller

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [Shannon Shaw](#)  
**Date:** 12/15/09 07:25:54  
**To:** [Jenny2010@cableone.net](mailto:Jenny2010@cableone.net)  
**Subject:** Re: Jenny Miller - December Article

My apologies, you didn't specify whether or not that was for the paper or the web site. If it's under 200 words we're going to assume it's for the paper. Other candidates have written two pieces, one for the paper and one for the web site and they were angered if we accidentally put up their smaller submission meant for the paper up on the site. Please be more specific in the future. And another thing Ms. Miller, I will not tolerate another accusatory email from you again. This is your last warning before your submissions will no longer be allowed. We will put up your seasons greetings today, but in the future don't forget to specify. Have a good day.

**From:** [Jenny Miller](#)  
**Date:** 12/15/2009 8:37:39 AM  
**To:** [Shannon Shaw](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Jenny Miller - December Article

Ms. Shaw:

Thank you for clarifying how this works. I truly was confused myself because I was aware of the 500 word article and the 200 word article.

Where I got confused was when I noticed my 200 word article on the website unexpectedly in October and November. Naturally, I have become accustomed to seeing my article on the website due to your decision making, not mine.

It is unfortunate that communications are at this level and I myself am now apparently as appalled as you that you would take my last inquiry as some sort of accusation. I fail to see a mere question on the matter as an

accusation of any sort.

It would be good of you to give people the benefit of the doubt. Since I have been in the process of moving, I wouldn't have been surprised at all if you had written back to tell me that I had missed the early deadline. Not having completely unpacked my office papers, I would have understood completely.

It is shameful and a true pity Ms. Shaw that you seem to be incapable of treating the Osage citizenry with any sort of respect or dignity whatsoever. This type of behavior on your part is totally uncalled for and unacceptable.

I would remind you that the Supreme Court dismissed Jim Gray's lawsuit regarding the Independent Press Act. Your conduct toward the citizens will most likely be taken into consideration in the very near future.

With that said, I wish you a good day and a Merry Christmas once again.

Jenny Miller

*From:* [Shannon Shaw](#)

*Date:* 12/15/2009 10:20:02 AM

*To:* [Jenny Miller](#)

*Cc:* [Benny Polacca](#); [Chalene Toehay](#); [Shannon Shaw](#)

*Subject:* RE: Jenny Miller - December Article

Good morning Ms. Miller,

Due to your lack of civility and professionalism, I have forwarded your email to our editorial board and they have instructed me to suspend your submissions for six months. Sorry it had to come to this but you were warned. You are still free to publish ads according to the Osage News ad rates, which you have a copy of.

Shannon Shaw

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**From:** Jenny Miller [mailto:Jenny2010@cablone.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2009 4:02 PM  
**To:** Shannon Shaw  
**Subject:** Request

Ms. Shaw:

Please see the attached letter to you requesting your Policies & Procedures, the Minutes of the meeting held by the Board yesterday, December 15, 2009 and contact information of the Board members.

Jenny Miller

*Jenny M. Miller*

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*December 16, 2009*

*Shannon Shaw  
Osage News  
Pawhuska, OK 74056*

*Ms. Shaw:*

*It is my desire to receive the Policy and Procedures of which the Osage News is directed to perform their duties as well as the Minutes of the meeting held by the Osage News Board on December 15, 2009 in which they voted to suspend further campaign articles issued on my behalf.*

*Within a four (4) month period, beginning on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009, I have experienced two very similar reactions from you for merely asking pertinent questions.*

*It is my further desire to discuss in a formal meeting with the Board, these unfortunate circumstances put upon me, a citizen of the Osage tribe.*

*Your timely response to my request along with contact information of the Board members will be greatly appreciated.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jenny M. Miller  
Candidate for Osage Nation Congress*

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**From:** [Shannon Shaw](#)  
**Date:** 12/16/2009 4:05:23 PM  
**To:** [Jenny Miller](#)

**Subject:** RE: Request

I will send your request to our board member at the moment, Dennis McAuliffe. The Osage Nation Congress has not yet appointed their board member.

Shannon Shaw

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December 16, 2009

Osage Nation Congress

Congress Members,

*I have recently experienced my second less than professional experience from the Interim Editor of the Osage News, Shannon Shaw. As a result of my asking pertinent questions on each occasion, Ms. Shaw has suspended me from placing articles in the Osage Newspaper.*

*It seems Ms. Shaw interprets questions as accusations in the most atrocious and vindictive way of which I am baffled and unable to determine how such an oddity can occur.*

*As a result, I sent a request for the Policies and Procedures under which the Osage News is to operate as well as the Minutes of a supposed meeting of the Osage News Board members who determined that I would be suspended from the use of the Osage News. I further asked for a formal meeting with the Board to discuss this unfortunate imposition.*

*Ms. Shaw answered my request by indicating that the Osage Nation Congress had not appointed a Board Member yet and that Dennis McAuliffe is the only Board member. This indicates to me that I have been unjustly put upon by a one man Board.*

*Your attention to this matter will be appreciated.*

*Sincerely,  
Jenny M. Miller  
Candidate - Osage Nation Congress*

**From:** [Shannon Shaw](#)

**Date:** 12/17/2009 3:31:04 AM

**To:** [Jenny Miller](#)

**Subject:** RE: Request

On our Web site, under the About section, you will find a copy of our policies and procedures. I have copied and pasted our comments policy for your convenience.

**Comment Policy: You are solely responsible legally for the content of your Submissions. However, while OsageNews.org does not and cannot review every Submission and is not responsible for the content of these messages, OsageNews.org reserves the right to delete, move, or edit Submissions that it, in its sole discretion, deems abusive, defamatory, obscene, in violation of copyright or trademark laws, or otherwise unacceptable.**

Regarding board minutes: the decision was made to suspend you for six months by our only board member Dennis McAuliffe. We had a telephone conversation and I e-mailed him the e-mails you had sent to me. He made the decision that you were harassing me and that your comments to me were abusive and that you were to be suspended for six months. In light of the Supreme Court ruling our advisory group doesn't officially exist anymore and we are following established procedure. Mr. McAuliffe was appointed to the Editorial Board by Chief Gray following the ruling.

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*From:* [Benny Polacca](#)

*Date:* 12/28/2009 6:07:55 PM

*To:* [Jenny2010@cableone.net](mailto:Jenny2010@cableone.net)

*Subject:* Osage News seeking comment on the decision to suspend your written submissions

Ms. Miller:

I'm writing to follow-up on the decision made earlier this month by Osage News Editorial Board member Dennis McAuliffe to suspend your written candidate submissions following the e-mail exchange/ disagreement between you and Editor Shannon Shaw during the week of Dec. 15.

We're planning on writing a story tomorrow (Tuesday) reporting the decision and I'm writing this evening to ask if you have any comment or reaction to the decision.

If so, please let me know by tomorrow morning. Thank you.

Benny Polacca  
Osage News  
Pawhuska, Okla.

*From:* [Jenny Miller](#)

*Date:* 12/28/2009 10:31:24 PM

*To:* [Benny Polacca](#)

*Subject:* Reply

Mr. Polocca:

I refer you to the attachments and the below copy of the post I submitted on the Osage Shareholder Forum. Please feel free to refer to these documents when writing your article on the matter of the Osage News suspending me from further campaign articles in the Osage People's News source. I always find that the law of the land and/or the Osage Nation whichever the case may be are the best source for guidance. You're welcome to quote me on that.

Jenny Miller

Osage News-Miller Suspended

**From:** Jenny Miller

**Date:** 28 Dec 2009

**Time:** 23:10:20 -0500

**Remote Name:** 72.24.41.11

## Comments

I received an e-mail from Benny Polocca this evening. The time of the e-mail was 6:07 p.m. Dec. 28th. I didn't read it until 8:20 p.m.-----  
Here is what the e-mail says:-----Ms. Miller: I'm writing to follow-up on the decision made earlier this month by Osage News Editorial Board member Dennis McAuliffe to suspend your written candidate submissions following the e-mail exchange/ disagreement between you and Editor Shannon Shaw during the week of Dec. 15.-----We're planning on writing a story tomorrow (Tuesday) reporting the decision and I'm writing this evening to ask if you have any comment or reaction to the decision. ---If so, please let me know by tomorrow morning. Thank you.-  
-----Benny Polacca--Osage News--Pawhuska, Okla.-----It is my intent to send Mr. Polocca ARTICLE IV – Declaration of Rights, ARTICLE X – Code of Ethics, ONCA 07-53 – Open Meeting Act, Indian Civil Rights Act and the Supreme Court Decision regarding the Independent Press. --  
-----It is my belief that laws and rules have been broken in this instance but I am fully aware that my taking action would do nothing but line the already bulging pockets of Gray's attorneys with our (the Osage people's) money not to mention my own funds of which can and will be

used to continue my campaign.-----I firmly believe it is my campaign of informing the Osage public that has caused this odd attack against me.-----My asking a mere question is hardly grounds for being suspended from any newspaper but we have witnessed similar actions taken against me in August of this year for the very same reason, (asking a question).-----Fortunately for me, I have most of you helping me inform the Osage public and as a result, over 2,000 Osages or interested parties read my online newsletters, over 200 are receiving the newsletter via e-mail and I mail out or hand deliver the newsletter to exactly 37 individual Osages.-----We have met our agenda in a united front and I thank all of you for that.-----Suspending me from the Osage News will do nothing but help my quest for a Congressional seat.----- We are witnessing nothing more than retaliation for OUR job well done!

*From:* [Shannon Shaw](#)

*Date:* 12/29/2009 11:02:35 AM

*To:* [Jenny Miller](#)

*Cc:* [Chalene Toehay](#); [Benny Polacca](#); [Shannon Shaw](#)

*Subject:* Decision reversed

Good morning Jenny,

After much discussion our Editorial board member and I have decided to reverse our previous decision to ban you from the paper. You may have already seen that we went ahead and published your article in the December issue and we are going to put your article on the Web site pronto. We will be publishing a news article in the morning that will let the Osage people know about the situation.

For future submissions please send them to our editorial assistant, Chalene Toehay, and please specify if you want them posted on the Web site as well. Her e-mail address is [ctoehay@osagetribe.org](mailto:ctoehay@osagetribe.org).

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