Sunday, October 9

9:00-4:00
National Tribal Water Summit
Room 104 A/B
NCAI, the Intertribal Council of Arizona, and the Native American Rights Fund are co-sponsoring a full-day National Tribal Water Summit to kick-off the 2016 NCAI Annual Convention and Marketplace in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Summit will have panel discussions on: New Frontiers in Indian Water Rights Litigation and Protection; The Current Indian Water Rights Settlements Process; Indian Water Rights Settlement Implementation and Economic Development; and Protecting Tribal Water Quality from Climate Change and Drought Impacts.

The Summit will also feature a Keynote Lunch Address by Department of the Interior Deputy Secretary Mike Connor on the impact of the current administration on Indian water rights settlement policy.

The Summit is free to attend, but please register here: https://goo.gl/forms/P0CJreCeY0xeUM9X2

For more information, please contact:
Colby Duren, NCAI Staff Attorney & Legislative Counsel, cduren@ncai.org

9:30-4:00
Indian Health Service Meeting with Tribal Advisory Committees
Room 106 A
To provide an overview and discussion with Direct Service & Contract Tribes (DSTAC), Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committees (TSGAC), and HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC) of strategic approaches to address and prioritize issues related to health care of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

9:00 – 12:00  Morning Sessions

Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force
Room 101 A
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.

Violence Against Women Taskforce
Room 106 B
The Violence Against Women Taskforce serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women.

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All Meetings are in the West Side of the Phoenix Convention Center unless noted.
TANF Taskforce
*Room 101 C*
The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss current Administrative and legislative priorities with the goal of improving the function of TANF programs for the next administration. The TANF taskforce has consistently supported goals to increase tribes’ authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs to serve tribal children and families. The Task Force will also hold a discussion of best practices across tribal governments that can serve as roadmaps for interaction with the next Administration.

12:00 – 1:00

**New NCAI Member Orientation**
*Room 101 A*
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.

**Presenters:**
Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI
Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI
John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI
Edward K. Thomas, Parliamentarian, NCAI
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, NCAI
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, NCAI

1:00 – 5:00

**Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**
*West Hall 1 Lobby*

1:00 – 4:00

**Afternoon Meetings**

**National Institutes of Health Annual Tribal Consultation***
*Room 102 C*
1:00 – 3:30
This tribal consultation session is to hear feedback from tribal leaders on tribal priorities related to environmental health and mental health. The NIH mission, primarily achieved through research, research training and the dissemination of research findings, is to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and to apply that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability. The NIH will provide brief presentations on select programs and policies during the consultation and then will solicit input on each topic. There will also be time for an open discussion in which all relevant topics can be considered. For more information, please contact Robin Kawazoe at NIHTRIBALCOMMITTEE@OD.NIH.GOV.

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Federal Recognition Task Force
Room 106 C
The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on changes in the tribal acknowledgement process.

Tribal Leaders Meeting on Tribal Transportation
Room 101 A
The Fixing American’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) was enacted into law last year, this six-year transportation authorization included important tribal transportation provisions such as the expansion of tribal self-governance throughout the U.S. Department of Transportation; data collection on safety and reporting on transportation projections; and new grant programs. This session will provide an overview of Congressional and administrative efforts regarding the implementation of the FAST Act by officials of the U.S. Department of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), as well as the appropriation levels for the BIA Road Maintenance Program.

Native Languages: Interagency Listening Session & NCAI Taskforce Meeting*
Room 101 C
Attend a dialogue with the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), and the White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education (WHIAIANE) to discuss progress made to date in better coordination across federal programs and removing barriers to accessing federal resources, as specified under the Native American Languages Memorandum of Agreement, signed in November of 2012. The three agencies will also highlight a recently issued Native American Languages Progress Report (expected publication September 2016). This report will include guidance for how federal agencies can further improve and support goals of the Native American Language Act. After the Interagency Native American Languages Dialogue Pre-session workshop, the NCAI Native Languages Task Force will meet to discuss Native American Language Prevention from tribal leader’s perspective.

Emergency Management Overview for Tribal Leaders (L0583)
Room 105 C
The Emergency Management Institute, part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, designed this training course for Tribal leaders seeking to successfully prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents and disasters will benefit from an understanding of emergency management concepts and operations. Added insight into emergency management concepts is even more critical in light of the 2013 amendments to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act that provide Tribal Governments the ability to directly request federal disaster assistance.

Protecting the Right to Vote on Election Day
Room 106 B
The General Election is rapidly approaching and Native voters will be disenfranchised. American Indian and Alaska Native populations have historically suffered discrimination while voting, and the Supreme Court’s decision in Shelby County gutted key provisions of the Voting Rights Act, which leaves Native voters even more vulnerable to discrimination. Equal access to

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voting is not only a matter of fairness, but is a fundamental civil right afforded to all citizens, including American Indians and Native Alaskans. This session will focus on the challenges that Native Voters are confronted with and the voting rights laws that can protect the Native Voter during this upcoming election.

Indian Health Service Consultations - Urban Confer Sessions

Room 102 A/B

1:00-2:00 Proposed Rule for the Catastrophic Health Emergency Fund (CHEF)
The purpose of CHEF is to meet the extraordinary medical costs associated with the treatment of victims of disasters or catastrophic illnesses who are within the responsibility of the Service. IHS administers CHEF to reimburse certain IHS and Tribal purchased/referred care (PRC) costs that exceed the cost threshold. The proposed rule has five specific areas: 1) definitions, 2) Threshold cost, 3) Compliance with PRC Regulations, 4) Reimbursement Procedure, and 5) Recovery of CHEF Reimbursement Funds.

2:15-3:30 Community Health Aides
IHS shared a draft policy statement that proposes an expansion in the use of community health aides at IHS facilities across the country. Facilities operated by Tribes and the IHS could see expanded opportunities under the new draft policy for these aides, including community health representative program, dental health aide therapists, community health aides, and behavioral health aides.

3:45-5:00 Tribal Premium Sponsorship
IHS shared a draft Circular to address the purchase of health care coverage, which is commonly referred to as Tribal Premium Sponsorship (Sponsorship). Sponsorship occurs when a Tribe pays health insurance premiums on behalf of IHS beneficiaries. The purpose of this draft Circular is to provide further detailed guidance to IHS Area Offices regarding the current IHS policy if a Tribe, Tribal organization, or Urban Indian organization wishes to purchase coverage for IHS beneficiaries with Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act funding or other IHS-appropriated funds. Per Section 402 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. § 1642) Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and Urban Indian organizations may use federally appropriated funding, to the extent it is available under law, to purchase health insurance for IHS beneficiaries.

4:00-6:00 Tribal Consultation Regarding Indian Water Rights Criteria & Procedures*
Room 104 A/B
The Department of the Interior will host consultation sessions to obtain the tribes’ perspectives on the current process of negotiation and reviewing Indian water rights settlements and potential improvements to the process. For more information contact Martin Von Gnechten at Martin_vonGnechten@ios.doi.gov.

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4:00 – 6:00  Federal Consultation on International Repatriation*
Room 102 C
The Department of the Interior will host this consultation session on International Repatriation. For more information contact Eric Wilson at eric.wilson@bia.gov.

5:00 – 7:00  Youth Meet and Greet
Room 106 C
Youth are invited to come get to know Native youth from across Indian Country! Food and fun for all youth that attend.

5:00 – 6:00  NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee
Room 101 A
NCAI requests all committee and subcommittee chairs attend this important meeting.

6:00-8:00  NCAI Welcome Reception
Hosted by the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community at the Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 North Pima Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85258.
Welcome to Arizona! Join us for the Welcome Reception at the award-winning Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, home of the Arizona Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies; the first Major League Baseball Spring Training facility to be built on Indian land. Enjoy brief walking tours highlighting the Fields and the Talking Stick Destination, traditional game and artist demonstrations, cultural dance performances, a Native artist chalk walk, music of the southwest, complimentary photo station and culinary delights that are inspired by the southwest. Guest appearance by Derrick Hall, CEO/President, Arizona Diamondbacks and Luis “Gonzo” Gonzalez, former player, Arizona Diamondbacks. Experience the nightlife at Talking Stick Resort/Casino shuttle service provided following the reception with the last shuttle departing Talking Stick Resort/Casino at 11:30pm to the Phoenix Convention Center. Bus shuttles to/from the Phoenix Convention Center/Salt River Fields begin at 5:15pm and will continue looping to both venues for the duration of the event.

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7:00 – 8:00  Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering
This event is a casual gathering. Attendees will hear encouraging stories of faith and strengthen relationships.

7:30 – 5:00  Registration/Rules & Credentials - Open for the Convention
West Hall 1 Lobby

7:30 – 5:00  Resolutions Office - Open for the Convention
Room 103 B

9:00 – 4:00  Elder’s Lounge - Open for the Convention
Room 104 A

12:00 – 5:00  Tradeshow and Marketplace Opens
West Hall 1 Lower Level
An amazing place to network, exchange ideas, solve problems, and get job specific training while also purchasing Native gifts.

8:30 – 12:00  First General Assembly  Room 301 C/D

8:30  Call to Order
Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI

Honor Guard
Gila River Color Guard – Combined Posts; including various veterans from Arizona

Honor Song
Bear Strap Drum Group

National Anthem
Eileen Pike, White Mountain Apache Tribe

Invocation
Ricardo Leonard, Council Member, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Welcome
Thomas Beauty, President/CEO, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

9:10  Welcome from City of Phoenix
Kate Gallego, Vice Mayor, Phoenix

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9:20  **Rules of the Convention**  
Yvonne Oberly, Credentials Committee Chair

**Resolutions Process**  
Juanita Ahtone, Resolutions Committee Chair

9:35  **President’s Address**  
Brian Cladoosby

9:50  **Executive Director’s Report**  
Jacqueline Johnson Pata

10:05  **Supreme Court Update**  
John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI  
John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund

10:25  **White House Update**  
Tracy Goodluck, Senior Associate Director of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs, The White House

10:40  **Mary Smith, Principal Director, Indian Health Service**

11:20  **Tribal Leader Discussion**

12:00 – 1:00  **Trade Show Networking Reception**  
*West Hall 1 Lower Level*  
Join us to kick off an exciting tradeshow! Network and make connections with top business representatives, tribes, federal agencies, corporations, and non-profits! Support tribal business by visiting our many Native American art and craft booths!

12:00-1:00  **Listening Session: BIE Teacher Equity Plan**  
*Room 105 A*  
BIE seeks input on how to implement strategies and activities in response to the Department of Education’s requirement to assure that all students have access to qualified and effective educators.

12:30  **Press Conference**  
*Room 102 C*

1:30 – 4:00  **Second General Assembly**  
*Room 301 C/D*

1:30  **Call to Order**  
Fawn Sharp, First Vice-President, NCAI

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NCAI Announcements

1:40  
Raul Grijalva, Congressman, US House of Representatives (AZ)

1:55  
Congressional Updates  
Mike Andrews, Staff Director and Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

2:10  
Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Heidi Frechette, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs, US Department of Housing and Urban Development

2:20  
Message from the Department of the Interior  
Lawrence Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior

2:40  
Let’s Get Out the Native Vote

Voter Rights and Election Protection  
Patty Ferguson-Bohnee, Indian Legal Clinic Director, Arizona State University, invited

How Data is Important to Native Vote  
Malia Villegas, Director, Policy Research Center, NCAI

Getting Out the Native Vote!  
Native Vote Tools  
Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

3:30  
Tribal Leader Discussion

4:15 – 6:00  
Committee Meetings:

Economic, Finance & Community Development  
Room 101 A/B

Human Resources  
Room 106 A/B

Land & Natural Resources  
Room 105 A

Litigation & Governance

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7:15 – 8:15  
Area Caucus Meetings
- Alaska Area – Room 101 A/B
- Eastern Oklahoma Area – Room 106 B
- Great Plains Area – Room 101 C
- Midwest Area – Room 102 A/B
- Northeast Area – Room 104 A
- Northwest Area – Room 102 C
- Pacific Area – Room 104 B
- Rocky Mountain Area – Room 106 C
- Southeast Area – Room 105 A/B
- Southern Plains Area – Room 212 A/B
- Southwest Area – Room 105 C
- Western Area – Room 106 A

9:00 – 5:00  
Marketplace Open
West Hall / Lower Level

8:30 – 12:00  
Third General Assembly  
Room 301 C/D

8:30  
Call to Order
Aaron Payment, Recording Secretary, NCAI

Invocation
Herman Honanie, Chairman, Hopi Tribe

Announcements

9:00  
Federal Infrastructure Permitting and the Trust Responsibility
In the wake of recent events with the Dakota Access Pipeline, the Obama Administration has announced a national consultation with Indian Nations about the need for great tribal input and accommodation on federal permitting and infrastructure development. The two questions for the consultation are (1) How can Federal agencies better ensure meaningful tribal input into infrastructure-related reviews and decisions, to protect tribal lands, resources, and treaty rights within the existing statutory framework? (2) Should the Federal agencies propose new legislation altering the statutory framework to promote these goals?

This is an issue with a long history of broken trust and treaties. In 1970, President Nixon’s Special Message to Congress on Tribal Self-Determination acknowledged that “the Federal government is faced with an inherent conflict of interest” between national interests and its duties to protect tribal lands. Nixon proposed that Congress create an Indian Trust Counsel Authority to ensure protection of tribal lands and waters.

Forty-six years later Congress has not acted, and the Army Corps of Engineers again suggests that Indian tribes go to Congress to protect tribal lands from harms from federally permitted projects. The President and Congress each have independent duties to fulfill the sacred trust obligation to protect Indian lands and waters as a homeland for Indian people. This obligation is much more than the “existing statutory framework.”

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This morning’s session is for tribal leaders to discuss and unify in advance of the first listening session later today.

**Presenters:**
Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI
Kevin Gover, Director, Smithsonian’s Nation Museum of the American Indian

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<td><strong>Youth Honoring Luncheon</strong>&lt;br&gt;Room 301 A&lt;br&gt;NCAI Youth Leadership Awards presented by Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association&lt;br&gt;&lt;i&gt;Tickets are available for purchase.&lt;/i&gt;</td>
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| 1:30 – 4:00 | **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

**Constitutions for Modern Tribal Governments**<br><i>Room 102 A/B</i>  
There is a growing movement among tribal nations to reform and strengthen their constitutions in order to reflect and preserve their distinct cultures and ways of life, better address their complex governance challenges in the 21st century, and advance their long-term priorities. This session will share examples of some critical ways that tribal nations are “modernizing” their foundational governing documents to more fully and effectively exercise their sovereignty and achieve the goals of their citizens. It also will seed a robust discussion among session participants about how tribal nations can best learn from one another about approaches to and lessons from constitutional change.

**Presenters:**
Alfred Urbina, Attorney General, Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Carol Evans, Chairwoman, Spokane Tribe

**Envisioning the Future of Education for Native Students**
<i>Room 101 A/B</i>  
This session will begin a dialogue around the future of education for Native Students. Tribal educators, organizations and government officials will come together for a robust discussion on the future of Indian education and what “tribal control” over education of Native students should look like going forward at all levels including higher education. The session will bring together tribal and college educators, tribal and administration officials, and organizations to hear an update on the reform of the BIE, ESSA implementation, what tribes are doing to ensure a quality education for students and how teachers envision the next stages of tribal control and what that means for Native students.

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**Moderator:** Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director, National Indian Education Association

**Presenters:**
Anne Marie Bledsoe Downes, Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Education
Brad Jupp, Acting Chief Academic Officer, BIE
Dr. Tommy Lewis, Superintendent, Department of Diné Education
Jacob C. Moore, Assistant Vice President of Tribal Relations, Arizona State University
William (Bill) Mendoza, Executive Director White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education
Ron Lessard, Chief of Staff, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education

**The Indian Child Welfare Act: Tribal Leaders Role in Promoting Child Welfare and Family Wellness**

*Room 106 A*

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) creates a legal structure for how public and private child welfare agencies and state courts conduct their work to serve Native children, their families and tribes. Unfortunately, ICWA’s protections have come under attack over the last few years. In this breakout session, you will have the unique opportunity to hear the tribal leader’s perspective on the biggest issues confronting ICWA and how that continues to effect tribes across the nation. You will also receive information on strategies for enhancing your tribal child welfare programs, best practices, tribal collaboration, the importance of integrated family services, early intervention and data collection.

**Moderator:** Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians

**Presenters:**
Sarah Kastelic, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association
Stephen Lewis, Governor, Gila River
MaryAnn McGovran, Chairwoman, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California

**Tribal Homeland Security/Emergency Management**

*Room 101 C*

Homeland security threats and emergency disasters to tribal community residents and all citizens of this country, has escalated in recent years. Tribal governments and communities faced with responding to combatting extreme violence, domestic terrorism, border security and disaster declarations struggle to develop preparedness and response programs without federal assistance freely given to state counterparts. This session will include focus on strategies to counteract the budget inequities through sharing technical assistance and working with federal agencies to ensure the federal trust responsibility in this regard is met through programmatic and policy delivery from the Department of Homeland Security and its component agencies.

**Presenters:**
Floyd Velasquez, Sr., Disaster Preparedness Manager, Morongo Band of Mission Indians
Ned Norris, DHS Homeland Security Advisory Committee
David Munro, Director, Tribal Government Affairs, Department of Homeland Security

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Milo Booth, National Tribal Affairs Advisor, DHS Federal Emergency Management Agency, Intergovernmental Affairs Division
Maria D’Ambrosio, Executive Director, Corporate Diversity, American Red Cross National Headquarters
Chele Rider, Division Disaster State Relations Director, American Red Cross

Seeding Prosperity: Strategic Considerations for Building Sustainable Tribal Economies
Room 212 A/B
A growing number of tribal nations are actively working to diversify their economies, and many more are pondering their own approaches for doing the same. This session will focus participants’ attention on the strategic considerations involved with building an integrated, sustainable, tribal economy. Featuring presenters with extensive firsthand experience tackling this critical task, the session will address the foundational questions that tribal decision makers must ask of themselves, their governments, tribal citizens, and their current tribal economies as they design economy building approaches capable of seeding prosperous futures for their nations and communities.

Presenters:
Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Tanya Fiddler, Executive Director, Native CDFI Network
Jamie Fullmer, Chairman, Blue Stone Strategy Group
Rae Nell Vaughn, Chief of Staff, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Behavioral Health
Room 104 B
The health and wellness of tribal members is a key priority for tribal communities across the United States. Join Tribal leaders and agency officials from SAMHSA for a discussion on the recently released draft National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda (TBHA) which focuses on the five foundational elements of: historical and intergenerational trauma, national awareness and visibility; prevention and recovery support; social-ecological approach; and behavioral health services and systems. The draft TBHA also includes a Cultural Wisdom Declaration to strengthen support for cultural knowledge and traditional practices. This session will offer an open dialogue on the draft TBHA before the comment period closes on October 30.

Presenters:
Mirtha Beadle, Substance and Mental Health Services Administration
Chester Antone, Tohono O’odham Nation
Aaron Payment, Chairman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe
Vernon Miller, Chairman, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska

Making the Native Vote Count: Countdown to Election Day
Room 105 C
Native Vote activists represent every age group and background. What we share is a common passion and commitment to ensure the future remains bright for our families, community members, and tribal governments through participating and encouraging everyone to engage in the voting process. The clock is ticking fast to Election Day and this breakout will provide

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reminders on what you can do to protect the native right to vote, last minute organizing, and final preparation to Get Out The Vote. Please join us to ask your questions, share your strategies, and listen to some of the experienced and knowledgeable Native Vote specialists.

**Protecting our Cultural History, Sacred Places and Items**

*Room 105 A/B*

This session will offer an opportunity for tribal participants to discuss ongoing efforts to protect our culture from appropriation by protecting sacred items and places from being disturbed and ensuring that removed items are returned to their rightful places within their tribes.

**Moderator:** Greg Smith, Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker

**Presenters:**

Kurt Riley, Governor, Pueblo of Acoma
Terry Rambler, Chairman, San Carlos Apache Tribe
Joe Sarcinella, Esq., Senior Advisor & Liaison for Native American Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense

4:15 – 6:00  **Subcommittee Meetings**

- Disabilities – *Room 104 A*
- Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Room 105 A/B*
- Education – *Room 101 A/B*
- Elders – *Room 104 A*
- Energy & Mineral Policy – *Room 212 A/B*
- Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Room 213 A*
- Health – *Room 104 B*
- Housing – *Room 106 B*
- Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Room 211 A*
- Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Room 106 A*
- Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Room 102 A/B*
- Taxation – *Room 102 C*
- Technology & Telecommunications – *Room 211 B*
- Transportation & Infrastructure – *Room 106 C*
- Tribal Gaming – *Room 105 C*
- Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture – *Room 213 B*
- Veterans – *Room 101 C*

5:30 – 6:30  **Youth Commission End of the Day Wrap Up**

*Room 301 A/B*

Youth attendees please join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities and mingle with other youth attendees.

6:00 – 8:00  **Listening Session on Tribal Consultation and Input into Infrastructure Decisions – Administration’s Response to Issues Raised by DAPL**

*Room 301 C/D*

DOI, DOJ, and Army are hosting a listening session on how the Federal Government can better account for and integrate tribal views on future infrastructure decisions throughout the country.

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6:30-9:00  
**United League of Indigenous Nations**  
*Room 101C*

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.

7:00-9:00  
**Native Vote Pep Rally**  
*Room 301 A/B*

Your Native Vote game plan is set and operating. What else is left to do?? Though there is always something to do, take a short break at NCAI and treat yourself! Join other Native Vote champions for a night of Native Vote Rally!! Guest emcees and speakers will challenge everyone to contests and games with prizes and food. Send your Native Vote pics to your friends and family courtesy our free Native Vote Photo Booth. You have all worked hard and you deserve a break. Can’t want to see you!!

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7:15 – 8:15  
**Area Caucus Meetings**
- Alaska Area – *Room 101 A/B*
- Eastern Oklahoma Area – *Room 106 B*
- Great Plains Area – *Room 101 C*
- Midwest Area – *Room 102 A/B*
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9:00 – 5:00  
**Marketplace Open**
*West Hall / Lower Level*

8:15 – 9:30  
**National Native American Just Move It! Healthy Lifestyles Walk, Run and Rally**
13th 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!

9:30 – 12:30  
**Fourth General Assembly**  
*Room 301 C/D*

9:30  
**Call to Order**
W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

**Invocation**
Terry Rambler, Chairman, San Carlos Apache Tribe

**Announcements**

9:35  
**Proposed NCAI Constitution Amendment**

10:15  
**Honoring Nations**
Please join Honoring Nations for a special plenary session to learn about and celebrate success in tribal governance. The 2016 Honoring Nations finalists will each share a 10-minute presentation about their inspiring and innovative work to the Fourth General Assembly. At the conclusion of the presentations, the Honoring Nations Board of Governors will announce the awards for High Honors and Honors.

Presenters:
- Alaska Rural Utility Collaborative, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- Calricaraq: Indigenous Yup’ik Wellbeing, Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Tribal Communities
- Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Program, Chickasaw Nation

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Native American Drug and Gang Task Force, Intertribal Nations of Wisconsin
Project Tiwahua – Redefining Tigua Citizenship, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
They Are Not Forgotten, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

11:30  John McCain, Senator, US Senate
12:00  Lunch Break, on your own
1:30 – 4:00  Concurrent Breakout Sessions

The National Drug Epidemic: Tribal Nations Respond
Room 102 C
Many tribal nations are facing extreme impacts of drug abuse on their citizens, maternal and family health, and the safety of their communities. In this session, we will hear from tribal leaders working to diminish drug use, from federal partners developing resources to assist tribes in reducing the impact of illegal drugs, and from health care providers working to address the pain issues facing Native patients while preventing opioid abuse.

Moderator: Kitcki Carroll, Executive Director, United South & Eastern Tribes

Putting First Kids 1st: Creating Wise Practices in Native Youth Policy
Room 106 A
Tribal nations have prioritized Native youth development. In this session, we will hear presentations on state-tribal initiatives, juvenile justice policy, improving research in Native youth contexts, and data policy. We will then have a facilitated discussion with participants about how to increase awareness and use of wise practices in Native Youth policy.

Tribal Innovation: The Springboard for Preparing Tribal Citizens for Career Success
Room 105 C
Across Indian Country, tribal nations are crafting innovative, customized solutions to their particular workforce development challenges, solutions that: (1) make real differences in the lives of Native people in search of employment and the education, skills, and experience necessary to build successful careers, and (2) strengthen tribal sovereignty in the process. Along the way, they are discarding or modifying one-size-fits-all programs and approaches that may work for governments elsewhere and that offer the bureaucratic path of least resistance for the federal government. In this session, panelists will present some proven, outside-the-box strategies for creating career opportunities and preparing tribal citizens to seize those opportunities. In addition, NCAI will unveil its “Empowering Tribal Workforce Development” policy recommendations brief for the federal government.

Presenters:
Norm DeWeaver, Former National Representative, Indian and Native American Employment and Training Coalition
Maryann McGovran, Chairwoman, North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California

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Gloria O’Neill, President and CEO, Cook Inlet Tribal Council

**International Advocacy to Protect Tribal Sovereignty**  
*Room 101 A/B*  
Panelists will provide updates on recent advances and ongoing challenges in implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Updates will include work related to implementing the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, including the effort to create a mechanism for indigenous governments to participate at the UN as governments. The breakout session will also highlight recent developments on the issues of international repatriation, cultural protection, climate change, and addressing violence against women.

**Presenters:**  
Frank Etawaheshik, United Tribes of Michigan  
Tim Coulter, Indian Law Resource Center  
Andrea Carmen, International Indian Treaty Council

**Update on Tribal Lands: Land Restoration, Buy Back, and Trust Modernization**  
*Room 102 A/B*  
The Obama Administration has taken many steps forward to address important and longstanding issues with tribal land restoration, the settlement trust claims, and the modernization of many laws and regulations. This session will provide an update on the current state of these programs, with a discussion on the 500,000 acre land restoration goal and implementation of new policies such as the leasing and right-of-way regulations. Next it will discuss the progress and goals of the Cobell Settlement Land Buy Back Program. And finally, we will discuss the implementation of the new Indian Trust Asset Reform Act.

**Moderator:** President Brian Cladoosby, NCAI

**Presenters:**  
Lawrence Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, *invited*  
John McClanahan, Director, Land Buy Back Program  
Brian Gunn, Principal, Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville PC  
Deb DuMontier, Deputy Special Trustee, Department of the Interior, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, *invited*

**STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) Initiative for Indian Country—Developing a Tribal Workforce for the Future**  
*Room 104 B*  
Changing technologies and competition for market space are leading to changes in the types of industries that Tribes venture into as they seek to sustain and diversify their economies. Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) related fields have been identified by the National Science Foundation as critically important to economic growth and competitive success. This workshop discussion will bring together Tribal Leaders, Tribal technology representatives, and industry leaders to discuss partnerships and possible revenue sharing.

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opportunities with an emphasis on developing our Tribal workforce to meet the changing technologies and industry growth segments of a future technology-based economy.

**Presenters:**
John Lewis, Chairman of the Board, Gila River Indian Community Utility Authority  
Maria Dadgar, Executive Director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona  
Sarah Echohawk, Chief Executive Officer, AISES

**Elder Issues in Indian Country Breakout**  
*Room 105 A/B*  
Join Native elders, tribal leaders, and the National Indian Council on Aging in a discussion about the role that Tribal Nations play in elderly care. Social services and economic wellbeing of our elders are important for the endurance of all tribes. Elders are our cultural bearers, and are held in the highest regard in all tribal communities. It is the responsibility of all tribal nations to protect the wellbeing of our elders through sustainable, tribally driven policies. This session will focus on a needed conversation around long term care, Elder Equity, the Senior Community Service Employment program and the Tribal Footprints Elder Resource Directory.

4:15 – 6:00  
**Subcommittee Meetings**  
Disabilities – *Room 104 A*  
Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Room 105 A/B*  
Education – *Room 101 A/B*  
Elders – *Room 104 A*  
Energy & Mineral Policy – *Room 212 A/B*  
Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Room 213 A*  
Health – *Room 104 B*  
Housing – *Room 106 B*  
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Room 208 A/B*  
Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Room 106 A*  
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Room 102 A/B*  
Taxation – *Room 102 C*  
Technology & Telecommunications – *Room 212 C*  
Transportation & Infrastructure – *Room 106 C*  
Tribal Gaming – *Room 105 C*  
Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture – *Room 213 B*  
Veterans – *Room 101 C*

5:30 – 6:30  
**Youth Commission End of the Day Wrap Up**  
Youth attendees please join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities and mingle with other youth attendees.

6:00-7:00  
**NIGA-NCAI Taskforce**  
*Room 105 C*

6:00-8:00  
**Consultation on Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) State Plan**  
*Room 101 A/B*  
The BIE invites tribal leaders and educators to participate in a consultation on development of its State plan as required by the Every Student Succeeds (ESSA) Act. In its State plan, BIE will describe how it will implement ESSA, get a comprehensive picture of school success, provide

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support for struggling schools, offer better data for parents and communities, develop a streamlined school improvement plan, and promulgate regulations for implementation of a new accountability system. The BIE is seeking input on all components of the new State plan other than the new BIE accountability system, which will be developed via negotiated rulemaking.

6:00-11:00

**Cultural Night**

*Rawhide Western Town and Event Center, 5700 West North Loop Road, Chandler, AZ 85226*

The 73rd Annual Convention & Marketplace Cultural Night will be hosted by the Gila River Indian Community at the Rawhide Western Town and Event Center. Don't miss out on a traditional O'otham dinner, entertainment, Waila Music, arts & crafts, and more! Your conference registration is your RSVP, Please have your convention Badge with you.

Charter bus transportation will be available to you from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (A bus schedule will be posted at the Hyatt Hotel). Pick-up bus stop will be located on the North side of the Hyatt Regency Hotel (off of Monroe Street).
**Thursday, October 13**

7:15 – 8:15 **Area Caucus Meetings**
- Alaska Area – *Room 101 A/B*
- Eastern Oklahoma Area – *Room 106 B*
- Great Plains Area – *Room 101 C*
- Midwest Area – *Room 102 A/B*
- Northeast Area – *Room 104 A*
- Northwest Area – *Room 102 C*

8:15 – 8:30 **Fifth General Assembly**
- *Room 301 C/D*

9:00 – 5:00 **Marketplace Open**
*West Hall / Lower Level*

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**National Indian Gaming Association**
Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association

**National Indian Education Association**
Yatibaey Evans, President, National Indian Education Association

**Native American Finance Officers Association**

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11:30  Tribal Leader Discussion

12:00 – 1:00  Elder’s Honoring Luncheon  
* Room 301 A/B  
* Tickets are available for purchase.

12:00 – 1:20  Colleges and Universities: Responding to the Needs of Tribal Nations  
* Room 104 B  
* In this lunch session, participants will discuss how institutions of higher education can be responsive to the needs of tribal nations in developing education, training, and partnership policies. This discussion builds on a session with Tribal Colleges and Universities at NCAI’s Mid Year Conference in Spokane in June 2016 and will feature information on the recently completed Tribal Consultation Policy released by the Arizona Regents. Lunch is by invitation and invited participants include tribal leaders, tribal citizens with insight about the role of institutions, and representatives of public and private colleges and universities. If you would like to attend, please email Sarah Pytalski at spytalski@ncai.org.

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|       | Lance Gumbs, Regional Vice President, NCAI |
| 1:40  | Updates around Indian Country  
|       | UNITY, Inc.  
|       | Sarah Scott, National UNITY Council Co-President  
|       | Hamilton Seymour, National UNITY Council Co-President |
| 1:50  | TAP Program, Department of Justice |
| 2:00  | Census  
|       | John H. Thompson, Director, US Census |
| 3:00  | Tribal Leader Discussion |

4:15 – 6:00  
* Committee Meetings  
* Economic, Finance & Community Development  
* Room 101 A/B

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Human Resources  
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Land & Natural Resources  
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Litigation & Governance  
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6:00 – 7:00  
**VIP Pre-Gala Reception (open to all)**  
*301 A/B Foyer*  
Enjoy this chance to mingle as we highlight some of our generous Annual Convention sponsors prior to the Gala Banquet.

7:00 – 10:00  
**Gala Banquet**  
*Room 301 A/B*  
*Tickets are available for purchase.*  
Come to an enjoyable evening as we wind down the convention. There will be a musical performance from the amazing Crystal Shewanda. This will be an evening you won’t want to miss.
Friday, October 14

9:00 – 12:00  Indian Arts & Crafts Booths Open

8:30 – 12:00  Seventh General Assembly  Room 301 C/D

8:30 – 9:00  Call to Order
Roger Rader, Area Vice President, NCAI

Invocation
Stephen R. Lewis, Governor, Gila River Indian Community

Memorials

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

10:15  Rules and Credentials Report

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 Prayer

12:00  Adjourn 73rd Annual Convention

1:00-5:00  Futures Game Focus Group: Improving Tribal-Academic Research Partnerships
Room 101 A/B
In this half-day session, participants will play the Futures Game – Rez Edition, which is a one-hour experience based around tribal community development. Participants will then be invited to participate in a focus group about how to adapt this game for use with tribal-academic research partnerships.

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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.

Friday, October 7

Walk the Sky at Grand Canyon West
Friday, October 7th or Saturday, October 8th
Hwal’bay Baj, corporation of the Hualapai Tribe, invites you to visit the Grand Canyon West, home of the World Famous Skywalk with a special rate with NCAI Conference attendees. Seating is available for 100 passengers each day. The price includes transportation, a Skywalk ticket, lunch, tour guide, and tribal performance. The tour duration is approximately 10 hours, and passengers will be picked up at the host hotel locations.
For reservations, contact:
Ray Martinez - (928) 769-2419 Ext. 2114
ray.martinez@grandcanyonresort.com
Or Rory Majenty - (602) 228-9838
rory.majenty@grandcanyonresort.com

Saturday, October 8
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation Welcomes You on an Adventure!
On Saturday, October 8th choose your own afternoon adventure and explore the depths of the pristine Fort McDowell destination. Choose from Green Zebra tours, horseback riding, and Pink Adventure tours.
There is no fee to attend, but RSVP is required.
You must RSVP by September 26
Call (480) 789-5321 or E-mail mbroines@wekoparesort.com

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Monday, October 10

"Something Inside Is Broken"
It is the first rock opera musical, from a Native American point-of-view, to deal with the effects that Sutter, Captain Fremont, Kit Carson and the Manifest Destiny doctrine had on the indigenous peoples of this country. It also covers the Appropriation hearings of 1906, the Act for the Government and Protection of Indians of 1850, and the California extermination policy of 1849-50.

6:00pm – 8:00pm
NMAI Reception
Phoenix Convention Center Room 104B
Reception hosted by the National Museum of the American Indian for NMAI donors, local members, and NCAI conference attendees.

6:00–7:30
Healing Trauma Across Generations
Phoenix Convention Center Room 105B
Trauma across generations has huge impacts in our communities. Tribal Leaders are eager to discuss how to move through and past this-how to heal our nations. A moderated panel will provide brief context, and a tribal leader roundtable will discuss actions and strategies moving forward. Presented by Gila River Indian Community and Native American Rights Fund. For more information contact Brett Shelton at (303)447-8760 or Shelton@narf.org.

6:00–7:30
Constitutions Resource Center
Hyatt Phoenix Ballroom
The Native Nations Institute of the University of Arizona is publicly launching its on-line Constitutions Resource Center (CRC). Designed to be a "thought-process guide" for constitutional development and reform, the CRC is built on NNI’s extensive research and on-the-ground technical assistance work with Native nations in the area of governance assessment and reform, and draws upon NNI"s educational resources from its "Constitutions” education seminars and Indigenous Governance Database (nnidatabase.org). This web-based resource will provide visitors no matter where they are in the constitution reform process, with information, tools, and resources to make educated decisions as they navigate their nation's process to develop or reform their foundations/constitution. For more information contact Joan Timeche, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute.

6:00–8:00
Model Food Code Project Roundtable
Phoenix Convention Center Room 106A

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We welcome all tribal officials to join our discussion about the food and agriculture policy needs in their communities. The indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative Team will discuss the Model Food Code Project and how it can benefit and protect tribal food practices, and we will open the floor to hear what we can include to help your community. For more information contact Bryan Pollard at (479)575-4434 or bpollard@uark.edu or Janie Hipp at jhipp@uark.edu.

**Tuesday, October 11**

12:00 – 1:00  
**CFPB: Your Money, Your Goals - Building Capacity toward Financial Literacy for your people**  
*Room: West 213A*  
Managing limited resources is a challenge for everyone. Providing your people the tools to balance needs, wants and obligations is to empower them and build capacity for their future. Your Money, Your Goals (YMYG) provides a toolkit toward financial literacy and skills that is adaptive to individual needs. Join us for this session sponsored through a grant from the Anne E. Casey Foundation in collaboration with the Community Finance Protection Bureau in partnership with the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Lunch will be provided for the first 50 attendees and toolkits for all attendees.

**Wednesday, October 12**

12:00-1:00pm  
**Luncheon Training: Learning Better Money Habits**  
*Room 213 B*  
In partnership with the National Congress of American Indians, the Bank of America Native American Professional Network will provide financial education training for interested Convention attendees. Topics to be covered may include: steps to better money management, basic banking concepts, budgeting, jumpstart your emergency fund, improving your credit, and reducing your debts. The session also will include an introduction to Better Money Habits. Lunch will be provided. Space is limited to 20 attendees. Please RSVP for the workshop by emailing NCAI’s Crystal Boswell at cboswell@ncai.org.

**Honoring Nations Reception**  
*Hyatt Regency Ballroom*  
6:30-8:30  
You are invited to the Harvard Project’s 2016 Honoring Nations Awards reception to celebrate excellence in tribal governance. This year’s outstanding finalists are:  
**Alaska Rural Utility Collaborative, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium  
Calricaraq: Indigenous Yup’ik Wellbeing, Yukon Kuskokwim Delta Tribal Communities**  

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Cáw Pawá Láakni – They Are Not Forgotten, *Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation*

Chickasaw Nation Sick Child Care Program, *Chickasaw Nation*

Native American Drug & Gang Initiative Task Force, *Intertribal Nations of Wisconsin*

Project Tiwahu – Redefining Tigua Citizenship, *Ysleta del Sur Pueblo*

Appetizers and other refreshments will be served! For more information contact Nicole Grenier at (617)495-1480 or nicole_grenier@harvard.edu.

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