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Sunday, February 12		
1:00-5:00	NCAI Executive Board Meeting	Federal AB
Monday, February 13		
Time	Event	Room
7:30-5:00	Registration and Rules and Credentials Open	Upper Lobby
8:30-Noon	NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women The NCAI Task Force will be meeting to discuss recent policy developments.	Federal B
9:00-11:45	State of Indian Nations Brian Cladoosby, President, of the National Congress of American Indians will deliver the annual State of Indian Nations Address. RSVP is required.	Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave
9:00-Noon	Task Force on Federal Acknowledgment The Task Force on Federal Acknowledgment addresses issues regarding the exercise and acknowledgement of tribal sovereignty with a particular focus on the federal recognition process.	South American B
10:30-Noon	State of Indian Nations Watch Party	Presidential Ballrooms
1:30-5:00	1st General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Invocation	
1:40	Call to Order Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI	
1:45	President's Address Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI	
2:00	Executive Director's Report Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI	

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Time	Event	Room
2:15	White House Update William Kirkland, Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, The White House	
2:30	Senator Tom Udall (NM)	
2:45	Congressman Tom Cole (OK)	
3:00	Senator Al Franken (MN)	
3:15	Congressman Raúl Grijalva (AZ)	
3:30	Senator Steve Daines (MT)	
3:45	Senator James Lankford (OK)	
4:00	Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ)	
4:15	Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK)	
4:30	Congresswoman Norma Torres (CA)	
4:45	Tribal Leader Discussion	

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Tuesday, February 14		
Time	Event	Room
7:30-5:00	Registration Open Rules and Credentials Open	Upper Lobby
8:30-12:00	2nd General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	<p>Call to Order Fawn Sharp, 1st Vice President, NCAI</p> <p>Announcements</p> <p>Budget Discussion Ellen Nissenbaum, Senior Vice President for Government Affairs, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities</p> <p>Darren Benjamin, Senior Staff, House Appropriations Committee, U.S. House of Representatives, <i>invited</i></p> <p>Phil Bakershenk, Partner, Holland and Knight</p>	
8:40		
9:10	Supreme Court Update	
9:30	Bureau of Indian Affairs Update Michael Black, Acting Assistant Secretary	
10:15	Congresswoman Kristi Noem (SD)	
10:30	Senator Jon Tester (MT)	
10:45	Congressman Derek Kilmer (WA)	
11:00	Congressman Todd Rokita (IL)	
11:15	Congressman Don Young (AK)	
11:30	House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi	
11:45	Senator Debbie Stabenow (MI)	

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Time	Event	Room
Noon-1:00	Advocacy 101 Get the most out of your Congressional meetings by attending this annual training session for tribal leaders. Learn proven strategies on how to prepare for and have effective Congressional meetings.	Senate <i>Closed to Press</i>
Noon-1:00	Strategy Discussion About the Participation of Indigenous Governments at the United Nations RSVP to hnaylor@ncai.org .	South American B
1:30-3:00	3rd General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Call to Order Aaron Payment, Secretary, NCAI	
1:40	NCAI Update	
1:45	Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN)	
2:00	Congressman Doug LaMalfa (CA)	
2:15	Congressman Chris Collins (NY)	
2:45	Champion of Change Recognition Byron Dorgan, Former US Senator, Founder of Center for Native American Youth	
3:30-5:00	Concurrent Conference Sessions	
	NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force The Tribal TANF Task Force was created in 2008 and consists of tribal leaders and Tribal TANF program staff with the goal of ensuring that Tribes have a national voice in TANF and related human services programs' policies, administration and legislation. Click here for full agenda.	Pan American

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	<p>Tribal Housing and Housing Infrastructure Environmental Review Process Listening Session*</p> <p>In response to a Congressional directive, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) formed an interagency workgroup to examine, discuss and collect information from tribes on the environmental review process. The Coordinated Environmental Review Process Final Report was issued in December 2015, and made several recommendations. This HUD listening session is to seek and collect tribal feedback to develop a plan to move forward with the Report recommendations. For more information contact Hilary Atkin at Hilary.C.Atkin@hud.gov</p>	South American B
7:00-9:30	<p>19th Annual Leadership Awards Banquet</p> <p>Congressional Leadership: Representative Tom Cole Governmental Leadership: Larry Roberts Native American Leadership: Dave Archambault, II Public Sector: Norm DeWeaver Special Recognition: Keith Harper Special Recognition: Mary Smith</p>	<p>Presidential Ballrooms</p> <p>Tickets are available to purchase with registration.</p>

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Wednesday, February 15		
TIME	EVENT	ROOM
8:30-Noon	4th General Assembly	Presidential Ballrooms
	Call to Order	
	Announcements	
8:40	NCAI Update	
9:00	Congressman Markwayne Mullin (OK)	
9:15	Economic and Infrastructure Strategy	
9:45	Indian Health Service Rear admiral Chris Buchanan, Acting Director, Indian Health Service	
10:00	Lt. Governor Byron Mallott (AK)	
10:15	Congressman Jared Huffman (CA)	
10:30	United Nations Report Frank Ettawegeshik, Executive Director, United Tribes of Michigan	
10:45	John H. Thompson, Director U.S. Census Bureau	
11:30-12:00	Tribal Leader Discussion	
1:30-5:00	Concurrent Sessions/Hill Visits	
1:30-3:00	Tribal Sovereignty and Tax Reform	Senate
1:30-3:00	Joint Federal –Tribal Planning Meeting for Listening Sessions on World Intellectual Property Organization negotiations on Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge, Genetic Resources and Traditional Cultural Expressions The US Patent and Trademark Office is intending to conduct Listening Sessions with Tribe leaders in	South American B

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	2017 regarding ongoing negotiations at the World Intellectual Property Organization for a potential international instrument relating to intellectual property that would provide effective protection of traditional knowledge, genetic resources, and traditional cultural expressions, including those of Indigenous Peoples. This Planning Meeting will focus on suggesting the dates, agendas, and materials for these Listening Sessions, which were called for by NCAI. Input from Tribal leaders and their representatives is welcome on this important, in progress matter.	
3:30-5:00	Food, Nutrition, and Agriculture Opportunities for Indian Country: The 2018 Farm Bill and Beyond Click here for the agenda.	Senate
1:30-4:30	Telecom roundtable: Bridging the Digital Divide	Pan American
1:00	FEMA Tribal Disaster Declarations Pilot Guidance and Homeland Security Discussion The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) issued the Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance in January 2017. The Guidance governs procedures and criteria for a tribal government chief executive to request a presidential emergency or disaster declaration under the Stafford Act. For more information on this session click here.	Ohio
6:30-8:30	Capitol Hill Reception	National Museum of American Indian

Thursday, February 16		
Time	Event	Room
8:00-5:00	Congressional Hill Visits	
8:30-5:00	Tribal Interior Budget Council Meeting (TBIC)	Federal A&B

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OTHER MEETINGS & EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, DC (NOT HOSTED BY NCAI)

Date & Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, Feb 14		
12:00-1:00	<p>National Indian Women “Honor Luncheon” The National Indian Women “Supporting Each Other” has been honoring Native Women Leaders over the past 20 years! This honor has been provided for their leadership at the local, regional & national level. For more information, please contact Julie Johnson at julie2008@centurytel.net.</p>	Federal A&B
5:00-7:00	<p>Haskell Indian Nation University Reception Please join Haskell Indian Nation University for a St. Valentine's Day treat! Stop by to visit with fellow alumni, friends, staff and family from Haskell, past and present. We want to meet you and hear your stories about how Haskell has impacted you and/or your family and friends, while enjoying an hors d'oeuvre and beverage. See you there! For more information contact Vance Blackfox at vblackfox@haskellfoundation.org.</p>	Congressional
Wednesday, Feb 15		
5:00-7:00	<p>Center For Native American Youth (CNAY) Reception Join Senator Byron Dorgan (ret.) and distinguished guests for a reception to celebrate CNAY’s sixth anniversary and to honor Native American youth selected as 2017 Champions for Change. The reception will also feature awards to honorary champions for Native youth and remarks from policymakers and tribal leaders. We hope you can join this annual celebration of our work together to support our youngest First Americans. Please contact Bettina Gonzalez at Bettina.gonzalez@aspeninst.org for more information.</p>	Federal A&B
Thursday, Feb 16		
8:00 – 1:00	<p>Head to the Hill- NIEA 2017 Legislative Summit Join tribal leaders and Native education advocates as we meet with Members of Congress and</p>	Ohio

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Date & Time	Event	Location
2:00 - 3:00pm	<p>Administration officials about the needs and critical issues that impact Native students. Sessions will include information on the implications of school choice proposals and the upcoming fights for funding in the Congressional budget. In addition, participants can learn about leveraging resources to help increase the number of effective teachers of Native students. For more information contact Matt deFerranti at mdeferranti@niea.org.</p> <p>Tribal Policy Discussion on the Affordable Care Act and its Impact on Indian Country</p> <p>Please join Rep. Raul Ruiz, M.D., Members of Congress, and Tribal Leaders for a roundtable discussion on the future of the Affordable Care Act and implications for Indian Country. Space is limited. To reserve your seat, please RSVP to Ross Arnett by phone at 202-225-5330 or by e-mail at Ross.Arnett@mail.house.gov by Monday, February 13th, 2017.</p>	234 Cannon House Office Building

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