

Saturday, October 19

1:00 – 5:00 **NCAI Executive Board Meeting**
Room: San Miguel

Sunday, October 20

8:30 – 5:00 **Task Force/Work Group Meetings**

9:00 – 12:00 **Morning Meetings**

Tribal TANF Task Force

Room: Acoma/ Tesuque/ Zuni

The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss current Administrative and legislative initiatives impacting Tribal TANF nationally, with the goal of highlighting solutions and discovering best practices in order to overcome barriers to the delivery of programs. The Tribal TANF Task Force has consistently supported goals to increase tribal nations' authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs, and will continue to identify solutions to increase program efficiency.

Two Spirit Task Force

Room: Isleta/Jemez

The role of NCAI's Two Spirit Task Force is to assist in the coordination, collaboration, and outreach to Indian Country on Two Spirit issues and to develop and share approaches and solutions to policy issues that affect Two Spirit/LGBTQ community members in a manner consistent with tribal self-determination.

NCAI Task Force on Tax and Finance

Room: Mesilla

The Task Force on Tax and Finance will facilitate Indian Country's input on issues within the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee's purview; organize tribal priorities on legislative tax policy; facilitate Indian Country on developing and proposing solutions to dual taxation; and share information regarding tribal-state tax agreements.

Violence Against Women Task Force

Room: Ruidoso

The Violence Against Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women. The Task Force will hear updates from key federal partners, discuss the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and other important

legislative priorities, and share information and experiences related to the crisis of missing and murdered Native women.

Developing Your Civic Engagement Plan of Action

Room: Navajo/Nambe

In this session, we encourage people involved in voter engagement and Census 2020 work within their tribal nations to participate in an interactive workshop focused on developing a civic engagement plan of action for their community. Different resources will be shared; tactics for increasing voter registration and increasing your overall count for community will be discussed. Materials will include an afternoon of developing social media campaign toolkits and some sample Get out the Native Vote and Indian Country Counts materials. Please bring a laptop or tablet to this session.

1:00 – 5:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**

3:00 – 5:00 **Marketplace Exhibitors Check-In**

1:00 – 4:00 Afternoon Meetings

Federal Recognition Task Force

Room: Mesilla

The Federal Recognition Task Force is intended to address the unique interests of non-federally recognized Indian tribes, including issues such as the federal acknowledgment process, how non-federally recognized tribes work with state and local entities, and other issues. The Federal Recognition Task Force invites all interested tribal nations and tribal citizens to participate.

Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force

Room: Acoma/Tesuque/Zuni

The purpose of the Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force is to strengthen the ability of NCAI to advocate for the unique issues of the tribal nations with large land bases, and to foster unity and cooperation among all tribal nations to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, cultures, and quality of life for all. The Task Force will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.

NCAI Native Languages Task Force

Room: Isleta/Jemez

Developments in Native languages have taken place at the tribal, state, and federal policy levels. Tribal nations are taking innovative approaches to revitalizing their languages, and states are adopting Native languages as official state languages. This is an open session of the Native Languages Task Force to discuss Native American language protection and revitalization from tribal leaders' perspectives.

Addiction Task Force

Room: San Miguel

Continuing the discussion at NCAI's Mid-Year Conference last June, the Addiction Task Force will showcase a new resource for prevention work, including case studies on cultural approaches to prevention, and youth perspective and opportunities.

Violence Against Women Task Force (continued)

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The Tribal Border Caucus

Room: Pecos

Tribal crossings of the U.S.-Canada and U.S.-Mexico borders for traditional, cultural or religious purposes has been a paramount concern of tribal nations split by the invisible lines that divide their homelands and relatives. The Tribal Border Caucus invites all northern and southern border tribes to provide updates and discuss ongoing issues such as travel visas, treaty rights, and searches of tribal regalia or items.

Census Create-a-thon with National Congress of American Indians and the Census Open Innovation Labs

Room: Navajo/Nambe

During the Civic Engagement Day of the NCAI Annual Convention, you're welcomed to join the Census Open Innovation Lab for a Create-a-thon to help get out the count during the 2020 Census. In this interactive workshop, you'll take everything you learned about the importance of Census outreach, and work hand in hand with local creatives and tribal census count coalition leaders to develop digital content to reach your community.

5:00 – 6:00

NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee

Room: Mesilla

NCAI requests that all committee and subcommittee chairs attend this important meeting.

6:30-8:30

United League of Indigenous Nations Gathering

Room: Ruidoso

4:00–6:00 NCAI Youth Meet & Greet

Room Anasazi

Come get to know other Native youth from across Indian Country while making posters for the health walk. All youth in attendance are invited and pizza will be served.

Monday, October 21

7:00 – 8:00

Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering

Civic Plaza

This event is a casual gathering. Attendees will hear encouraging stories of faith and strengthen relationships. A water ceremony also will take place.

8:00–12:00 Youth Morning Session

Room Anasazi

An Introduction to how NCAI works & Indian Country 101

Overview: Youth Commission

NCAI Current Youth Commission Officers

Leadership Skills

Jeri Brunoe, Youth Trainer Extraordinaire

Self-Advocacy for Students with Disabilities

Native American Disability Law Center

7:30 – 5:00

Registration/Rules & Credentials

Room: Hall 3 Foyer

Open for duration of the Convention

7:30 – 5:00

Resolutions Office

Room: Suites E/F

Open for duration of the Convention

9:00 – 4:00

Elders' Lounge

Room: Tijeras

Open for duration of the Convention

8:30-1:00pm

Department of Transportation Consultation*

Room:

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT or Department) requests comments on a proposed rule to establish and implement the Tribal Transportation Self-Governance Program (TTSGP or Program), as authorized by Section 1121 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The proposed rule was negotiated among representatives of Tribes and the Federal Government. The Program would provide to participating Tribes greater control and decision-making authority over their use of certain DOT funding for which they are eligible recipients while reducing associated administrative burdens. These proposed regulations include eligibility criteria, describe the contents of and process for negotiating self-governance compacts and

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funding agreements with the Department, and set forth the roles, responsibilities, and limitations on the Department and Tribes that participate in the TTSGP.

9:00 – Noon

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

NCAI Climate Action Task Force Meeting

Room: Hopi/Tewa

The working mission of the Climate Action Task Force (CATF) is to “document, inform, and support the climate action efforts of tribal nations and Native organizations, and identify and advocate for policies and funding designed to empower their ability to engage in effective, sustainable climate action.” This meeting will be led by the four CATF Co-Chairs.

Census Bureau Consultation*

Room: Picuris

Through the tribal consultation, Census Bureau staff will provide tribal communities with further details on the Census Bureau's plans to modernize its disclosure avoidance methodology for the 2020 Census and potential changes to the 2020 Census data products.

Advancing Tribal Renewable Energy and Economic Development Through Tribal Government-Foundation Partnerships

Room: Taos

The Hopi Tribe, Navajo Nation, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) will discuss a pilot project intended to advance large-scale renewable energy projects to help support tribal nation’s efforts to diversify their economies. The pilot project was designed through input provided by tribal nations at a series of listening sessions, and is intended to meet tribal staff and leadership where they are and help accelerate their projects through the stages where they might otherwise falter. Come join us for this engaging discussion.

DOI Listening Session – Buy Indian Act Updates*

Room: Laguna

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is hosting this tribal listening session to discuss proposed revisions to Buy Indian Act regulations that will, among other things, remove current restrictions and allow DOI to apply the Buy Indian Act to all types of construction.

9:00-10:30

Building Better Money Habits in Tribal Communities: A Train-the-Trainers Workshop

Room: Acoma/Tesuque/Zuni

Please join NCAI and Bank of America for this special free workshop presenting Bank of America’s “Better Money Habits” financial “know-how” curriculum. Participants will learn the “Better Money Habits” basics, and also will be trained to train others in their tribal nations to use the curriculum to develop stronger financial management skills that will help them and their families grow assets and build wealth over the long run.

Noon – 1:00

NCAI New Member Orientation

Room: Isleta/Jemez

All members and officers are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI, which will include a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process. This is an opportunity to learn more about NCAI meeting policy and procedures.

Noon – 1:00

Marketplace Grand Opening Celebration

Room: Hall 3

Come help kick off the opening of the Marketplace with light food, prizes, and special entertainment.

1:30 – 4:00

First General Assembly

Ballroom

1:30

Call to Order

Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI

Honor Guard

Drum Group

Invocation

Welcome

2:10

Welcome from Local Officials

2:30

Rules of the Convention

Yvonne Oberly, Chair, NCAI Rules and Credentials Committee

Resolutions Process

Juanita Ahtone, Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee

2:40

President's Address

Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI

2:55

Chief Executive Officer's Report

Kevin Allis, Chief Executive Officer, NCAI

3:10

Department of the Interior Update

3:40 **Tribal Leader Discussion**

4:15 – 6:00 **Committee Meetings**

Economic, Finance & Community Development – Room: *Cimarron*

Human Resources – Room: *Aztec*

Land & Natural Resources – Room: *Galisteo*

Litigation & Governance – Room: *Brazos*

Veterans – Room: *Doña Ana*

5:00–6:00 **Youth: End of the Day Wrap Up**

Room Anasazi

Youth attendees please join us to share your experiences of the day, learn about opportunities, and mingle with other youth attendees.

6:00 – 8:00

WELCOME RECEPTION

Albuquerque Convention Center

Join the fun at the Welcome Reception hosted by the Local Planning Committee. Don't miss an evening of great food and friends!

Tuesday, October 22

7:15 – 8:15

Regional Caucus Meetings

Alaska Area – Room: <i>Acoma/Tesuque/Zuni</i>	Pacific Area – Room: <i>Santo Domingo</i>
Eastern Oklahoma Area – Room: <i>Navajo/Nambe</i>	Rocky Mountain Area – Room: <i>Chaco</i>
Great Plains Area – Room: <i>Laguna</i>	Southeast Area – Room: <i>Santa Ana</i>
Midwest Area – Room: <i>Sandia</i>	Southern Plains Area – Room: <i>Cochiti</i>
Northeast Area – Room: <i>Picuris</i>	Southwest Area – Room: <i>Taos</i>
Northwest Area – Room: <i>Hopi/Tewa</i>	Western Area – Room: <i>Isleta/Jemez</i>

8:00–8:20 Youth: Morning Gathering *Room Anasazi*

8:30 – 12:00 Second General Assembly *Ballroom*

8:30 **Call to Order**
 Aaron Payment, First Vice President, NCAI

Invocation

Announcements

8:40 **Red Cross Update**

8:50 **Special Recognition**

9:05 **Jamie Stuck, Chairperson, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi**

9:15 **Indian Country Counts**

Honoring Treaty Rights: Cherokee Nation Delegate to Congress
 Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation

Census Update
 Dr. Steven Dillingham, Director, U.S. Census Bureau

11:30 **Tribal Leader Discussion**

11:00-11:50 Youth Session *Room Anasazi*

College and Career Readiness – American Indian Graduate Center

NCAI Youth Leadership Awards presented by Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association.

Tickets are available for purchase.

“Grow with Google” Train the Trainer Workshops

Room: Ruidoso

1:00 – 2:45

Grow with Google - Digital Skills for Everyday Use: A Train-the-Trainer Workshop

A pre-registered event for 30 participants

In partnership with Google, NCAI is offering a free Grow with Google train-the-trainer workshop to help you lead your community in building their digital skills. Learn how to help others make the most of their time by managing work in Google Sheets and creating a meeting agenda in Google Docs that drives their projects forward at their own pace. You will then dive into the Applied Digital Skills program, Google’s ready-to-use video lessons designed to teach digital skills that have immediate, real-life application and empowers tribal citizens to prepare for and build careers as successful professionals.

3:00 – 4:45

Grow with Google - Get Your Business Online: A Train-the-Trainer Workshop

A pre-registered event for 30 participants

In partnership with Google, NCAI is offering a free Grow with Google train-the-trainer workshop to help you engage small businesses in your community in building their presence online. You will explore Google My Business, a free tool for local businesses who want to connect with customers on Google Search and Maps. You will learn how to provide hands-on help to businesses to create or update their business profiles or a simple website. You will then dive into the Applied Digital Skills program, Google’s ready-to-use video lessons designed to teach digital skills that have immediate, real-life application and empowers small businesses and budding entrepreneurs in tribal communities.

1:30 – 3:00

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Becoming Visible: A Landscape Analysis of State Efforts to Provide Education about American Indians and Alaska Natives

Room: Acoma/Tesuque/Zuni

This session will showcase a brand new landscape analysis of state efforts to provide accurate, culturally responsive, tribally specific, and contemporary content in their K-12 curriculum. Native educators, school leaders, and policy advocates will hear about the methods, and results of this national landscape analysis, and in addition will discuss what efforts can be done in their state in mobilizing efforts to implement Native education for all K-12 students.

Recommended Speakers:

Jodi Archambault MPP, Director of Indigenous Peoples Initiatives, Wend Ventures

Yvette Roubideaux MD MPH, Vice President of Research and Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

Nicholas Courtney, Policy Analyst, NCAI

Tribal Food Sovereignty: Leading Approaches and Lessons Learned from Indian Country

Room: Taos

This breakout session showcases three innovative tribal food sovereignty initiatives that offer tribal nations and organizations important, transferrable lessons about how to approach the task of reclaiming and revitalizing tribal food systems comprehensively. Representatives of these initiatives also will discuss the direct, reciprocal relationship between food sovereignty and the economic, social, cultural, mental, and spiritual wellbeing of Native people, and how their initiatives work deliberately to strengthen the wellbeing of Native people in different ways.

Recommended Speakers:

Moderator: Chelsesa Fish, Project Manager, NCAI Tribal Food Sovereignty Advancement Initiative

Joanie Buckley, Internal Services Division Director, Oneida Nation

Twila Cassadore, Pre-Reservation Nnee/Ndee Diet and Healthcare Project, San Carlos Apache Tribe

Loren Bird Rattler, Project Manager, Agriculture Resource Management Plan, Blackfeet Nation

Tribal Youth and Juvenile Justice: Research and Resources for Tribal Nations

Room: Cochiti

Tribal youth are overrepresented in federal and state juvenile justice systems, which are not equipped to identify or meet their needs. While they are incredibly resilient additional research is needed to access the scope of roadblocks and produce better outcome for tribal youth. In response, tribal nations have developed innovative practices to support and heal their youth. In this breakout panelist will focus on the landscape of tribal youth in juvenile justice systems today, launch NCAI's new juvenile justice data resource guide, and highlight resources available to tribal nations to support their youth.

Recommended Speakers:

Kelbie Kennedy, Esq., Policy Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva, Researcher, Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

Stephanie Autumn, Director, Tribal Youth Resource Center, Tribal Law and Policy Institute

Update on Indian Medicaid Priorities

Room: Picuris

Tribal leaders are proposing a set of amendments to the federal Medicaid law that will provide greater access to and responsiveness of the Medicaid program for the Indian health system, while at the same time reducing regulatory burdens and costs on the States. The amendments are designed to provide equal access to Medicaid resources for Indian health programs and American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) across all States. This workshop will provide an overview of proposed amendments, an update on legislative strategy, and an overview of how to get involved supporting the initiative.

Tribes in a Transitional Energy Economy

Room: Hopi/Tewa

In this Breakout Session we will have three interrelated panels. Each panel will discuss different aspects of tribal-energy initiatives. The first panel will discuss tribal advocacy to state and federal governments and focus on legislative and administrative strategies; the second panel will focus on industry-scale approaches taken by tribes, for example, the creation of tribal utilities; the final panel will focus on community-scale tribal projects. In all cases, sustainable business practices will be highlighted.

Indian Country Counts: 2020 Census Update

Room:

How will you answer the 2020 Census? This session will provide information on what the 2020 Census race question will look like and what American Indian and Alaska Native tribal citizens and leaders need to know in answering this question. The session will also include updates on proposed 2020 Census data products, the American Indian and Alaska Native Communications and media Campaign, and the Tribal Partnership Program.

Lands Working Group

Room:

The Tribal Lands Working Group will hold this meeting to further ongoing discussions with respect to fee to permitting and environmental review issues, and simple tax practices for tribes exercising civil regulatory authority over tribal lands. The session is intended to provide information, share thoughts and better inform tribal leaders about each topic discussed.

Recommended Speakers:

Darren Modzelewski, Policy Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

International

Room:

3:15 – 5:30

Subcommittee Meetings

Disabilities – *Room: Tijeras*

Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Room: Santa Ana*

Education – *Room: Acoma/Tesuque/Zuni*

Elders – *Room: Tijeras*

Energy & Mineral Policy – *Room: Hopi/Tewa*

Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Room: Cimarron*

Health – *Room: Picuris*

Housing – *Room: Santo Domingo*

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Room: Isleta/Jemez*

Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Room: Cochiti*

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Room: Navajo/Nambe*

Public Safety & Justice – *Room: Chaco*

Taxation – *Room: Pecos*

Technology & Telecommunications – *Room: Mesilla*

Transportation & Infrastructure – *Room: Sandia*

Tribal Gaming – *Room: Laguna*

Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture – *Room: Taos*

Veterans – *Room: Doña Ana*

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5:30 – 7:00 **Transportation Task Force**

Room:

Join us to share your experiences from the day, learn about opportunities, mingle with other youth attendee, create Health Walk posters, and get ready for tomorrow’s agenda.

7:00 – 10:00

Gala Banquet

Ballroom: Brazos

Tickets are available for purchase.

Come enjoy delicious food, and an evening of warm company and pleasant memories. This will be an evening you won’t want to miss!

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Wednesday, October 23

7:00–7:15 **Youth: Morning Gathering**

Room Anasazi

7:30 – 8:30 **National Native American Just Move It! Healthy Lifestyles Walk, Run and Rally Hosted by IHS and N7**

Room: Hall 3 Foyer

15th Annual National Native American Health & Fitness Walk. Come and join leaders as we all “Walk the Talk” and show our commitment to wellness. All participants will receive healthy lifestyles incentives!

9:00 – 10:00 **Regional Caucus Meetings**

Alaska Area – *Room: Acoma/Tesuque/Zuni*

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Southwest Area – *Room: Taos*

Northwest Area – *Room: Hopi/Tewa*

Western Area – *Room: Isleta/Jemez*

10:15 – Noon

Third General Assembly

Ballroom

10:15

Call to Order

Juana Majel Dixon, Recording Secretary, NCAI

Invocation

Announcements

10:20

NCAI Health Fellowship

Bob Burnette

10:25

Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Special Presentation

10:30

Rules and Credentials Report

Nominations and Speeches for NCAI Board Administrative Offices

Standing Rules of Order, Section V. A. 3. Nomination speeches shall be no longer than two minutes. Individuals making nominations must state their name, the tribe they represent, and indicate that they are a member in good standing with NCAI. Nominations do not have to be seconded, and no seconding speeches shall be allowed. Campaign speeches by candidates shall be no longer than five minutes.

11:30	Minority Business Development Agency Carolee Wenderoth, Expert, Office of Native American Business Development Minority Business Development Agency U.S. Department of Commerce
11:40	Tribal Leader Discussion

10:45	Youth Session	<i>Room Anasazi</i>
	Our Voice Matters – We Count! How to engage your community to make a difference for all of Indian Country. This session will share tips, toolkits, and discuss ways to help Get Out the Native Vote and make sure Indian Country Counts!	

12:00	Lunch Break
12:00 – 1:00	DOI Listening Session – BIA Law Enforcement Updates* <i>Room: Laguna</i> DOI is hosting this listening session to discuss current and upcoming issues related to Indian Country law enforcement, correction, and court and training programs.

1:30 – 3:00	Concurrent Breakout Sessions
	Building Sustainable Economies: How to Create, Maximize, and Explain Your Impact <i>Room: Santa Ana</i> This breakout session will bring together leaders of economy-building tribal nations and leading academics to discuss the keys to building sustainable tribal economies, how tribal leaders need to work strategically to maximize the benefits of tribal economic activity, and the often incredible impact that tribal economies are making beyond reservation boundaries.
	The Protect ICWA Campaign: How you Can Help in the Fight to Protect Native Children and Tribal Sovereignty Today <i>Room: Cochiti</i> Thanks to the tireless efforts of tribal nations, tribal organizations, advocates, and allies, native children and families prevailed in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Brackeen v. Bernhardt case. While this win has been monumental for Indian Country, the opposing parties will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Over the past year NCAI, NICWA, NARF, and AAIA have worked together to create the Protect ICWA Campaign to help coordinate policy, legal, and communications efforts in order to protect native children and uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act. This panel will focus on the outcome of the 5th Circuit ruling and how you can join the Protect ICWA Campaign as we head into next stage of the case.

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Long-Term Care Success Stories: Providing for Elders, People with Disabilities, and Veterans

Room: Pecos

Long – Term Care is crucial for elders, people with disabilities, and veterans to receive necessary daily care in a respectful and safe way. This session will focus on strategies for accessing funding, expanding services/reimbursements in communities, supporting caregivers, and how to advocate for long-term care for Indian Country.

Going Green: Industrial Hemp and Tribal Next Steps

Room: Hopi/Tewa

As required by the 2018 Farm Bill, the USDA is drafting regulations wherein Tribes and States may apply to the USDA for approval to administer hemp production in their jurisdictions. In this Breakout Session we will discuss the current status of the USDA regulations and what is next for Indian Country.

Starting and Sustaining Your Tribal Emergency Management Program

Room: Isleta/Jemez

Tribal nations are often the first and only lines of defense when natural and man-made disasters strike Indian Country. When responding to disasters tribal nations work to save both tribal and non-tribal citizens lives but have few resources to build capacity and sustain a working emergency management program. This breakout will focus on ways tribal nations have built and sustained their emergency management programs. In addition, panelist will examine the process for tribal nations to declare a state of emergency to access federal funds and the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program

Recommended Speakers:

Jeffery Hansen, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

*Denise (Bambi) Kraus, National Tribal Affairs Advisor, Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEMA TBD*

Preparing your Nation for the 2.5GHz Band Auction

Room: Mesilla

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced its plans to auction off spectrum licenses in the 2.5 GHz band. The 2.5GHz band is prime spectrum for next generation broadband operations, including 5G mobile operations. As part of this auction, the FCC will hold a tribal priority window to enable tribal nations to obtain 2.5 GHz licenses to provide service on rural tribal lands. NCAI has partnered with Google and Mural Net so that every tribal nation may understand the upcoming tribal priority window and how to apply. For tribal nations that vote to secure licenses, Google will donate legal assistance and funds required to complete the application through a specialty firm.

Helping Victims of Crime in Indian Country: From Resource Mapping to Sustainable Funding

Room:

Tribal citizens in Indian Country experience some of the highest crime victimization rates in the nation. When victims seek help, it is hard for them to find adequate resources or wrap around services to meet their needs. Over the past three years, NCAI has worked with partners to identify resources and gaps for victims of crime in Indian Country by launching the tribal resource tool. In addition to the tool, Congress recently appropriated a tribal set-aside from the Crime Victims Fund (CVF) to assist tribal victims. However, there have been roadblocks to assuring that the Department of Justice distributes all of these funds to tribal nations. In this breakout panelist will demonstrate the tribal resource tool, premier

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NCAI's research reports on victims of crime in Indian Country, and highlight challenges tribal nations have encountered when trying to access CVF resource and ways to overcome those challenges.

Recommended Speakers:

Gayle Thom, Project Director, National Center for Victims of Crime

Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva, Researcher, Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

Michelle Demmert, Co-Chair, NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women.

The Current Landscape of Tribal Self-Governance and Sovereign Immunity

Room: Taos

Tribal sovereign immunity is a core attribute that tribal nations rely upon to exercise self-governance and to help diversify tribal fiscal resources. Recently there have been more and more challenges to tribal sovereign immunity and it will be important for tribal leaders to understand the landscape in this area and what efforts are being taken to help protect tribal sovereign immunity. Please join us for this important and informing discussion.

3:15–5:00 Steven Paul Judd Session

Room Anasazi

Artist, Steven Paul Judd, will lead us in a creating some fun and creative ways to show the world that We Count.

3:15 – 5:30 Subcommittee Meetings

Disabilities – *Room: Tijeras*

Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Room: Santa Ana*

Education – *Room: Acoma/Tesuque/Zuni*

Elders – *Room: Tijeras*

Energy & Mineral Policy – *Room: Hopi/Tewa*

Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Room: Cimarron*

Health – *Room: Picuris*

Housing – *Room: Santo Domingo*

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Room: Isleta/Jemez*

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5:30–6:30 Youth: End of the Day Wrap-Up *Room Anasazi*

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5:30 – 7:30 **DOI Listening Session – BIE School Construction Update ***
Room: Laguna
DOI is hosting a listening session to discuss its plans for a comprehensive approach to assessing and improving the conditions of bureau-funded schools.

6:00 – 7:00 **NCAI Elections Committee Meeting**
Room: Santa Ana
Each region caucus is asked to send two people to assist in the elections process.

6:30 – 8:30 **CULTURAL NIGHT**
Room: Kiva Auditorium
All attendees are invited to a night featuring cultures of the southwest region including a live fashion show hosted by the Local Planning Committee. You don’t want to miss this!

Thursday, October 24

7:15 – 8:15 **Regional Caucus Meetings** *(optional)*

Alaska Area – Room: *Acoma/Tesuque/Zuni*

Eastern Oklahoma Area – Room:
Navajo/Nambe

Great Plains Area – Room: *Laguna*

Midwest Area – Room: *Sandia*

Northeast Area – Room: *Picuris*

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Southwest Area – Room: *Taos*

Western Area – Room: *Isleta/Jemez*

8:00 – 10:00 **NCAI Executive Board Elections**

Room: *San Miguel/Ruidoso*

Membership must be current by 5:00pm MT, Wednesday, October 23, to vote in the NCAI elections. In the event of a runoff between candidates, voting will take place between 8:00-10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 24.

8:00–8:30 **Youth: Morning Gathering**

Room Anasazi

8:00 – 5:00 **Indian Arts and Crafts Open**
Foyer

8:30 – 12:00 **Fourth General Assembly** *Ballroom*

8:30 **Call to Order**
W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

Invocation

Announcements

8:40 **UNITY, Inc.**

8:50 **NCAI Youth Commission Report**

9:00 **Special Recognition**

STRONG PARTNERS...STRONG NATIONS

9:15 **Tribal Supreme Court Project Update**
John Echohawk, Executive Director, NARF, *invited*
Dan Lewerenze, Staff Attorney, NARF

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	Derrick Beetso, General Counsel, NCAI
9:45	Partner Updates

11:00	Tribal Leader Discussion
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9:00–12:00 Youth Sessions *Room Anazasi*

UNITY Peer Guide Workshop	
LorenAshley Buford	
Rory Wheeler	
Tribal Leader Panel	
Moderated by Youth Commission Officers	

12:00 – 1:00	Elders’ Honoring Luncheon
	<i>Room: Brazos</i>
	Come enjoy a relaxing lunch with great company and special entertainment.

1:30 – 3:15	Town Hall with CEO	<i>Ballroom</i>
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3:30–5:00 Youth Sessions *Room Anazasi*

2020 Planning Session	
Join us to engage in a Youth Commission planning session to form our 2020 agenda and engagement strategy.	

3:30 – 6:00	Committee Meetings
	Economic, Finance & Community Development - Room: Cimarron
	Human Resources - Room: Aztec
	Land & Natural Resources - Room: Galisteo
	Litigation & Governance - Room: Brazos
	Veterans – Room: Dona Ana

5:30–6:30 Youth: Annual Covention Wrap-Up *Room Anasazi*

Join us to share your experiences from the week	
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Friday, October 25

8:30 – 12:00 **Indian Arts & Crafts Open**
Room: Foyer

8:30 – 12:00 **Sixth General Assembly**

8:30 – 9:00 **Call to Order**
Regional Vice President, NCAI

Invocation

Memorials

9:00 **Treasurer’s Report**
W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

9:20 **Swearing in of NCAI Board Members**

10:25 **Resolutions Committee Report**
Full Committee Reports and Consideration of Resolutions
Economic, Finance & Community Development
Human Resources
Land & Natural Resources
Litigation & Governance
Veterans

11:45 **Retire Colors**

Closing Invocation

12:00 **Adjourn 76th Annual Convention**

Other Meetings and Events

The meetings and events listed below are included to share other opportunities to network and come together on a particular topic. The meetings and events are not part of NCAI's main agenda.

Sunday, October 20

8:30am-5:00pm

FCC Tribal Radio Summit

Room: Laguna

A day-long overview of the importance of radio to Tribal lands and the benefits that flow from Tribally owned radio stations, followed by a discussion of FCC programs designed to foster the licensing and operation of Tribal radio stations, and the legal, engineering and financial considerations Tribes should consider when deciding whether to seek a radio-station license from the FCC.

9:00am-12:00pm

Emerging Roles of TEDs/TEAs

Room: San Juan

Tribal Education Departments/Tribal Education Agencies have important roles in the future of tribal nations. TEDs/TEAs have significant opportunities and roles to determine current and future local, state and federal policies affecting the success of tribal citizen students. Presentations will include tribal education codes and importance of acquiring and utilizing tribal student data.

11:00am-5:00pm

Governor's Interstate Indian Council

Room: Chaco

The Governor's Interstate Indian Council organization works through state governments to address issues and concerns of Native nations. State Indian Affairs Directors and Commissioners, tribal representatives and state delegates from across the nation will meet to address the most current issues facing American Indians. States are encouraged to participate by sending at least one representative to the meetings. During the meeting, the GIIC may pass resolutions in support of initiatives that impact Tribal Nations in a positive way and offers an opportunity for attendees to network and share information and experiences. State Representatives given provided an opportunity to report on their state initiatives and share examples of positive state and tribal government relations. The agenda provides a forum for presenters to inform and update members on issues facing Indian communities. At the end of the meeting the goal is to come up with new ideas in supporting one another in building stronger positive state and tribal relations.

Monday, October 21

9:30am-12:00pm

EMILY's List Run-to-Win Training

Room: Sandia

EMILY's List Run-to-Win Training, free to Native Americans who are interested in running for political office.