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## Sunday, October 13

### Full Day Sessions

9:00 – 5:00

#### **Native Languages Working Group: A Call to Action: Preserving Our Native Languages for Future Generations** *Conference Hall DS*

In 2010, tribal leadership declared Native languages to be in a state of emergency. Since then NCAI has been working with tribal stakeholders to advance Native language priorities under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Esther Martinez Native American Languages Preservation Act. However, advancing these priorities through Congress has proven difficult and requires a revamped, united tribal plan of action. This session will convene the Native Languages Working Group, consisting of tribal leaders, educators, and policy experts, for an in depth discussion on Native language preservation. Topics will include: identifying and compiling tribal best practices; language immersion techniques; immediate deliverables with this Administration and long-term solutions; and reanalyzing policy development and advocacy efforts.

#### **Native Women's Forum**

9:00 – 1:00 **Task Force on Violence Against Women**

*Conference Hall CS*

The NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against all Native women. This meeting will focus on updates regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 and the Pilot Project. The meeting will also discuss strategy surrounding continued advocacy efforts including funding, protecting our Alaska Native sisters, and the upcoming DOJ OVW Annual Tribal Consultation in Bismarck.

1:00 – 5:00 **Native Women's Caucus**

*Conference Hall CS*

The Native Women's Caucus supports the interests of women throughout Indian Country. The Caucus gives visibility and respect to Native women's perspectives and actions. Sessions will explore emerging issues that our communities are facing and the central roles of women and families.



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## **Morning Sessions:**

8:00 – 12:00

### **Training: Emergency Management Overview for Tribal Leaders**

*Conference Hall CN*

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will deliver a four-hour pilot course designed for tribal leaders seeking to successfully prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents and disasters. This four-hour course is designed to help tribal leaders understand how effective emergency management can improve the sustainability of their tribal community and better protect tribal citizens, lands, culture, and sovereignty. Space is limited to 25 participants each session. Upon completion of the course, participants will be mailed an EMI certificate of completion for 4 CEUs. Course topics include: (1) the benefits of emergency management in tribal communities; (2) the components of an effective emergency management program; and, (3) the role of a dedicated Tribal Emergency Manager.

Instructor:

Steve Golubic, Executive Director, National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC)

### **Affordable Care Act Implementation Training:**

#### **Large Tribal Employer Responsibility in 2015**

*Conference Hall BN*

All large employers, including tribal governments and tribal enterprises, will be required to offer affordable health insurance to their full time employees beginning January 1, 2015. This training will provide attendees with a basic understanding of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and detailed information about specific large employer provisions and responsibilities under the ACA.

### **Mobilizing to Support & Nurture Indian Youth**

*Conference Hall BS*

A few years ago, four national Native organizations came together to develop the Native Children's Agenda. These organizations include NCAI, NICWA, NIEA, and NIHB. In this session, participants will be asked, "What do we want for our children and youth?" and work to develop recommendations and strategic policy action to ensure this Native Children's Agenda has a widespread impact on the well-being of Native youth and families.

12:00 – 2:00

*Assembly Hall*

### **Native Organizations Joint Meeting**

*Invite Only*



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1:00 – 5:00

*Exhibit Hall Gallery*

## **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**

### **Afternoon Meetings**

1:00 – 5:00

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Instructor: Steve Golubic, Executive Director, National Tribal Emergency Management Council

#### **Our Natural Resources: Setting Policy Priorities**

*Conference Hall BN*

Tribes and intertribal natural resources organizations have worked to develop a common vision and strategies for addressing natural resources in a more comprehensive and holistic manner. Our Natural Resources, an ad hoc group of representatives from tribes, tribal natural resource organizations, government agencies, and other interested parties, will convene this session to broaden participation and engagement in the discussion and setting of policy priorities. A draft paper to be used for this session can be found at [www.ournaturalresources.org](http://www.ournaturalresources.org). This conference pre-session will be a working session to provide input for policy priorities, identify potential research areas, and discuss a process for identifying potential candidates for regional and national natural resource advisory bodies.

Facilitators:

Janie Hipp, University of Arkansas School of Law

Colby Duren, Legislative Associate, NCAI



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## **Federal Recognition Task Force**

*Conference Hall BS*

The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on any recommended changes in policies, procedures, or strategic plans in the tribal acknowledgement process. This session will continue work on the development of realistic, actionable recommendations to Congress and the Administration on revising the acknowledgement process.

## **Tribal TANF Task Force**

*Conference Hall DN*

The TANF Task Force was established to develop national tribal priorities for the reauthorization of TANF. This session will focus on the strategy for TANF reauthorization, and how we can further advance relevant priorities within the administration.

## **Youth Commission Business Meeting**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor G*

The NCAI Youth Commission will host a facilitated discussion to consider changes and additions to the Bylaws, to plan for future events, conferences, and fundraisers, and to identify long-term goals. This meeting will guide the work of Youth Commissioners, youth advocates, and tribal leaders for the duration of this Youth Commission.

3:00 – 5:00

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor D*

### **New NCAI Member Orientation**

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

Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI

John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI

Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, NCAI

5:00 – 6:00

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor F*

### **NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee**

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



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6:00 – 8:00

*Tulsa Hard Rock Casino*

### **Welcome Reception**

Come and visit old friends and make some new ones. This reception will kick off the great week we are going to have at the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention.

## **Monday, October 14**

7:00 – 8:00

*Conference Hall A*

### **Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering**

This event is a casual gathering. Attendees will hear encouraging stories of faith and strengthen relationships.

7:30 – 5:00

*Exhibit Hall Gallery*

Registration/Rules & Credentials - Open for the week

7:30 – 5:00

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor C*

Resolutions Office - Open for the week

9:00 – 5:00

*Exhibit Hall B*

Arts and Crafts - Open for the Week

9:00 – 4:00

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor G*

Elder's Lounge - Open for the Week

10:00 – 4:00

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor E*

Youth Commission General Assembly

8:30 – 12:00

**First General Assembly**

*Exhibit Hall C*

8:30 – 9:00

### **Call to Order**

Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI

### **Color Guard**

#### **Honor Song**

John Red Eagle, Principal Chief, Osage Nation  
Osage Nation Drum Group

### **Invocation**

George Tiger, Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation



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- 9:00 – 9:10                      **Welcome**  
S. Joe Crittenden, Deputy Chief, Cherokee Nation,  
NCAI Area Vice-President
- 9:10-9:20                      **Welcome from Oklahoma**  
Governor Mary Fallin, Oklahoma
- 9:20 – 10:20                   **Rules of the Convention**  
Yvonne Oberly, Credentials Committee Chair
- Resolutions Process**  
Juanita Ahtone, Resolutions Committee Chair
- President’s Address**  
Jefferson Keel
- Executive Director’s Report**  
Jacqueline Johnson Pata
- 10:20 – 11:20                   **Celebrating Our Past, Looking to Our Future**
- Celebrating NCAI’s History*  
Professor Thomas Cowger, East Central University, *invited*
- Recognizing Our Heroes, Celebrating 70 Years*  
President Jefferson Keel  
Jacqueline Johnson Pata
- 11:20                              **Tribal Leader Discussion**
- 11:50                              **Secretary Dr. Ernest Moniz, Department of Energy, *video***
- 12:00 – 1:00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor D                      **NCAI Press Conference**





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12:00 – 1:30

*Conference Hall BN*

### **Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force**

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 large land base tribes and to foster unity and cooperation among all tribes to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, culture, and quality of life for all. The Task Force will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.

1:30 – 4:30

### **Second General Assembly**

*Exhibit Hall C*

1:30

#### **Call to Order**

Juana Majel Dixon, First Vice-President, NCAI

NCAI Announcements

1:35

#### **Congressman Mike Honda**

**US House of Representatives, California, *video***

1:45 – 2:45

#### **Tribal Supreme Court Project Update**

John Echohawk, Executive Director, NARF

John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI

#### **Attitudes and Issues in the Tribal-Federal Trust Relationship**

Randy Noka, Narragansett Tribe

Greg Smith, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker

2:45 – 3:45

#### **Ending the Era of Racist “Indian” Mascots**

Suzan Shown Harjo, Morningstar Institute

Videos from “Change the Mascot” Event

3:45 – 4:30

#### **Tribal Leader Discussion**

4:30 – 6:00

#### **Committee Meetings**

Economic, Finance & Community Development

*-Conference Hall DN*

Human Resources-*Conference Hall BS*

Land & Natural Resources-*Conference Hall CN*

Litigation & Governance-*Conference Hall A*

Veterans-*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor E*



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6:00 – 6:30  
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**Youth Commission End of the Day Wrap Up**  
Youth Commissioners

6:00-7:30  
*Exhibit Hall B*

**Trade Show Networking Reception**  
An opportunity to network with top businesses across sectors including tribes, federal agencies, corporations, non-profits, tribal enterprises, tribal entrepreneurs, and artisans. Join us and discover new business opportunities!

## Tuesday, October 15

7:30 – 8:30

**Area Caucus Meetings**  
Alaska Area-Conference Hall BN  
Eastern Oklahoma Area-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor A&B  
Great Plains Area-Conference Hall CN  
Midwest Area-Conference Hall A  
Northeast Area-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor D  
Northwest Area-Conference Hall DN  
Pacific Area-Conference Hall DS  
Rocky Mountain Area-Conference Hall BS  
Southeast Area-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor D  
Southern Plains Area-Conference Hall CS  
Southwest Area-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor C  
Western Area-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor E

10:00 – 4:00  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor E*

Youth Commission General Assembly

9:00 – 7:30  
*Exhibit Hall B*

Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 – 12:00

**Third General Assembly**

*Exhibit Hall C*

8:30 – 8:40

**Call to Order**  
Edward K. Thomas, Recording Secretary, NCAI

Invocation





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- 8:45 **Sustaining Our Progress**  
Jackie Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI
- 9:00-9:45 ***Introduction to All Star Honorees***  
Megan Hill, Director of Honoring Nations, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development
- Presentations by the All Star Honorees***  
Archie Hendricks, Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility and Tohono O'odham Hospice  
*Tohono O'odham Nation*
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Constitutional Reform Project  
*Citizen Potawatomi Nation*
- Red Lake Walleye Recovery Program  
*Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians*
- 9:45 **Tribal Sovereignty, Sacred but Still Contested:  
*Are Tribal Leaders Prepared for the Stiff Challenges to Come?***  
Charles Wilkinson, Distinguished Professor,  
Moses Lasky Professor of Law, University of Colorado
- 10:15-11:30 **Interactive Discussion: What are the Opportunities for Tribes  
to Sustain our Progress?**
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Honoring Dusten Brown**
- 12:00-1:00 **Youth Honoring Luncheon**  
*Assembly Hall*  
NCAI Youth Leadership Awards presented by Ernie Stevens, Jr.,  
Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association  
*Tickets are available for purchase.*
- 1:30 – 4:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**
- Citizen Engagement: The Key to Establishing and Sustaining Good Governance**  
*Conference Hall BN*  
For Native nations, establishing and sustaining the good governance necessary to determine and then achieve their strategic priorities hinges on citizen engagement: the ability of a nation and its government to consult and educate its citizens about the major decisions it makes and



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implements in order to move the nation forward. This panel session will explore three examples of successful, innovative approaches to citizen engagement, and discuss the transferrable lessons other Native nations can learn from as they work to enhance their ability to effectively engage their citizens.

**Moderator:**

Dr. Ian Record, Manager of Educational Resources, Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy, University of Arizona

**Panelists:**

Jim Gray, Former Principal Chief, Osage Nation  
Patricia Riggs, Economic Development Director, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo  
Carri Jones, Chairwoman, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, *invited*

**Tribal Lands: Land Restoration, *Keepseagle* Settlement, and *Cobell* Land Buy Back**

*Conference Hall CS*

This session will address three important topics in tribal lands. First, we will continue our ongoing efforts to improve the process of trust land acquisitions by the Department of Interior. Second, the *Keepseagle* Settlement for discrimination against Native farmers is in a proceeding to determine a process for distributing the remainder funds, and we will be joined by Joe Sellers, attorney for the *Keepseagle* plaintiffs. Third, we will hear from regional representatives about the latest information on the \$1.9 billion fractionated land Buy Back program, and have a dialogue with the federal managers of the program.

Moderator: Michael Finley, Chairman, Colville Tribes

**Speakers:**

Joe Sellers, Lead attorney for the *Keepseagle* Plaintiffs, Cohen & Milstein  
Majel Russell, Elk River Law Office, *invited*

**Planning for Ongoing Fiscal Crises: Strategies and Contingencies**

*Conference Hall DN*

This breakout will review the state of the federal fiscal crisis, including sequestration, raising the debt ceiling, and impacts from the Budget Control Act, on tribal trust and treaty obligations. Tribes have much at stake in the resolution to the current budget stalemate in Congress. This breakout will review strategies for communicating with Congress, the media, and your own tribal communities about what is happening in Congress and how to protect tribal budgets. The second part of the breakout will address ways tribes and tribal consortia are mitigating reductions to base budgets, either through lean management, opportunities with IHS reimbursements, and other planning strategies to blunt sequestration effects.



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Moderator: W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Speakers:

Lloyd Miller, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry

David Blatt, Executive Director, Oklahoma Policy Institute

Lacey Horn, Oklahoma Policy Institute

## **Native Vote: On the Pathway to the Presidency – Equipping Native People to Run for Office**

*Conference Hall BS*

The success of the 2012 Native Vote campaign showed the impact we can have on elections when we focus our attention and work together to make Indian Country’s voice heard. But we all know there’s more work to be done – we want more engaged Native citizens and more Native people in elected office so Indian Country’s priorities are taken seriously by both parties at all levels of government. Join tribal leaders, elected representatives, and election experts as we talk about what we can do right now to build on our success, equip Native people to run for office, and prepare for a future where we can elect the first Native President!

Speakers:

Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation & NCAI President

Kalyn Free, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

Courtney Ruark Thompson, Director of Government Relations, Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation Businesses

Cassi Peters, Skyfire Media

Shannon Augare, Blackfeet Nation Councilmember and Montana State Senator, *invited*

Chuck Hoskin, Oklahoma State Representative

## **CDFI Fund Tribal Consultation: What Could Your Community Look Like In 2023 With Full Access To Capital And Credit?**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor A&B*

Demonstrating its continued commitment to serving the needs of Native communities, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) launched the “Access to Capital and Credit in Native Communities” study. Facilitated discussions will help identify the most successful practices, resourceful opportunities, and stubborn obstacles. Leaders of tribal governments, Native-owned businesses, national Native and tribal community organizations, economic development practitioners, financial services institutions, CDFIs, and policy makers are encouraged to participate.



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## **Tribal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Breakout Session**

*Conference Hall CN*

This two day session includes a roundtable about the process, procedures, and requirements for tribal governments in seeking a federal disaster declaration under the recent Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 amendments to the Stafford Act. Presentations will cover Tribal GIS application to emergency management planning; American Red Cross tribal community outreach; and, implementation of FirstNet, a high-speed wireless broadband data network dedicated to public safety for everyday use and emergencies.

Facilitators: Tim Zientek, Director Safety/Housekeeping, Citizen Pottawatomi Nation;  
Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI

Day One Speakers:

Frank Harjo, GIS Manager, Muscogee Creek Nation

Jake Heflin, President, Tribal Emergency Management Association (iTEMA)

Steve Golubic, Executive Director, National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC)

Misty Bruns, Ute Indian Tribe

Brian Howard, Legislative Associate, NCAI

## **World Conference on Indigenous Peoples**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor E*

The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) is a powerful tool tribes can use to assert, advance, and protect their rights. In September 2014, the UN will be holding a World Conference on Indigenous Peoples to discuss implementation of UNDRIP. This workshop will be an opportunity for tribal leaders to learn about the upcoming conference and how we can work to ensure that the UNDRIP is implemented in a way that will increase its impact at the local, regional, and national level.

Speakers:

Will Micklin, First Vice President, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes

Tim Coulter, Indian Law Resource Center

Frank Ettawageshik, United Tribes of Michigan

Kim Gottschalk, Native American Rights Fund

Andrea Carmen, International Indian Treaty Council

Rex Lee Jim, Vice-President, Navajo Nation, *invited*



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## **Protecting our Cultural Resources: Advocacy Efforts Domestically and Abroad**

### *Conference Hall DS*

Many Native Nations have navigated statutory and regulatory mazes to successfully regain and/or protect sacred objects and places. However, there remains a pressing need to strengthen federal laws, executive orders and tribal advocacy efforts, as well as to close international loopholes affecting the cultural rights of tribal nations. This session will focus on the following items: development of an online database of advocacy to protect sacred places and sacred objects; the Hopi Tribe's efforts to protect sacred objects from auction in Paris of sacred objects; the Pueblo of Laguna's efforts to repatriate and protect sacred items; and updates to NCAI's Policy on Sacred Places to apply the free, prior and informed consent standard and protection process and to increase coordination with tribes and others.

Moderator: Suzan Harjo, President, Morning Star Institute

Panelists:

The Honorable Cedric Kuwaninvaya, Hopi Tribal Council

The Honorable Richard Luarkie, Governor, Pueblo of Laguna

Brett Shelton, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

## **Tribal Sovereignty In Action: An Update on VAWA and TLOA implementation**

### *Conference Hall A*

This breakout session will begin with discussing implementation progress of the Tribal Law & Order Act of 2010. The session will then update and discuss the progress of the Working Group on Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction in implementing restored tribal jurisdiction over non-Indian domestic violence offenders.

Speakers:

Juana Majel-Dixon, Pauma Band of Mission Indians

Terri Henry, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

Jefferson Keel, Indian Law and Order Commission

Greg Bigler, ITWG member, Judge, Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Attorney General, Sac and Fox Nation, *invited*

## **Renewable Energy and Tribal Nations**

### *3<sup>rd</sup> Floor C*

In addition to conventional energy sources, tribes have the will and the means to pursue energy independence and efficiency through leading edge clean energy technologies at the community scale. Tribes are leading the way in evaluating and adopting clean energy systems to provide baseload power and fuel needs. As sovereign nations and governments, tribes are investing in energy infrastructure for long-term sustainability reasons – and in doing so, they often (as they have done for generations) embrace the unconventional. This session will explore innovations in





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biomass to fuel cell electricity systems; biodiesel production; intensive/controlled environment food/fish production; algae and algal end-production, hydrogen production, super-efficient/multi-fuel motors and ultra-light weight, high output electrical generation systems, with the purpose of providing ideas for potential implementation.

Moderator: Robert Shepherd, Chairman, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

#### Speakers:

Traver Kennedy, CEO, Molecular Power Systems

Dr. Richard Newbold, Managing Principal, BioSynEnergy LLC

Lori Bear, Chairwoman, Skull Valley Band of Goshute

4:00 – 6:00

#### **Subcommittee Meetings**

Disabilities-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor G

Economic Development, Finance & Employment

-Conference Hall BN

Education-Conference Hall BS

Elders-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor G

Energy & Mineral Policy-Conference Hall CN

Environmental Protection & Land Use-Conference Hall CS

Health-Conference Hall DN

Housing-Conference Hall DS

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor B

Indian Child & Family Welfare-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor G

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government-Conference Hall A

Taxation-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor F

Technology & Telecommunications-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor A

Transportation & Infrastructure-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor D

Tribal Gaming-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor D

Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor C

Veterans-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor E

5:30 - 6:00

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor E

#### **Youth Commission End of the Day Wrap Up**

6:00 – 7:00

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor A

#### **NCAI Technology Task Force Meeting**

This meeting will convene members of NCAI's Technology Task Force to discuss a future scope of work in the fields of technology and communications issues in Indian Country. The Technology Task Force was created during NCAI's 2013 Executive Council





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Winter session and is comprised of tribal leadership, tribal telecommunications companies, Information Technology (IT) experts, business and entrepreneurship initiatives individuals, and representatives from tribal organizations. The Task Force will meet to adopt a purpose statement, increase coordination with tribal governments and tech experts, and develop strategies to highlight technology initiatives that could benefit tribal lands.

6:30 – 8:30  
*Exhibit Hall C*

### **United League of Indigenous Nations Event**

The United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty was developed by NCAI's Special Committee on Indigenous Nation Relationships in 2007. The Treaty establishes an international political and economic alliance to advance the common interests of Indigenous nations on several issues, including: climate change, trade and commerce, cultural properties, and human rights. This meeting will consist of a signing ceremony for tribes interested in endorsing the treaty and a forum for discussion and presentation on important issues affecting indigenous peoples.

## **Wednesday, October 16**

7:30 – 8:30

### **Area Caucus Meetings**

Alaska Area-Conference Hall BN  
Eastern Oklahoma Area-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor A&B  
Great Plains Area-Conference Hall CN  
Midwest Area-Conference Hall A  
Northeast Area-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor D  
Northwest Area-Conference Hall DN  
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9:00 – 4:00  
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Youth Commission General Assembly

9:00 – 7:30  
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Exhibit Hall Open



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8:30 – 11:30

## **Fourth General Assembly**

*Exhibit Hall C*

8:30 – 8:45

### **Call to Order**

W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

### **Invocation**

### **Announcements**

### **Credentials and Membership Report**

Yvonne Oberly, Credentials Committee Chair

8:45 – 9:00

### **Honoring Our Partners**

Big Brothers, Big Sisters

Roche Diagnostics

9:00 – 10:00

### **Partnerships that Strengthen Tribal Economies**

This interactive plenary panel discussion will feature representatives of key Indian Country partners. We will consider how to strengthen partnerships that stimulate business development in Indian Country. Each company will share about their partnerships with Indian Country and tribal leaders will be invited to consider how to deepen partnerships with these – and other – businesses.

Moderator: John Mooers, President, Blue Stone Strategy Group

Panelists:

Sam McCracken, General Manager, Nike N7

Ben Friedmann, Co-Chair, Google American Indian Network

Ronnette Smith, Senior Manager, Corporate Affairs, Walmart

Bank of America, *invited*

10:00 - 10:15

### **World Conference on Indigenous Peoples**

10:15 – 11:15

### **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.



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Nominations do not have to be seconded, and no seconding speeches shall be allowed.

11:30 – 12:30  
*Outside Exhibit Halls*

### **National Native American Just Move It!**

Healthy Lifestyles Walk, Run and Rally  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual National Native American Health & Fitness Walk.  
Come and join leaders from more than 500 nations as we all “Walk the Talk,” and show our commitment to wellness. All participants will receive Healthy Lifestyles incentives!

12:30 – 1:30  
*Exhibit Hall C*

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual White House Tribal Nations Summit Preparation Meeting**

1:30 – 4:00

### **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

### **Helping Bridge the Poverty Gap in Our Communities**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor G*

The panel will discuss why Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is important and how tribes are leveraging TANF to provide critical resources to families in need. Tribal TANF is a flexible program, and best practices will illustrate the creative things tribal TANF programs are doing to help their citizens climb out of poverty and prepare for and achieve sustainable employment.

Facilitator: Gil Vigil, Executive Director, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos, Inc.

### **CDFI Fund Tribal Consultation: What Could Your Community Look Like In 2023 With Full Access To Capital And Credit?**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor A&B*

Demonstrating its continued commitment to serving the needs of Native communities, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) launched the “Access to Capital and Credit in Native Communities” study. Facilitated discussions will help identify the most successful practices, resourceful opportunities, and stubborn obstacles. Leaders of tribal governments, Native-owned businesses, national Native and tribal community organizations, economic development practitioners, financial services institutions, CDFIs, and policy makers should participate.

### **Tribal Emergency Management/Homeland Security Breakout Session**

*Conference Hall CN*

This two day session includes a roundtable about the process, procedures, and requirements for tribal governments in seeking a federal disaster declaration under the recent Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 amendments to the Stafford Act. Presentations will cover Tribal GIS



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application to emergency management planning; American Red Cross tribal community outreach; and, implementation of FirstNet, a high-speed wireless broadband data network dedicated to public safety for everyday use and emergencies.

Facilitators: Tim Zientek, Director Safety/Housekeeping, Citizen Pottawatomi Nation;  
David Munro, Emergency Manager, Morongo Band of Mission Indians

**Speakers:**

Rose Whitehair, Director, Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management  
Eric Jones, Disaster Officer (AZ, CO, NM, and WY), American Red Cross

## **Consumer Financial Protection Resources for Native Communities**

### *Conference Hall BS*

Increased financial capability in Native communities is critical to build a better future. When Native individuals, families, businesses, and tribes make better financial decisions and know how to protect their financial interests, it benefits everyone and helps strengthen tribal economies. Consumer financial protection covers many issues including: identity theft protection; investment scams; payday lending; credit card fraud – to name a few. Recent financial settlements (*Cobell* and *Keepseagle*) and one time or on-going per capita payments can bring unwanted attention to the financial resources of tribal citizens. This workshop highlights resources available from Native Financial Education Coalition partners whose mission is to ensure that Native consumers and tribal leaders get the information they need to make the financial decisions they believe are best for themselves and their communities.

Moderator: Sherry Salway Black, NCAI

**Panelists:**

Elke Chenevey, Vice President, Merrill Lynch  
Mark Widell, Tax Clinic Director, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services  
Christy Finsel, Coordinator, Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition  
Bill Dorris, Attorney, Kirkpatrick Townsend

## **Employer Strategies under the Affordable Care Act**

### *Conference Hall A*

Generally tribes and tribal enterprises will be required to purchase insurance for all full time employees beginning in 2015. However, paired with the new opportunities under the law, tribes have a number of options when considering purchasing private coverage. This panel will present the options under the law and walk through possible strategies based on size and type of tribal governments and enterprises.



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## Speakers:

Tena Jolley, Benefits and Compensation Director, Chickasaw Nation

Angela Powell, Strategic Account Executive, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma

Robert Yoder, Yoder & Langford, P.C.

## **Building Strong Tribal Housing Infrastructure: Strategies that work!**

### *Conference Hall BN*

Safe, affordable housing is critical to building a strong tribal economy and constrained federal funding means innovative strategies are critical. The panel will discuss strategies that have been used by tribes and banking institutions to finance and leverage affordable homes for tribal members. Discussion will focus on strategies to provide affordable housing to low-income tribal members and offer homeownership opportunities to middle-income tribal members, by using the combination of HUD Title VI Program; housing tax credits; and Section 184. This breakout session will provide insights from the experiences of tribes that have effectively developed their housing infrastructure.

Moderator: Joe Garcia, Ohkay Owingeh Head Councilman

## Panelists:

Gary Cooper, Cherokee Nation Housing Authority

Annette Bryan, Executive Director, Puyallup Nation Housing Authority

Valerie A. Williams, SVP, Senior Client Manager, Bank of America, N.A.

James Horvick, VP - Director of Acquisitions, Raymond James

Nancy Bainbridge, Senior VP, Bank2

## **Building Our Economies: Creating Jobs through Entrepreneurship**

### *Conference Hall DN*

As we focus on growing sustainable economies and creating jobs, entrepreneurship can be an important mechanism for job creation and keeping local money flowing within the community. Small businesses strengthen the economy by creating self-sustaining jobs and providing important services to their communities. In this session, panelists will discuss developing necessary business skills and leveraging tools to run successful businesses in niche areas in Native communities, such as arts and crafts and the tourism industry. Further, there will be an emphasis on filling local goods and service gaps through entrepreneurship.

Moderator: Rocky Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation – *invited*

## Speakers:

Veronica Hix, Executive Director, ONABEN





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David Archambault, Jr. Workforce Training Director, UTTC – *invited*

Lori Pourier, President, First Peoples Fund

Mary Jane Ferguson, President of AIANTA, American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association

## **The Future of Native Foods: Sovereignty, Safety, and Sustainability**

*Conference Hall CS*

The focus of this session is to engage tribal leaders in a discussion of agriculture and foods issues affecting all of Indian Country. It will examine the state of food production in Indian Country, specifically: food sovereignty practices and sustainability—who is really in control of our food system; a review of food safety regulations and how Native food producers can become involved in and prepare for the regulations stemming from the Food Safety Modernization Act; and the status of the Farm Bill and what it means for Indian Country.

Speakers:

Rita Williams, Chairperson, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Food and Fitness Policy Council

Janie Simms Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative

Zach Ducheneaux, Program Manager, Intertribal Agriculture Council

Raymond Foxworth, Senior Program Officer, First Nations Development Institution

A-dae Romero, Executive Director, Cochiti Youth Experience, Inc.

## **Tribal Water Settlements: Turning ‘Paper Water’ into ‘Wet Water’**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor C&D*

Over the past decade there has been an increase in the settlement of historic and embattled tribal water rights. Yet, the long-awaited conclusion of many of these legislative, administrative, and legal battles has presented a new challenge: obtaining the federal funding promised for infrastructure projects. A number of tribes have been successful in leveraging federal funds and additional resources to bring settlement waters to their respective communities. This session will address new challenges tribes are facing to implement these settlements, ranging from the obtainment of federal funding to creation of tribal water codes, management, and conservation practices.

Speakers:

Darcy Bushnell, Director, Stoll Water Ombudsman Program, University of New Mexico

Jason Hauter, Attorney, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld

Rebecca Miles, Nez Perce Tribal Executive Director, *invited*

Heather Whiteman Runs Him, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund





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## **Intertribal Tax Initiative: Current Issues & Legislative Agenda for 2013 & 2014**

### *Conference Hall DS*

NCAI has been working with a coalition of tribal leaders and organizations on an initiative on tribal government taxation. This breakout session seeks to further our progress, with a focus on tax policy that fosters revenue generation and economic growth on Indian reservations including: General Welfare Exclusion, Per Capita Act Issues, Other Pending Tax Legislation, Tribe to Tribe Trade Legislation, Marketplace Fairness Act, and other issues.

### Speakers:

Chairman Arlan Melendez, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe

Jason Giles, NIGA

Dante Desiderio, NAFOA

Howie Arnett and Wendy Pearson

Del Laverdure, Crow Tribe

Kim Teehee, Mapetsi

Tex Hall, Mandan, Arikara & Hidatsa Nation

John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI

4:00 – 6:00

### **Subcommittee Meetings**

Disabilities-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor G

Economic Development, Finance & Employment

*-Conference Hall BN*

Education-*Conference Hall BS*

Elders-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor G

Energy & Mineral Policy-*Conference Hall CN*

Environmental Protection & Land Use-*Conference Hall CS*

Health-*Conference Hall DN*

Housing-*Conference Hall DS*

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor B

Indian Child & Family Welfare-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor G

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government-*Conference Hall A*

Taxation-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor F

Technology & Telecommunications-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor A

Transportation & Infrastructure-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor D

Tribal Gaming-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor D

Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor C

Veterans-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor E



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- 5:00 **REGISTRATION: In order to vote in NCAI Elections Tribal and Individual Memberships must be current by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16.**
- 5:30 – 6:00  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor E* **Youth Commission End of the Day Wrap Up**
- 6:00 – 7:00  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor F* **NCAI Elections Committee Meeting**  
Each area caucus is asked to send two people to assist in the elections process.
- 6:00 – 8:00 **Cultural Night – *Tulsa Hard Rock Casino***

## Thursday, October 17

- 7:30 – 8:30 **Area Caucus Meetings**  
Alaska Area-Conference Hall BN  
Eastern Oklahoma Area-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor A&B  
Great Plains Area-Conference Hall CN  
Midwest Area-Conference Hall A  
Northeast Area-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor D  
Northwest Area-Conference Hall DN  
Pacific Area-Conference Hall DS  
Rocky Mountain Area-Conference Hall BS  
Southeast Area-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor D  
Southern Plains Area-Conference Hall CS  
Southwest Area-3<sup>rd</sup> Floor C  
Western Area-2<sup>nd</sup> Floor E
- 9:00 – 5:00  
*Exhibit Hall B* Exhibit Hall Open
- 10:00 – 4:00  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor E* **Youth Commission General Assembly**



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8:30 – 12:00	<b>Fifth General Assembly</b>	<i>Exhibit Hall C</i>
8:30 – 8:40	<b>Call to Order</b>  <b>Invocation</b>	
8:40 – 8:50	<b>Youth Commission Report</b>	
8:50 – 9:10	<b>Children’s Agenda</b> <i>Representatives of NCAI, NICWA, NIEA, and NIHB</i>  <b>Center for Native American Youth</b> Erin Bailey, Director, Center for Native American Youth	
9:10 – 10:30	<b>Issue Updates</b>  <b>Tribal Tax</b> Arlan Melendez, Chairman, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony  <b>Agriculture</b> Zach Ducheneaux, Intertribal Agriculture Council  <b>Gaming</b> Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association  <b>Housing</b> Cheryl A. Causley, Chairwoman, National American Indian Housing Council  <b>Education</b> Dr. Heather Shotton, President National Indian Education Association  <b>Health</b> Rex Lee Jim, President, National Indian Health Board	
10:30 – Noon	<b>Elections</b> Membership must be current by 5:00, Wednesday, October 16, to vote in the NCAI elections	



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12:00 – 1:00  
*Assembly Hall*

**Elder’s Honoring Luncheon**  
*Tickets are available for purchase.*

12:00 – 1:00pm  
*Conference Hall BN*

**Google Training: Growing your bottom line, online!**  
Chris Genteel, Head of Diversity Markets at Google, is on hand to share with businesses the “how to” of improving their organization's presence online. Best practices and the latest resources are offered to assist in building your social media presence. Learn how to use the latest web-based technologies, as well as the array of Google-owned properties available. his Google session is a “must attend” for your organization/business staff dedicated to driving web and online programming and marketing.

1:30 – 4:00

*Sixth General Assembly*

*Exhibit Hall C*

1:30 – 1:40

**Call to Order**

1:45-2:00

**TANF**

Elaine Bethel-Fink, Tribal Chairwoman, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians  
Glenn Basconillo, Chief Operations Officer, Owens Valley Career Development Center  
Jim Thomas, TANF Committee Chairman of Affiliated Tribe of Northwest Indians

2:00-2:30

**Baby Veronica Update**

Terry Cross, NICWA  
Jack Trope, Association on American Indian Affairs

2:45 – 3:00

**Senator Mark Begich,  
US Senate, Alaska, invited**

3:00 – 3:40

**Issue Updates**

**Technology Task Force**

Matthew Rantanen, Co-Chair, NCAI Technology Task Force



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## **Consumer Protection**

Sherry Salway Black, NCAI

## **Native Languages**

Joe Garcia

## **Preparations for the White House Tribal Nations Summit**

Jackie Pata, NCAI Executive Director

3:40 – 4:00

## **Remembering the Bobby Kennedy Speech to NCAI**

David Gipp, President, United Tribes Technical College

4:00 – 5:30

## **Committee Meetings**

Economic, Finance & Community Development

*-Conference Hall DN*

Human Resources-*Conference Hall BS*

Land & Natural Resources-*Conference Hall CN*

Litigation & Governance-*Conference Hall A*

Veterans-*3<sup>rd</sup> Floor E*

7:00 – 10:00

*Tulsa Ballroom*

## **Gala Banquet**

*Tickets are available for purchase.*

## **Friday, October 18**

8:30 – 12:00

**Seventh General Assembly**

*Exhibit Hall C*

8:30 – 9:00

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Memorials**

9:00 – 9:15

**Treasurer's Report**

W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI



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9:30 – 10:00

## **Rules and Credentials Report**

### **Swearing in of Officers**

10:00 – 11:45

## **Resolutions Committee Report**

### **Full Committee Reports and Consideration of Resolutions**

Economic, Finance & Community Development

Human Resources

Land & Natural Resources

Litigation & Governance

Veterans

11:55 – 12:00

## **Retire Colors/Closing Prayer**

12:00

## **Adjourn 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**





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## Other Meetings and Events

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

#### Cherokee Art Market

9:00 – 5:00pm

Hard Rock Hotel Casino Tulsa,

Sequoyah Convention Center, 777 W. Cherokee St., Catoosa, OK

Admission is \$5 per person and free for children 12 & under and Cherokee Star Rewards card members.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

#### TEDNA at Ten Forum and Annual Membership Meeting

8:00am – 6:00pm

Conference Hall A, Cox Business Center Tulsa

We will discuss the role of tribal education departments and agencies in Indian education, provide a legislative update on federal education law, and discuss how to build tribal education departments and agencies capacity to assert tribal sovereignty over education. For more information contact Joanne Soklin at [soklin@narf.org](mailto:soklin@narf.org).

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### MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

#### Panel Discussion on Oklahoma Water Rights and Reception

6:00pm – 9:00pm

3rd Floor A and B, Cox Business Center Tulsa

Hosted by Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, Newfield Exploration Company, and Natural Resource Consulting Engineers, Inc. (with hors d'oeuvres and open bar). For more information please contact Monique Douville at [mdouville@ndnlaw.com](mailto:mdouville@ndnlaw.com).



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## **Sliver of a Full Moon**

6:00pm – 10:30pm

Offsite: Jazz Hall of Fame

Written by Mary Kathryn Nagle, *Sliver of a Full Moon* is a portrayal of resistance and celebration. It is the story of a movement that restored the authority of Indian tribes over non-Indian abusers to protect women on tribal lands. Although hundreds, if not thousands, contributed to this victory, *Sliver of a Full Moon* follows the story of five Native women who took a stand, and two Native men who stood with them to win this victory under the Violence Against Women Act in 2013. Open Reception at 6:00pm and curtain at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10. For more information please contact Mary Kathryn Nagle at [mary.kathryn.nagle@gmail.com](mailto:mary.kathryn.nagle@gmail.com).

## **Honoring Nations Reception**

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Conference Hall CS, Cox Business Center Tulsa

Join the Harvard Project as we celebrate the 2013 Honoring Nations All-Stars and the entire family of 112 honorees in good governance. Honorees serve as sources of knowledge and inspiration throughout Indian Country and beyond. For more information please contact Megan Hill at [megan\\_hill@harvard.edu](mailto:megan_hill@harvard.edu).

## **Crowe & Dunlevy and Comanche Nation Reception**

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Buckingham, Doubletree Downtown Tulsa

Together Crowe and Dunlevy and the Comanche Nation would like to honor Congressman Tom Cole and Speaker of the House T.W. Shannon by inviting our clients and contacts to meet and greet. For more information please contact Michael McBride at [Michael.mcbride@crowedunlevy.com](mailto:Michael.mcbride@crowedunlevy.com).

## **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

### **Protecting Sacred Places Legislation - A Roundtable Discussion**

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Manchester, Doubletree Tulsa Downtown

This discussion will focus on gathering support for the NCAI-proposed bill to amend the American Indian Religious Freedom Act to ensure that federal laws protecting the free exercise of religion include protection of traditional Native American Sacred Places where ceremonies, commemorations, observances or worship are conducted or occur, and to provide a right of action to protect Native American Sacred Places.



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## **Reception for President Keel**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Assembly Hall, Cox Business Center Tulsa

Reception for outgoing President of NCAI Jefferson Keel hosted by Governor Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation. For more information please contact Dawnette Weaver at [dawnette.weaver@chickasaw.net](mailto:dawnette.weaver@chickasaw.net).

## **Playground of the Native Son Preview Screening**

Showing 6:00pm – 7:00pm and 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Offsite: The Mayo Hotel Tulsa

"There was an all Native American Professional Football team in Oklahoma called the Hominy Indians. They had a chance to play against the World Champion team, the New York Giants, in 1927. This is their story". For more information please contact Celia Xavier - [celiaxball@gmail.com](mailto:celiaxball@gmail.com).

## **Native Fashion for Action**

6:30pm - 11:00pm

Offsite: IDL Ballroom

Native Fashion for Action is a fundraiser fashion show to support Indian education and to raise money for scholarships. For more information please contact Star Yellowfish at [elyellowfish@okeps.org](mailto:elyellowfish@okeps.org).

## **Osage Nation Reception**

7:00pm - 11:00pm

Offsite: Osage Nation Casino

Reception held at Osage Nation Casino Tulsa. Come join the fun for dancing, appetizers, and more. Transportation provided. For more information please contact Deidre Bigheart at [dbigheart@osagetribe.org](mailto:dbigheart@osagetribe.org).

## **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17**

### **Alaskans for Begich**

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Conference Hall CS, Cox Business Center Tulsa

An opportunity to meet with Senator chu Begich. For more information please contact Jen Mueller at [jenhueller@benchmarkstrategies.org](mailto:jenhueller@benchmarkstrategies.org)