

**Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC): Action Tracking Report for March 5-6, 2015 Meeting**

Date	Summary of Action	Responsible Party(s)	Comment/Progress
<b>November 2014</b>			
11/06/2014	Election of second tribal co-chair.		Sam Thomas was nominated by Jimmie Mitchell, seconded by Rick Harrison, to serve as the second tribal co-chair. Motion carried.
11/06/2014	Resolution on Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act		Adopted. Available <a href="#">online</a> .
<b>July 2014</b>			
7/22-23/2014	Motion passed in support for \$3 million for Bureau of Indian Education Demonstration Projects.		
7/22-23/2014	A motion was adopted to convene a TIBC Task Force to study funding constraints of the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE). The Taskforce will ensure BIE develops a strong policy statement on any reorganization of the BIE and how the trust obligations would be incorporated as part of their mandate.	Volunteers	Volunteers: Sam Thomas, Chris Redman, Navajo, Carrie O'Toole, Jimmie Mitchell, AJ Not Afraid, President Mark Azure, Fort Belknap, Richard Lundermann from Rosebud.
7/22-23/2014	Motion was adopted to ensure that the BIA CSC Workgroup collaborate with the IHS workgroup and continue to have reports from the BIA CSC workgroup.	CSC Workgroups	
7/22-23/2014	A motion was passed to endorse the concept of information gathering as put forth by the Alaska delegation.	Indian Affairs	
7/22-23/2014	A motion was made passed to approve the support of the advance appropriation and the desire to address the BIA budget issues	TIBC co-chairs, tribal caucus	S.1570, sponsored by Sen Murkowski, co-sponsored by Sen Baucus (MT) , Sen Begich (AK), Sen Heinrich (NM) , Sen Schatz (HI), Sen Tester, (MT) , Sen Udall (NM), hearing held 4/2; HR 3229, sponsored by Young (AK); co-sponsors: Cole, (OK), Courtney (CT), DeFazio (OR), Grijalva (AZ), Heck (WA), Huffman (CA), Kilmer (WA), Lujan (NM), McCollum (MN), Moore ( WI), Rangel (NY), Ruiz (CA); Hearing held 7/15
7/22-23/2014	A motion was made to approve mandatory appropriation for CSC, as amended.	TIBC co-chairs, tribal caucus	Senator Begich introduced S. 2669. The bill would amend Section 1305 of Title 31 of the U.S. Code, adding "Indian self-determination contract support costs" to the "miscellaneous permanent appropriations" section to make payments mandatory as opposed to discretionary.

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7/22-23/2014	<u>Target dates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2-6 and May 22/23</li> <li>• First week of August for 2015 in Rapid City, pending resolving conflicts with Sturgis rally; Albuquerque, NM for 2016</li> <li>• First week of November 2015</li> </ul>	NCAI events team, co-chairs	Bids were received for Washington Plaza for March 11 – 12, 2015, and March 19 – 20, 2015. Due to conflicts with Sturgis the first week of August, events staff are pursuing TIBC in Albuquerque, NM, first week of August 2015
<b>May 2014</b>			
5/22/2014	The TIBC revised the FY 2016 Tribal Budget Submission to the Assistant Secretary. The recommendation was made to send out a clear narrative of Budget Subcommittee action after each National Budget Meeting.	Indian Affairs, TIBC co-chairs and Budget Subcommittee.	The revised excel sheet for the FY 2016 budget was sent to TIBC representatives along with a revised narrative of action on July 3, 2014.
5/22/2014	<p>A subgroup of TIBC to work with OMB on this topic. A recommendation was made about the \$19.5 billion and about how tribes can access it. We need to identify what is the barrier. Synthesizing it into actionable policy recommendations needs to happen.</p> <p>Small Workgroup:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteers included Rick Harrison Jimmie Mitchell, Buster Attebery, Chris Redman, Ron Allen, Kitcki Carroll</li> </ul>	TIBC tribal work group, OMB	<p>A call was held on July 9, 2014 between TBIC volunteers, NCAI, OMB, and DOI to brainstorm follow up on discussion from the last TBIC on better understanding the Native American crosscut and challenges tribes face in accessing and targeting various federal funding streams. The goal is to identify a set of actionable recommendations for improvements.</p> <p><u>Actions items from call (for NCAI/Tribal Reps):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look at the cross cut and make a list of additional information needed. A draft template will be shared at the TIBC meeting in Montana for review by the tribal reps.</li> <li>• Compile a short list of top 5-10 known reasons why tribes have challenges accessing federal funding across programs and a list of recommended actions agencies and the executive could take to address these challenges.</li> <li>• A list of the most highly accessed/important programs tribes depend on for “base funding” (formula based programs)</li> <li>• A list of the number of tribes accessing the programs/funding opportunities.</li> <li>• A list of the programs that tribes must compete with other entities, i.e. states, local gov’ts, etc.</li> </ul>

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5/22/2014	A motion was made to explore transferring DOJ monies (~\$80 million – the grant money) back into BIA for base funding. A letter will be drafted and sent to the Attorney General and Secretary of the Interior.	TIBC co-chairs	NCAI staff sent the letter to DOJ staff and DOI staff. Letter emailed to TIBC representatives on July 3, 2014.
5/22/2014	Motion adopted that OMB develops a position and hires a tribal liaison.		
<b>March 2014</b>			
3/24/2014	TIBC Co-Chairs approved a letter to designate that the TIBC serve as the advisory council to the Secretary. The TIBC can be the DOI Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee.	Tribal Co-Chairs	Letter sent to Secretary’s staff.
3/24/2014	A motion was made and adopted that Contract Support Costs be made an entitlement program.	Tribal Representatives	
3/24/2014	May Agenda Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A request was made for some transparency on the \$19.5 billion to Indian Country and update from OMB</li> <li>• Update from White House</li> <li>• Pam Haze update</li> <li>• Collaboration with DOJ Update</li> </ul>	Indian Affairs and Tribal Co-Chairs	
3/24/2014	November 2014 dates requested to be changed to not conflict with election day.	NCAI	Date moved back one day: <a href="#">November 5-6, 2014</a> Washington Plaza Hotel (instead of 4-5)
<b>November 2013</b>			
11/7-8/2013	Robert Shepherd and Ron Allen were elected to serve as tribal co-chairs.		Ongoing.
11/7-8/2013	A motion was moved and adopted that the tribal leaders to work on the Joint Committee on Indian Education will be Bryan Brewer, Virginia Sanchez, with the recommendation to also recommend Tino Batt as a tribal leader representative.	Tribal representatives and the Indian Education Committee	
11/7-8/2013	A motion was made and seconded to adopt the TIBC protocols.	TIBC Co-Chairs	Protocols in place.