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Sunday, October 15

9:00 – Noon **NCAI Executive Board Meeting**
Room 102A&B

9:00 – 5:00 **Task Force/ Work Group Meetings**

9:00 – 12:00 **Morning Sessions**

Tribal TANF Task Force

Room 102 E

The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss current Administrative and legislative initiatives impacting Tribal TANF nationally, with the goal of highlighting solutions and discovering best practices in order to overcome barriers to the delivery of programs. The Tribal TANF Task Force has consistently supported goals to increase tribes’ authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs, and will continue to search for solutions to increase program efficiency.

Violence Against Women Task Force

Room 102D

The Violence Against Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women.

1:00 – 5:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**
Hall C Foyer

1:00 – 5:00 **Marketplace Exhibitors Check In**
Hall C Foyer

1:00 – 4:00 **Afternoon Meetings**

NCAI Native Languages Task Force

Room 102 C

Developments in Native languages have taken place on the tribal, state, and federal policy level. Tribes are taking innovative approaches to revitalizing their languages, and states are adopting Native languages as official state language. This is an open session of the Native Languages Task Force to discuss Native American language protection from tribal leaders’ perspectives.



Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force

Room 103 D&E

NCAI's Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force brings together tribal leaders, federal officials and other stakeholders to discuss the strategies that can be employed in tribal communities to combat substance abuse with a particular focus on the ongoing opioid epidemic. The Task Force offers an opportunity to share innovative approaches to substance abuse and to offer solutions that are culturally responsive and effective in tribal communities to ensure a brighter future for affected communities and tribal citizens.

Federal Recognition Task Force

Room 102 E

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.

Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force

Room 103 B

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.

Two Spirit Task Force

Room 103C

The role of NCAI's Two Spirit Task Force is to assist in the coordination, collaboration, and outreach to Indian Country on Two Spirit issues and to develop and share approaches and solutions to policy issues that affect Two Spirit/LGBTQ community members in a manner consistent with Indian self-determination.

4:00 – 5:30

Youth Meet and Greet

Room 201 B

Emerging leaders are invited to come get to know Native youth from across Indian Country! Food and fun for all that attend.

5:00 – 6:00

NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee

Room 102 C

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



Monday, October 16

7:00 – 8:00

Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering and Water Ceremony

First Floor Lobby

This event is a casual gathering. Attendees will hear encouraging stories of faith and strengthen relationships. A water ceremony will also take place.

8:00 – 9:00

Youth: Morning Gathering

Room 201B

7:30 – 5:00

Registration/Rules & Credentials - Open for duration of the Convention

Exhibit Hall C Foyer, Level 3

7:30 – 5:00

Resolutions Office - Open for duration of the Convention

Room 101 D

9:00 – 4:00

Elders' Lounge - Open for duration of the Convention

Room 201D

9:00 – 5:00

Tradeshow & Marketplace Opens

Exhibit Hall C

8:15 – 1:00

Native American Voting Rights Coalition Field Hearing

Room 102 A

The Native American Voting Rights Coalition will be holding their Great Lakes Field Hearing to identify and document the obstacles indigenous voters face in federal, state, and local (non-tribal) elections. Witnesses include tribal leaders, advocates, and voters from Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. The session will include a public comment period and audience members from all regions are encouraged to share their own stories of voter suppression. Topics include discrimination in: location of voter registration and voting; vote by mail and early voting; poll worker opportunities; treatment at polls; language barriers; and other discrimination. Please direct questions or comments to vote@narf.org. This event is free and open to the public.

9:00 – Noon

Concurrent Breakout Sessions

The 2018 Farm Bill: Building The Native Farm Bill Coalition to Defend and Promote Indian Country's Food and Infrastructure Future

Room 102C

This session will provide an overview of the pending Farm Bill and we will discuss how to grow our "Native Farm Bill Coalition" and strengthen strategies for national intertribal engagement

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that creates a strong and unified Indian Country voice in the next Farm Bill. This session will engage tribal leaders in organizing and developing priorities for the 2018 Farm Bill. The Coalition will bring a strong and united voice that creates new opportunities and protects programs benefiting our food producers, nutrition programs, entrepreneurs, and infrastructure.

Speakers:

Colby Duren, Policy Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
Janie Simms-Hipp, Director, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative
Ross Racine, Executive Director, Intertribal Agriculture Council
Zach Ducheneaux, Secretary and Technical Assistance Program, Intertribal Agriculture Council
Chris Georgacas, Consultant, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Phil Baker-Shenk, Lawyer, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community

A 2020 Census Program Update and Demonstration of Data Tools vital for effective planning for your Tribe

Room 102E

In this session, you will learn how to access statistics for your American Indian area using the Census Bureau's My Tribal Area application. We will also demo American FactFinder to show you how to explore new American Indian and Alaska Native tables from the 2011-2015 American Community Survey (ACS). These tables, released July 2017, are the first update since the previous tables based on the 2006-2010 ACS. Attendees are encouraged to bring an internet-connected device and follow along with our demonstrations to get the most from this session. Tribes who participated in our 2020 Census tribal consultations were then informed about the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) that is vital for your tribe. This program allows your tribe to review and update your addresses and boundaries with the Census Bureau, so the Census Bureau can correctly count your reservation's residents. Learn how to participate in the Census Bureau's geography programs in preparation for the 2020 Census. The time is now to participate in this vital program.

Speakers:

Tyson Weister, U.S. Census Bureau
Madeline Sovich, U.S. Census Bureau
Ryan Dolan, U.S. Census Bureau
Helena Carapellatti, U.S. Census Bureau

Strengthening the leadership role and operation of Tribal Child Welfare Services

Room 103A&B

Ensuring the safety of Native children and helping strengthen their families are the central goals of all tribal child welfare programs. The path to achieving these goals involves establishing a model of governance that de-colonizes tribal child welfare programs and services and aligns them with tribal community values and culture. While each tribal community will have unique needs, there are several key areas of governance that tribal leaders can be involved in that will ensure that child welfare services achieve the goals and outcomes for children and families in which the community is most interested. This session will provide information and governance strategies for tribal leaders and senior tribal program directors on how to de-colonize their tribal



child welfare program and establish an effective governance strategy to address funding, service delivery, community engagement, and partnership development activities.

Presenters:

Gil Vigil, President, National Indian Child Welfare Association

David Simmons, Government Affairs and Advocacy Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Crys O'Grady, Research Manager, National Indian Child Welfare Association

U.S. Department of the Interior Consultation “Licensed Indian Traders” Regulations and Listening Session on Land Into Trust*

Room 202C

The Department of the Interior is hosting a joint session to hear from tribal leadership on potential changes to regulations governing off-reservation trust acquisitions. Among the changes under consideration are establishing threshold criteria that must be met before NEPA compliance will be required and reinstating the 30-day delay for taking land into trust.

Time in this session will also be devoted to furthering the Tribal consultation on the need to update the “Licensed Indian Traders” regulations currently found at 25 C.F.R. Part 140 and particularly seeks input from tribes on: (1) specific projects that could move forward if new regulations gave tribes greater economic flexibility, (2) any economic impact studies on the benefits of Indian Country economic development to surrounding communities, and (3) specific treaty provisions that require the United States to protect tribal economic interests.

FCC Listening Session on Tribal Section 106 Review of Wireless Infrastructure*

Room 102D

Join Federal Communications Commission staff for a listening session on the current Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (WT 17-79) “Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Deployment” that considers the role of Tribal Section 106 Historic Preservation Review of wireless infrastructure. This is an important opportunity for tribes to discuss the importance of tribal input and consultation in infrastructure projects that impact Indian Country.

Participants:

Sayuri Rajapakse, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Native Affairs and Policy, Federal Communications Commission

Jill Springer, Federal Preservation Officer, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

Listening Session with Federal Agencies on Protection of Indigenous Traditional Knowledge, Cultural Expressions, and Genetic Resources*

Room 202B

The World Intellectual Property Organization, an agency of the United Nations, is considering the adoption of an agreement among Member States to protect the traditional cultural expressions, traditional knowledge, and genetic resources of indigenous peoples. This session

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will provide an opportunity for tribal leaders to meet with the federal agency representatives who will be participating in these negotiations on behalf of the United States.

Speakers:

Melody McCoy, Native American Rights Fund
Aurelia Schultz, Counsel, Policy & International Affairs, U.S. Copyright Office

International Trade

Room 102B

This session will focus on international trade. Participants will discuss indigenous-to-indigenous trade opportunities, the importance of international trade to tribal economic development, and how tribes may be impacted by the current re-negotiation of the North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), with particular focus on Canada's recent call for the inclusion of an indigenous chapter in NAFTA.

Speakers:

Lindsay Robertson, Professor, Oklahoma University School of Law
Jamie Edwards, Director of Government Affairs, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Rukumoana Schaafhausen, Deputy Chair, Te Arataura, the Maori King's Executive Council
Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council

Indian Health Service - Listening Session on the IHS Strategic Plan*

Room 103C

The Indian Health Service (IHS) recently initiated Tribal Consultation and Urban Confer for the development of a 5-year IHS Strategic Plan (2018–2022). During this listening session, the IHS seeks tribal leader and other stakeholder comments and recommendations on the initial IHS Strategic Plan framework. More specifically, the IHS is looking for feedback on whether its Mission, Vision, Goals, and Objectives reflect the direction and priorities that the IHS should pursue over the next 5 years.

Noon – 1:00

New Member Orientation

Room 102B

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

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Noon – 1:00

Marketplace Grand Opening Celebration

Exhibit Hall C

Come help kick off the opening of the marketplace with light food, prizes, and special entertainment from the Oneida Nation Smoke Dancers.

1:30 – 4:00

First General Assembly

Room Ballroom ABC

1:30

Call to Order

Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI

Honor Guard

Southeastern Oneida Tribal Services and Forest County Potawatomi Veterans Post 1

Drum Group

Fire Nation, Forest County Potawatomi

Invocation

Dylan Jennings, Junior Council Member and Midewiwin Member, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Commission Public Information Director

Welcome

2:10

Welcome from Local Officials

Gwen Moore, Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives (WI)

Betty McCollum, Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives (MN)

2:30

Rules of the Convention

Yvonne Oberly, Chair, NCAI Rules and Credentials Committee

Resolutions Process

Juanita Ahtone, Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee

2:40

President's Address

Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI

2:55

Executive Director's Report

Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

3:10

White House Update



3:25 **Department of the Interior Update**
John Tahsuda, Acting Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, U.S.
Department of the Interior

3:40 **Tribal Leader Discussion**

4:15 – 6:00 **Committee Meetings**

Economic, Finance & Community Development - Room 102E

Human Resources - Room 102D

Land & Natural Resources - Room 102C

Litigation & Governance - Room 102A

Veterans - Room 102B

5:00 – 6:00 **Youth: End of the Day Wrap Up**

Room 201B

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

6:00 – 8:30

Welcome Reception presented by HCN & Husch Blackwell

Harley Davidson Museum, 500 West Canal Street, Milwaukee, WI 53203

This is a networking evening with live entertainment; food & beverage so please join this fun evening. Sponsored by the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Welcome Reception Transportation:

Shuttle buses with signage from the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells (handicap accessible). Starting at 5:45 pm through 9:00 pm on a loop with pick up from the Wisconsin Center at 4th Street and Wells Street to event.

ELECTIONS REMINDER:

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Tuesday, October 17

7:15 – 8:15 **Regional Caucus Meetings**

Alaska Area – *Room 102A*

Eastern Oklahoma Area – *Room 102B*

Great Plains Area – *Room 102D*

Midwest Area – *Room 102C*

Northeast Area – *Room 102E*

Northwest Area – *Room 103A&B*

Pacific Area – *Room 103C*

Rocky Mountain Area – *Room 103D&E*

Southeast Area – *Room 201A*

Southern Plains Area – *Room 202A*

Southwest Area – *Room 202B*

Western Area – *Room 202C*

8:00 – 8:30

Youth: Morning Gathering

Room 201B

8:30 – 12:00

Second General Assembly

Room Ballroom ABC

8:30

Call to Order

Fawn Sharp, First Vice President, NCAI

Invocation

Announcements

9:00

Indian Country in Action!

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Keith M. Harper, Ambassador (ret.), Partner, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

North American Free Trade Agreement

Perry Bellegarde, National Chief, Assembly of First Nations (Canada)

Climate Change

Jodi Gillette, Policy Advisor, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP

Native Vote

Aaron Payment, Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

First Kids 1st

10:15

Army Corp of Engineers

Donald E. Jackson, Jr., Major General, Army Corp of Engineers

10:45

Special Recognition

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11:00 **Special Presentations**
11:30 **Tribal Leader Discussion**

12:00 – 1:00 **Youth Honoring Luncheon**
Ballroom D
NCAI Youth Leadership Awards presented by Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association. A special performance by Nick Courtney.
Invocation: David Powless, Cultural Advisory for the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Clinic, an enrolled member of the Southeastern Oneida Nation of WI
Tickets are available for purchase.

White House Tribal Nations Summit Preparatory Meeting
Room Ballroom ABC

12:00 – 5:00 **Tradeshow & Marketplace Open**
Exhibit Hall C

1:30 – 4:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

Tax Reform for Indian Country & the Indian Trade and Commerce Regulations
Room 102C

NCAI is working with a coalition of tribal leaders and organizations on an initiative to ensure tax reform benefits to Indian Country. While the Administration and Congress have expressed interest in accomplishing tax reform, the political environment in the House and Senate differ. This breakout session will provide tribal leaders with information on the most recent tax reform developments. This breakout session will also provide an opportunity for the Administration to give an update and discuss the Indian Trade and Commerce Regulations proposal with tribal leaders before they issue a draft rule.

Speakers:

Ethan Holmes, Legal Assistant, U.S. Congressman Ron Kind's Office
Jeff Warnke, Director of Government Relations, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation

10 Years After UNDRIP: International Advocacy to Protect Tribal Sovereignty
Room 103C

This year marks the 10th Anniversary of the passage of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Panelists will provide updates on recent advances and ongoing challenges in implementing UNDRIP. Updates will include the status of recent efforts to allow indigenous governments to participate at the United Nations as governments; recent developments on the issues of international repatriation, cultural protection, and traditional knowledge; and the upcoming year of indigenous languages. Panelists will also discuss how

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UNDRIP has been used to support domestic advocacy and how tribal governments can promote adoption of UNDRIP principles in their constitutions and tribal laws.

Speakers:

Andrea Carmen, Executive Director, International Indian Treaty Council
Heather Whiteman Runs Him, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Melody McCoy, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Frank Ettawageshik, Executive Director, United Tribes of Michigan

Roundtable on Implementing the Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda in a Culturally Relevant Manner

Room 103A&B

The voices of tribal leaders who spoke compellingly about the extent to which mental and substance use disorders are impacting tribal communities ultimately led to the creation of the National Tribal Behavioral Health Agenda (TBHA). This collaborative effort between the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), IHS, tribal nations and urban Indian Health programs aims to find culturally relevant solutions to ensure the well-being of tribal citizens. Join us for this roundtable made up of federal and tribal officials who will highlight best practices, existing resources and the next steps in implementing the TBHA throughout Indian Country.

Moderator: Aaron Payment, Chairman, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Speakers:

Mirtha Beadle, Director, Office of Tribal Affairs & Policy, SAMHSA
Chester Antone, Chair, Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee
Kurt Riley, Governor, Pueblo of Acoma
Rebecca St. Germaine, Commissioner, Health & Human Services, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Policy Research Center, NCAI

Tribal Homeland Security Emergency Management - Breakout Session One

Room 102A

Tribal capacity for responding and managing emergencies and disasters including potential domestic terrorist incidents has increased in recent years. Greater levels of capacity could have been achieved if the increased funding and technical assistance provided to counterpart governments was equitably available to tribal governments.

This session will begin with a briefing on the aftermath of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Also included are Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) tribal programmatic and policy updates; and roundtable discussion regarding outstanding tribal needs for resources to build capacity and respond to disasters; increased levels and elimination of "directly eligible tribes" definition from the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program; federal assistance for development of a tribal Emergency Management Assistance Compact, similar to National Emergency Management Association in the state effort (which tribes are excluded from); FirstNet update; tribal outreach initiative; the final draft of the FirstNet Tribal Consultation Policy; and FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy revision.



Facilitator: Robert Holden, NCAI Deputy Director

Presenters:

Milo Booth, National Tribal Affairs Advisor, FEMA Intergovernmental Affairs
Margeau Valteau, Tribal Affairs Specialist, FEMA Intergovernmental Affairs
Brian Howard, Research and Policy Analyst, American Indian Policy Institute, and NCAI FirstNet Public Safety Committee Representative
Adam Geisler, FirstNet Regional Tribal Government Liaison
Margaret Gutierrez, FirstNet Regional Tribal Government Liaisons
Carrie Johnson, Regional Director and Tribal Affairs Specialist, AT&T FirstNet Program
Andrew Sloan, DHS Homeland Security Information Network Mission Outreach Manager
Marc Caplan, DHS Communications Director, Outreach and Responder Engagement
Chele Rider, Disaster State Relations Director, SW & Rocky Mountain Division, American Red Cross
Steve Golubic, Tribal Liaison, LSU-NCBRT

Identity, Belonging, and Citizenship: Sustaining Our Tribal Nations

Room 102B

This informative roundtable discussion examines a complex set of issues facing tribal nations: identity, belonging, and citizenship. A growing number of tribal nations are engaging these issues in different ways with various goals in mind – from strengthening tribal cultures, core values, and social cohesion to ensuring the long-term sustainability of their populations. Exploring this movement and the growing body of scholarship documenting it, this session will address the following questions: How are tribal nations working to develop greater unity about who belongs? How are they nurturing a deeper sense of individual and collective identity among tribal citizens? How are they fostering engagement and connectedness between tribal government and tribal citizens? And how are they cultivating a more informed, meaningful sense among tribal citizens about their obligations to one another, to the nation, and to its future? Participants will be equipped with new perspectives, tools, and tribal examples they can use to seed constructive dialogue with their tribal communities about identity, belonging, and citizenship.

Speakers:

Susan White, Director, Trust Enrollment Committee, Oneida Nation
John “Rocky” Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Justin Beaulieu, Coordinator, Constitution Reform Project, Red Lake Nation
Jill Doerfler, Associate Professor of American Indian Studies, University of Minnesota-Duluth
Norbert S. Hill Jr., Area Director of Education and Training, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin
Carlos Hisa, Governor, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

Tribal Proposals to Improve Federal Permitting Consultation

Room 102D

NCAI is working with a coalition of tribal leaders and organizations to improve required federal infrastructure permitting decision-making. The situation at Standing Rock demonstrated that



federal agencies need to improve their consultation practices and working relationships with tribal governments. This breakout session is an opportunity for tribal leaders to discuss how tribes can lead to put forward solutions to improve federal agency consultation practices.

Strengthening Tribal-State Relations and Sovereignty through Education and Training *Room 202B*

Following on the heels of the “Building Tribal-State Relationships to Advance Critical Tribal Priorities” session that NCAI held at its Mid Year Conference, this informative session closely examines the role that education and training of state elected officials and employees as well as tribal leaders plays in strengthening tribal-state relations and, in turn, tribal sovereignty. It showcases leading examples of effective “Indian Country 101” and similar training programs – including Minnesota’s award-winning Tribal-State Relations Training Program – as potential models for other tribes and states to customize to their own particular needs.

Speakers:

Chairman W. Ron Allen, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
Senator John McCoy, Washington State Legislature
Chief Melanie Benjamin, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Tadd Johnson, Professor of American Indian Studies, University of Minnesota-Duluth
Linda Aitken, Tribal-State Relations Training Manager, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Leroy Staples Fairbanks III, Council Member, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
Craig Bill, Executive Director, Washington Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs
Heather Cahoon, State-Tribal Policy Analyst, Montana Budget and Policy Center

First Kids 1st: Engaging in the Movement through Community Mapping *Room 201A*

As the Founding Partners of First Kids 1st (“FK1st”), the National Congress of American Indians, National Indian Child Welfare Association, National Indian Education Association, and National Indian Health Board are working together to create a collaborative national network of Native organizations to equip tribal communities with tools to compel policy change that improve the opportunities available to Native youth. This session will provide resources on ways your community can start to build the movement through community asset mapping—a process of multi-generational community dialogue designed to collect stories, map community assets, and measure change.

Speakers:

Crys O’Grady, Research Manager, National Indian Child Welfare Association
David Simmons, Director of Government Affairs and Advocacy, National Indian Child Welfare Association

4:15 – 6:00 Subcommittee Meetings

Disabilities & Elders – *Room 201D*
Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Room 102B*
Education – *Room 102D*
Energy & Mineral Policy – *Room 102C*



Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Room 102C*
Health – *Room 103A&B*
Housing – *Room 103D&E*
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Room 202A*
Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Room 202D*
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Room 202B*
Public Safety & Justice – *Room 102A*
Taxation – *Room 201A*
Technology & Telecommunications – *Room 202E*
Transportation & Infrastructure – *Room 203D*
Tribal Gaming – *Room 103C*
Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture - *Room 102C*
Veterans – *Room 203A&B*

5:00 – 6:00

Youth: End of the Day Wrap Up

Room 201B

Join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities, mingle with other youth attendee, create health walk posters and get ready for tomorrow's agenda.

6:00 – 7:00

Special Recognition Pre-Gala Reception (open to all)

Ballroom D Foyer, Level 1

Enjoy this chance to mingle as we highlight some of our generous Annual Convention sponsors and other special recognitions prior to the Gala Banquet.

7:00 – 10:00

Gala Banquet

Ballroom D

Tickets are available for purchase.

Come enjoy a delicious meal, and an evening of warm company and pleasant memories. This will be an evening you won't want to miss! Special entertainment provided by Native American Music Awards winner Annie Humphrey.

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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. Nominations do not have to be seconded, and no seconding speeches shall be allowed. Campaign speeches by candidates shall be no longer than five minutes.

12:00 **Lunch Break**

12:00 – 5:00 **Tradeshow & Marketplace Open**
Exhibit Hall C

1:30 – 4:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

Tribal Sovereignty in Education & U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Education Strategic Plan Listening Session

Room 102C

This session will consist of two parts. In the first part, participants will discuss the current climate of education and how tribes can capitalize on discussions surrounding local control of education to enhance educational experiences and outcomes for Native youth including charter schools and tribal initiatives. As the national discussion centers around school choice as the means of administering education, this session will provide information and discussion for tribal leaders and educators on what “Local Control” means for Native students. The second part of the session will focus on the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Draft Strategic Plan with BIE officials providing an overview of the purpose and content of the draft plan with an opportunity for participants to offer recommendations.

Moderator: National Indian Education Association Representative

Alan Brauer, Fellowship Director, NACA Inspired Schools Network

Kristin Szczepaniec, Knowledge Manager and Indigenous Education Specialist, NACA Inspired Schools Network

Ron Lessard, Acting Executive Director, White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education

Mary Sue Anderson, School Director, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Dr. Charles “Monty” Roessel, President, Diné College

Tony Dearman, Director, Bureau of Indian Education

Clint Bowers, Policy Program Analyst, Bureau of Indian Education

Travis Clark, Management Program Analyst, Bureau of Indian Education

Elders & Youth Roundtable

Room 103A&B

Elders and youth will be invited to sit together and participate in this roundtable. Through this session, attendees will be given the opportunity to collaborate on skills to increase our resiliency

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to stress and strengthen our abilities to be leaders at home, with our families, in the classroom, in our communities, and in our tribal governments.

Tribal Lands Restoration and Management

Room 102A

Tribal leadership continues its efforts to address longstanding issues with tribal land restoration, the settlement of 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 land restoration goals of the Trump Administration, implementation of the new Indian Trust Asset Reform Act, and a discussion of pending energy legislation.

Speakers:

John McClanahan, Director, Land Buy-Back Program

Paul Moorehead, Principal, Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville PC

Chris Stainbrook, Indian Land Tenure Foundation

Citizen-Owned Businesses: Key to Building Sustainable Tribal Economies

Room 103C

For most tribal nations, small businesses owned and operated by tribal members/citizens are critical to their ability to build sustainable economies. This panel session will examine the many different ways that citizen-owned businesses serve as a catalyst for tribal economic and community development. It also will explore how tribal nations, tribal leaders, and other key players like Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) can work strategically to (1) create a positive legal, commercial, physical, and social environment for citizen-owned business development; and (2) cultivate citizen entrepreneurs to contribute to the economy building effort. Finally, it will showcase several innovative approaches to citizen-owned business development in Indian Country.

Speakers:

John “Rocky” Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Tanya Fiddler, Executive Director, Native CDFI Network

Martin Harvier, Vice President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Chris James, Executive Director, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

Major Robinson, Advisor, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Joan Timeche, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona

Tribal Data Capacity & Research Futures – Governance, Culture, and Trust

Room 103D&E

In an age where information is power, tribal nations are increasingly building research capacity and using data to guide policymaking. In this session, we will preview the contents of two upcoming reports from the NCAI Policy Research Center – one on aspects of tribal data capacity, and the other on tribal research partnerships. The remainder of the breakout session will be dedicated to the launch of the Tribal Research Futures Game. Attendees will have a chance to play the game, which illuminates tensions that can arise in partnerships dealing with research and data resources, design, dissemination, and implementation.



Speakers:

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center
Amber Ebarb, Budget and Policy Analyst, NCAI Policy Research Center
Norm DeWeaver, Consultant, NCAI Policy Research Center
Dr. Julie E. Lucero, Assistant Professor, University of Nevada-Reno
Sarah Pytalski, Policy Research & Evaluation Manager, NCAI Policy Research Center
David Beurle, Future iQ Partners, Inc.
Amber Emerson, University of Nevada-Reno

Healing Tribal Communities – Healthcare in Indian Country

Room 102B

The debate surrounding Congress’s attempt to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA) consumed the nation for several weeks. Unable to pass such legislation, the ACA remains the law of the land. This session will provide an overview of the current status of ACA implementation including Medicaid expansion in Indian Country and Congress’s attempt to repeal and replace the ACA. In addition, there will be a discussion about the innovative ways to deliver health care services through telehealth and tribally run programs.

Speakers:

Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director, National Indian Health Board
Devin Delrow, Director of Federal Relations, National Indian Health Board
Doneg McDonough, Technical Advisor, TSGAC
Laura Platero, Governmental Affairs/Policy Director, Northwest Portland American Indian Health Board

Aaron Payment, Chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
Brian Wren, Chief Analytics and Revenue Officer, Choctaw Nation Health Services
Chris Fore, Director, IHS Telebehavioral Health Center for Excellence
Ben Bartolome, Federal Communications Commission Connect2Health Taskforce

Tribal Homeland Security Emergency Management

Room 203AB

Tribal capacity for responding and managing emergencies and disasters including potential domestic terrorist incidents has increased in recent years. Greater increments of capacity could have been achieved if the increased funding provided to counterpart state governments was equitably available to tribal governments. This session includes U.S. Department of Homeland Security updates, and roundtable discussion regarding outstanding tribal needs for resources to build capacity and the current change of high tech and unusual low tech coordinated domestic terror risks; support of authorization and appropriations for a tribal homeland security general assistance grant so tribes can develop capabilities and capacities; tribal border crossing rights protection and federal border security initiatives; creative approaches to assist tribes in development of identification Tribal Enhanced Cards; and federal assistance for development of a tribal Emergency Management Assistance Compact, similar to National Emergency Management Association in the state effort (which excludes tribe from participating).



Facilitator: Robert Holden, NCAI Deputy Director

Presenters:

David Munro, Director, DHS Office of Tribal Affairs

Tim Quinn, Executive Director, Office of Intergovernmental Public Liaison, DHS Customs and Border Protection

Laura Francois-Eugene, Enhanced Tribal Card Program Manager, DHS Customs and Border Protection

Marisela Nunez, Enrollment Director, Pascua Yaqui Tribe

Jason Ackelson, Director of Strategy, DHS Office of Policy

Christine Griggs, DHS Transportation Security Administration Assistant Administrator, Civil Rights and Liberties, Ombudsman and Travel Engagement.

Denis Gusty, Program Manager, Information Applications and Standards, DHS

U.S. Department of Justice Listening Session*

Room 202C

This will be the first of a series of listening and consultation sessions that will be held by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to receive tribal comments on the Department's seven percent tribal set-aside funding, as authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017 (Public Law 115-31), and other funds appropriated for tribal assistance. Senior staff from DOJ will be in attendance and all appointed and elected tribal officials are encouraged to invite their justice and public safety staff to attend these sessions. For more information about the listening and consultation sessions, please contact Eileen Garry at (202) 307-6226 (Eileen.Garry@usdoj.gov) or Gena Tyner-Dawson at (202) 353-3442 (Eugenia.Tyner-Dawson@usdoj.gov).

4:15 – 6:00

Subcommittee Meetings

Disabilities & Elders – *Room 201D*

Economic Development, Finance & Employment – *Room 102B*

Education – *Room 102D*

Energy & Mineral Policy – *Room 102C*

Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Room 102C*

Health – *Room 103A&B*

Housing – *Room 103D&E*

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Room 202A*

Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Room 202D*

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Room 202B*

Public Safety & Justice – *Room 102A*

Taxation – *Room 201A*

Technology & Telecommunications – *Room 202E*

Transportation & Infrastructure – *Room 203D*

Tribal Gaming – *Room 103C*

Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture - *Room 102C*

Veterans – *Room 203A&B*

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5:00 **REMINDER:** In order to vote in NCAI Elections Tribal and Indian Individual Memberships as well as Convention Registration must be current by 5:00pm CT on Wednesday, October 18.

5:00 – 6:00 **Youth: End of the Day Wrap Up**
Room 201B
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 **NCAI Elections Committee Meeting**
Room 203 D
Each region caucus is asked to send two people to assist in the elections process.

6:00 – 7:00 **Technology Task Force**
Room 202E

7:00 – 9:00 **Cultural Night**
Hosted by the Indian Community School, 10405 W Saint Martin's Road, Franklin, Wisconsin

The Indian Community School, serving urban Native children and started by a grassroots effort of three Oneida mothers, took root during a takeover of unused federal property by AIM, blossomed with gaming dollars and is growing toward perpetuity through investments.

Join us for a night featuring cultures of the woodlands and great lakes. Enjoy watching smoke dancers and woodland dancers, warm up with wild rice soup, Oneida corn soup, or three sisters stew; make a corn husk doll, play games, learn a few words in Ojibwemowin, Oneida and Menominee; hear and singalong with songs composed by our students about treaties, experience the beauty of our School and learn about the award winning architecture.

You choose what you want to see and hear!

Buses will leave the convention center starting at 6:30 pm and return from the school starting at 9:00 pm.

ELECTIONS REMINDER: In order to vote in NCAI Elections your Tribal and Indian Individual Memberships as well as Convention Registration must be current by 5:00 pm CT on Wednesday, October 18.



Thursday, October 19

7:15 – 8:15 **Regional Caucus Meetings**

Alaska Area – *Room 102A*

Eastern Oklahoma Area – *Room 102B*

Great Plains Area – *Room 102D*

Midwest Area – *Room 102C*

Northeast Area – *Room 102E*

Northwest Area – *Room 103A&B*

Pacific Area – *Room 103C*

Rocky Mountain Area – *Room 103D&E*

Southeast Area – *Room 201A*

Southern Plains Area – *Room 202A*

Southwest Area – *Room 202B*

Western Area – *Room 202C*

8:00 – 8:30 **Youth: Morning Gathering**

Room 201B

8:00 – 5:00 **Indian Arts and Crafts Open**

Ballroom ABC Foyer, Level 1

8:00 – 10:00 **NCAI Executive Board Elections**

Ballroom D

Membership must be current by 5:00pm CT, Wednesday, October 18, to vote in the NCAI elections. In the event of a runoff between candidates, voting will take place between 8:00-10:00am on Thursday, October 19.

8:30 – 12:00 **Fourth General Assembly** *Room Ballroom ABC*

8:30 **Call to Order**
W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

Invocation
Lewis Taylor, Chairman, St Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin

Announcements

8:45 **UNITY, Inc.**
Hamilton Seymour, Co-President, UNITY, Inc.
Sophie Tiger, Co-President, UNITY, Inc.

8:50 **NCAI Youth Commission Report**
Mikah Carlos, Co-President, NCAI Youth Commission
Brian Barlow, Co-President, NCAI Youth Commission

9:00 **Strong Partners...Strong Nations**
National Indian Education Association
Dr. Jolene Bowman, President, National Indian Education Association



National Indian Health Board

Vinton Hawley, Chair, National Indian Health Board

National Indian Gaming Association

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

National American Indian Housing Council

Native American Finance Officers Association

11:30 **Tribal Leader Discussion**

12:00 – 1:00 **Elders' Honoring Luncheon**

Room 202 A-E

Come enjoy a relaxing lunch with great company and special entertainment from the Oneida Nation Smoke Dancers.

Invocation: Brian Frejo, Gerald Ignace Indian Health Center

Tickets are available for purchase.

1:30 – 4:00

Fifth General Assembly

Room Ballroom ABC

1:30

Call to Order

Roger Rader, Regional Vice President, NCAI

Announcements

1:40

Updates around Indian Country

Supreme Court Project Update

John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund

John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

Tax

Federal Initiatives to Reduce Barriers to Tribal Energy Development

Food Sovereignty

Domestic Violence Awareness

Caroline LaPorte, StrongHearts Native Helpline

Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline

Health and Wellness

Lewis Taylor, Chairman, St Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin



3:40

Tribal Leader Discussion

4:00 – 6:00

Committee Meetings

Economic, Finance & Community Development - Room 102E

Human Resources - Room 102D

Land & Natural Resources - Room 102C

Litigation & Governance - Room 102A

Veterans - Room 102B

5:00 – 6:00

Youth: Annual Convention Wrap Up

Room 201B

6:00-8:00

Film Night - Tribal Justice

Room 202A/B/C

NCAI proudly presents Tribal Justice, a documentary film by Makepeace Productions. Tribal Justice focuses on the traditional concepts of justice to reduce incarceration rates, increase community safety, and create positive futures for youth. By addressing the root causes of crime, they model restorative systems that create a stronger tribal community. The film follows Chief Judge Abby Abinanti of the Yurok Tribe and Chief Judge Claudette White of the Quechan Tribe.

Speaker:

Shirley Sneve, Vision Makers Media

6:00 – 8:00

Consultation on U.S. Department of Agriculture Reorganization*

Room 103D/E

In May 2017, Agriculture Secretary Perdue announced a reorganization of key agencies in the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to make “USDA the most effective, efficient, and best managed department in the U.S. government.” Since the National Congress of American Indians passed a resolution requesting consultation on this reorganization, USDA continues seeking ways to enhance customer service and maximize efficiency by aligning offices and agencies with similar missions. USDA will be holding a consultation regarding both phases of this reorganization and its implications on Indian Country.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the USDA Office of Tribal Relations by phone at (202) 205-2249, or by e-mail at Tribal.Relations@osec.usda.gov.



Friday, October 20

8:30 – 12:00 **Indian Arts & Crafts Open**
Ballroom ABC Foyer, Level 1

8:30 – 12:00 **Sixth General Assembly** *Room Ballroom ABC*

8:30 – 9:00 **Call to Order**
Joe Garcia, Regional Vice President, NCAI

Invocation

Memorials

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

10:10 **Swearing in of NCAI Officers**

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 Invoction

Dylan Jennings, Junior Council Member and Midewiwin Member, Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and Great Lakes Fish & Wildlife Commission Public Information Director

12:00 **Adjourn 74th Annual Convention**

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Other Meetings and Events

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

Sunday, October 15

9:00-Noon

Tribal Education Department National Assembly Discussion Forum *Room 102 C*

The Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) will host a forum to discuss the recent tribal consultation policies regarding the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and provide information on how Tribal Education Departments (TED) can provide responses to local and state education consultation required by ESSA. This session is intended to ensure that tribes and their TED have a plan to actively engage in the tribal consultation process.

Monday, October 16

11:00 – 1:00

Hmong American Peace Academy Tour *Tour*

The Hmong American Peace Academy (HAPA) provides students with rigorous academics, character development, and Hmong cultural values, preparing them to excel in colleges, universities and careers with great success. HAPA honors tradition, forges new ground and explores innovative ideas. It recognizes past history and looks forward to the journey that lies ahead. It is alive, empathetic, mindful and a servant leader. It builds bridges, mends fences, brings people together and creates new avenues toward success. HAPA stands as a beacon of hope and inspiration, always ready to lead the way and guide others.

This free tour will include shuttle service from the convention center, presentation, lunch, and shuttle back to convention center. RSVP to Nhia Yang at yang.nhia@myhapa.org or at (414) 383-4944.

Tuesday, October 17

Wednesday, October 18

8:15-9:00am

Native Farm Bill Coalition informational and organizational meeting

Please join us in giving life to a new organization to protect tribal sovereignty and Native interests in the 2018 Farm Bill. We are at acute risk in the congressional debate over the Farm Bill, the once-every-five-years legislation which sets Federal policy and spending. We must unite all of Native Country to protect essential nutrition programs on which so many Native people rely and advance the ability of Native producers to



feed our own people and improve our access to rural development programs that can help build our infrastructure. All tribes and Native groups are welcome. Breakfast provided.

Thursday, October 19

6:00-8:00pm **Carlisle Indian School Project**

103AB

Reception hosted by the Carlisle Indian School Project and Bright Path: The Jim Thorpe Story. Entertainment provided by Martha Redbone. Refreshments will be served. For questions, contact Angie Brus, Executive Director for CISP, at angie.brus@gabbardandco.com

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