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2014 Annual Convention
Committee and
Subcommittee
Agendas



**2014 NCAI Annual Convention
Atlanta, GA**

**ECONOMIC, FINANCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Monday, October 27, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Dunwoody

Committee Co-Chairs:

Loris Taylor, President and CEO, Native Public Media
Annette Hamilton, Vice President and COO, Ho-Chunk, Inc.

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions: Representatives of NAFOA and NACA
3. Review Status of key issues identified by the Chair
4. Quick highlights of issues that Sub-committees will be addressing by Sub-committee Chairs.
5. Discussions on recommendations (if any) from the Sunday pre-meeting on International Commerce.
6. Discussion of key issues for Tribal Nations Summit and specific recommendations for the Administration and Congress.
7. Review of process for resolutions review and development of final committee report.
8. Other Businesses
9. Adjourn



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**ECONOMIC, FINANCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

Thursday, October 30, 2014
4:00-5:30 p.m.

Location: Dunwoody

Committee Co-Chairs:

Loris Taylor, President and CEO, Native Public Media
Annette Hamilton, Vice President and COO, Ho-Chunk, Inc.

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Consideration of Proposed Resolutions
4. Other Businesses or Actions Requested
5. Adjourn



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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE & EMPLOYMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Hanover E

Subcommittee Chair:
Sherry L. Rupert, Board Chair
American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association

1. Call to order
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Consideration of resolutions at the call of the Chair
(both Tuesday and Wednesday)
4. Issue updates and discussions, as identified by and at the call of the Chair
5. Other business
6. Adjourn



HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Hanover D

Subcommittee Chair:
Sami Jo Difuntorum, Chairwoman
National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)

1. Introductions – sign-up sheet
2. Welcome and Introduction
3. NAIHC Organizational Update- Sami Jo Difuntorum, Chairwoman, NAIHC
4. Congressional and Legislative Update of NAHASDA Reauthorization- Gary Cooper, Chairman, NAIHC Legislative Committee
5. Indian Housing Block Grant Formula Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Update- Gary Cooper and Sami Jo Difuntorum, NAIHC
6. Consideration of Resolutions – Sami Jo Difuntorum, NAIHC Chairwoman
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn



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HOUSING SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

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Location: Hanover D

Subcommittee Chair:
Sami Jo Difuntorum, Chairwoman
National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)

1. Introductions – sign-up sheet
2. Welcome and Introduction
3. Outlook of the 114th Congress for NAHASDA-
Kenneth Martin, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
4. Update on Proposed Regulations on Housing Improvement Program-
Leslie Jensen, Housing Program Officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Department of the Interior
5. Consideration of Resolutions – Sami Jo Difuntorum, NAIHC Chairwoman
6. Adjourn



TECHNOLOGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Courtland

Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

Loris Taylor, President & CEO, Native Public Media
Matthew Rantanen, Director of Technology,
Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Consideration of Resolutions
 - a. Full consideration in Tuesday, Oct. 28th meeting
3. Tech/Telecom Issue Updates
 - a. E-rate and Tribal Library Participation
 - i. Susan Feller, President & CEO, Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, & Museums (*invited*)
 - b. Positive Train Control Implementation & Cultural Resource Fund
 - i. Bambi Krauss, President, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (*invited*)
 - c. FCC Native Nations Broadband Task Force
 - i. Matthew Rantanen, Director of Technology, Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association
 - d. FCC Office of Native Affairs and Policy
 - i. Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief (*invited*)
 - e. International Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers
 - i. Technology & Telecommunications Co-Chairs, Loris Taylor & Matthew Rantanen
4. Closing



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TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Chicago D

Subcommittee Chair:
C. John Healy, President
Intertribal Transportation Association

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions: C. John Healy, NCAI Transportation Subcommittee Chair
3. Outlook of the 114th Congress for Transportation-
Kenneth Martin, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
4. Regulations Governing the Tribal Transportation Program-
Department of the Interior
5. Update on Tribal Transportation Program Coordinating Committee- TBA
6. Organization Update of the Intertribal Transportation Association-
C. John Healy, President, Intertribal Transportation Association
7. Consideration of Proposed Resolutions:
C. John Healy, NCAI Transportation Subcommittee Chair
8. Other Businesses
9. Adjourn



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Location: Chicago D

Subcommittee Chair:
C. John Healy, President
Intertribal Transportation Association

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions: C. John Healy, NCAI Transportation Subcommittee Chair
3. Consideration of Proposed Resolutions:
C. John Healy, NCAI Transportation Subcommittee Chair
4. Other Businesses
5. Adjourn



HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Monday, October 27, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Hanover C

Committee Co-Chairs:

Melvin Monette, President, National Indian Education Association
Lester Secatero, Board Chair, National Indian Health Board

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Organizational Updates
 - a. National Indian Education Association Update
 - i. Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director
 - b. National Indian Health Board Update
 - i. Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director
 - c. National Indian Child Welfare Association Update
 - i. Sarah Kastelic, Deputy Director
4. Presentations and Discussions
 - a. First Kids 1st
 - b. My Brother's Keeper – Native American Taskforce Update
 - i. Carrie Billie, American Indian Higher Education Consortium
 - ii. My Brother's Keeper Partner Updates
5. Closing



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Location: Hanover C

Committee Co-Chairs:

Melvin Monette, President, National Indian Education Association
Lester Secatero, Board Chair, National Indian Health Board

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Consideration of/Reporting Out Resolutions from Subcommittees
4. Closing



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EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Hanover B

Subcommittee Chair:
Melvin Monette, President
National Indian Education Association

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions:
3. Consideration of Resolutions
4. Discussion and Updates on Native Children's Agenda, Common Core State Standards, and Appropriations
 - a. Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director, National Indian Education Association
5. Subcommittee Issue Updates
 - a. National Indian Education Association Update
 - i. Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director
 - b. Tribal Education Departments National Assembly Update
 - i. Joel West Williams, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
 - c. American Indian Higher Education Consortium Update
 - i. Carrie Billy, President & CEO
6. Other Business/Discussion
7. Recess



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EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Hanover B

Committee Chair:
Melvin Monette, President
National Indian Education Association

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Consideration of Resolutions
4. Close Up Foundation/NCAI Indian Youth Summit Updates
 - a. Mia Charity, Chief Development Officer, Close Up Foundation & Rachel Talbert, Vice President of Curriculum, Close Up Foundation
5. The White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education Updates
 - a. William Mendoza, Executive Director
6. Other Business/Discussion
7. Recess



ELDERS & DISABILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Harris

Subcommittee Chairs:

Elders – Eddie Tullis, Chairman, National Indian Council on Aging
James Delacruz, Vice Chairman, National Indian Council on Aging

Disabilities – Joseph Ray, Executive Director, Native American Independent Living

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Consideration of Resolutions
4. Report from Administration on Aging Conference – Tribal Resources
 - a. Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Tribal Council & Government Health Liaison, Mashpee Wampanoag, *invited*
5. Update on Disability Policy
 - a. Workforce Investment Act Victory & Provisions
 - b. EPICS Conference, March 11-13, Albuquerque, NM:
www.nativespedconference.com
 - c. School-to-Prison Pipeline Project (NCAI & Arizona State University)
6. Closing



HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Learning Center

Subcommittee Chair:
Lester Secatero, Chairperson
National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions
2. NIHB Organizational Update
Lester Secatero, Chairperson
Stacy Bohlen, NIHB Executive Director
3. Legislative and Policy Update
NIHB Staff
4. Resolutions
5. Other Issues
 - a. PSA Campaign for the WKKF Dental Therapy Provider Project
Yvette Joseph, Kauffman & Associates, Inc.
6. Consideration of Resolutions
7. Adjourn



INDIAN CHILD & FAMILY WELFARE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Hanover F

Subcommittee Chair:

Gil Vigil, President, National Indian Child Welfare Association

1. Welcome & Prayer
 2. Introductions – Sign-in Sheet
 3. Announcements
 4. Discussions
 - a. Tribal Governance in Child Welfare (Policy and Procedures Development)
 - b. Expanding Advocacy for AI/AN Children
 - i. Intertribal Organizations
 - ii. Tribal Governments
 - c. First Kids 1st
 - d. Tribal Issues Discussion Forum (What is happening in your community?)
 5. Updates
 - a. ICWA
 - i. *ICWA: Guidelines for State Courts* Revision Discussion (Regulations v. Guidelines; Timeline)
 - ii. ICWA Class Action Suit (U.S. District Court – SD, Case No. 13-5020)
 - iii. United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination Shadow Report and Outcome Document
 - b. Tribal Child Welfare
 - i. Native American Children’s Safety Act (S. 2160 & H.R. 4534; Tribal Foster Care and Adoptive Homes Licensing Requirements)
 - ii. Human Trafficking Legislation (H.R. 4980)
 - iii. Tribal Adoption Tax Parity (S. 2570 & H.R. 2332)
 - iv. Child Welfare Finance Reform
 - v. GAO Study of Tribal Title IV-E Foster Care Programs
 - c. Anticipated rollout of report from the Attorney General’s Task Force on AI/AN Children Exposed to Violence
 - d. Tribal Customary Adoption Curriculum Sample and Update
 - e. Child Fatalities Commission
 6. Resolutions
 7. Recess/Adjourn
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LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, October 27, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Thursday, October 30, 2014
4:00-5:30pm

Location: Hanover B

Committee Chair:
Chief Kirk Francis, Penobscot Nation
Councilman Brooklyn Batiste, Nez Perce Tribe

1. Welcome, Call to Order, and Introductions
2. Distribution of Resolutions to Subcommittees (Monday)
3. Carbon Sequestration in Indian Country (Monday)
 - a. Cedric Cromwell, Chairman and President, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
4. Tribal Promise Zones (Monday)
 - a. Sara-Jane Smallwood, Director of Public Policy & Promise Zone Coordinator, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
5. Tribal Water Utility Personnel Capacity Development
 - a. Brian Bennon, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
6. Subcommittee Reports on Resolutions (Thursday)
7. Other Issues
8. Adjourn



ENERGY & MINERAL POLICY AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: Hanover C

Subcommittee Co-Chairs:
Chief Kirk Francis, Penobscot Nation
Councilman Brooklyn Batiste, Nez Perce Tribe

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions
2. Subcommittee Review of Resolutions
3. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs – Update on Indian Energy Legislation (Tuesday)
 - a. Rhonda Harjo, Deputy Chief Counsel to Vice-Chairman Barrasso (R-WY), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs–Washington, DC
4. Developments in Indian Energy and Mineral Activity
 - a. Steve Manydeeds, Chief Division of Energy and Minerals, Bureau of Indian Affairs – Denver, CO
5. [Hold] Presentation by Southern Ute Indian Tribe
 - a. Councilman James M. Olguin and Monte Mills, Legal Counsel
6. Other Issues
7. Adjourn



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION & LAND USE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00 pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00 pm

Location: Greenbriar

Subcommittee Co-Chairs:
Chief Kirk Francis, Penobscot Nation
Councilman Brooklyn Batiste, Nez Perce Tribe

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions
2. Subcommittee Review of Resolutions
3. A Culturally-Based, Decision-Facilitation Support Platform for Coupled Human-Ecological Systems (Tuesday)
 - a. Anne Harper and Kristina Vogt, University of Washington Students
4. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs – Update on Department of the Interior Irrigation Projects (Wednesday)
 - a. Brandon Ashley, Senior Policy Advisor to Vice-Chairman Barrasso (R-WY), Senate Committee on Indian Affairs–Washington, DC
5. A National Overview of Solid Waste Management Issues for Native American Tribes and Alaska Native Villages (Wednesday)
 - a. Mimi Guernica, Acting Associate Director, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR), OSWER, USEPA.
 - b. Michaelle Wilson, Chief, Federal State and Tribal Programs Branch, ORCR, OSWER, USEPA.
6. Other Issues
7. Adjourn



**TRUST LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCES, & AGRICULTURE
SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Dunwoody

Subcommittee Chair:
Zach Ducheneaux, Intertribal Agriculture Council

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions
2. Subcommittee Review of Resolutions
3. 2014 Farm Bill Update
 - a. Leslie Wheelock, Director, USDA Office of Tribal Relations
4. Child Nutrition Reauthorization Update and Information Presentation
 - a. Colby Duren, National Congress of American Indians
5. Other Issues
6. Adjourn



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LITIGATION & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA

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Thursday, October 30, 2014
4:00-5:30 p.m.

Location: Regency V

Committee Chair:
John Echohawk, Executive Director
Native American Rights Fund

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Introductions
3. Announcements
4. Venus Prince, Deputy Solicitor for Indian Affairs, US Department of Interior
5. Pending Litigation
6. Resolutions
7. Recess/Adjourn



**HUMAN, RELIGIOUS, & CULTURAL CONCERNS
SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Fairlie

Subcommittee Co-Chairs:

Juana Majel-Dixon, Member, Pauma Traditional Legislative Council
Suzan Shown Harjo, President, The Morning Star Institute

1. Invocation
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Consideration of Resolutions, both Tuesday and Wednesday, at Call of Chair
4. Issue Updates and Discussions, both Tuesday and Wednesday, at Call of Chair
 - a. Sacred Objects Protection and Recovery
 - b. Sacred Places, NCAI Resolutions and Federal Task Force on Sacred "Sites"
 - c. Eagle protection issues and "Eagle take" permits adopted by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 - d. Transportation & Safety Administration, trainings and tribal identification with TSA (Wednesday)
5. Closing



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JURISDICTION & TRIBAL GOVERNMENT SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
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Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Regency V

Committee Chair
John Echohawk, Executive Director
Native American Rights Fund

1. Welcome & Prayer
2. Introductions – Sign-in Sheet
3. Announcements
4. Resolutions
5. Recess/Adjourn



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TAX SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Hanover F

Subcommittee Chair:
Arlan Melendez, Chairman
Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

1. Welcome, Call to Order, Introductions
2. Issue Updates
3. Consideration of Resolutions
4. Adjourn



TRIBAL GAMING SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Baker

Subcommittee Chair:
Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman
National Indian Gaming Association

1. Invocation
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Gaming Resolutions Submitted
4. Congressional Updates
 - a. Key Races Impacting Indian Country
5. Legislative updates
 - a. 2015 Legislative Initiatives
6. Litigation Update
 - a. 9th Circuit Case, *Big Lagoon*
 - b. 7th Circuit, *Lac Du Flambeau v Wells Fargo*
7. Upcoming NIGA Meetings
 - a. Winter Legislative Summit, February 2015
 - b. NIGA Tradeshow, March 31-April 2nd, 2015
8. Closing



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VETERANS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, October 27, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Hanover A

Committee Co-Chairs:
Daniel King, Oneida Nation
Larry Townsend, Lumbee Tribe

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. U.S. Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs Town Hall
 - a. The Honorable Robert A. McDonald,
8th United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs
4. Proposed Reconfiguration of the Black Hills VA Health Care System
 - a. Stephen DiStasio, Director, Black Hills Veterans VA Medical Center
5. Consideration of Resolutions
6. Other Business/Discussion
7. Recess



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VETERANS COMMITTEE AGENDA

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Location: Hanover A

Committee Co-Chairs:
Daniel King, Oneida Nation
Larry Townsend, Lumbee Tribe

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. U.S. Selective Service System
 - a. Lawrence Romo, Director
3. Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families (SSVF) Grant Program
 - a. Rorie Scurlock, LMSW, Director, Regional Commission on Homelessness, United Way of Greater Atlanta
4. Vietnam War 50th Year Commemoration
 - a. Peter Aylward, Major General (Retired)
5. Resolutions
6. Other Business/Discussion
7. Recess



VETERANS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
4:15-6:00pm

Location: Hanover A

Committee Co-Chairs:
Daniel King, Oneida Nation
Larry Townsend, Lumbee Tribe

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. VA Office of Tribal Government Relations Updates
 - a. Mary Culley, Tribal Government Relations Specialist, Southern Plains and Eastern Regions, VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Tribal Government Relations
3. Benefits and the VA Claims System
 - a. Douglas Brooks, National President, America's Sensory Impaired Veterans Organization
 - b. Pete Molina, Director of Native American Affairs, America's Sensory Impaired Veterans Organization
4. Native American Direct Loan (NADL) Program
 - a. Greg Nelms, Loan Guaranty Officer, Veterans Benefits Administration
5. Resolutions
6. Other Business/Discussion
7. Recess



VETERANS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Thursday, October 30, 2014
4:00-5:30pm

Location: Hanover A

Committee Co-Chairs:
Daniel King, Oneida Nation
Larry Townsend, Lumbee Tribe

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Veterans Centers
 - a. Sharon Fredericks, Hopi Veterans Center Counselor,
Veterans Health Administration
3. Department of Labor Update – Veteran-Specific Programs and Grants
 - a. Maurice Buchanan, Regional Administrator, Atlanta Regional Office,
Veterans Employment Training (VETS) Office, Department of Labor
4. Veterans Treatment Court & “VA Benefits to Tribal Community” Economic Analysis
 - a. Carol Scott, Esq., Deputy Director, Case Placement, The Veterans
Consortium Pro Bono Program
5. Resolutions
6. Finalize Veterans Committee Report to the General Assembly
7. Closing Remarks
8. Closing Prayer
9. Adjourn