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**THRIVING COMMUNITIES, DRIVING OPPORTUNITIES**  
**72<sup>ND</sup> NCAI ANNUAL CONVENTION & MARKETPLACE**  
**NATIVE YOUTH AGENDA**

October 18-23, 2015

**Saturday, October 17**

10:00 – 3:00

**Regional Indigenous Peoples and Nations Consultation on Climate Change: “Defending our Rights and Defining our Priorities on the Road to Paris and Beyond”\***

*Sunrise – MH Conference Center*

NCAI and the International Indigenous Treaty Council (IITC) are co-hosting a Regional Indigenous Peoples and Nations Consultation on Climate Change to discuss the international efforts to address climate issues in our communities. This consultation will continue the effort to get input into this process from Tribal Nations in North America before the 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to finalize a legally binding international agreement to reduce greenhouse gasses, curb the pace of climate change and define programs to help the most vulnerable States and Peoples to mitigate and adapt to the impacts. Onsite registration will begin at 9:30am.

**Sunday, October 18**

9:00 – 12:00

**Morning Pre-Meetings**

**Customs and Border Protection Expo\***

*Southwest Parking Lot*

All convention attendees are invited to attend the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Expo. CBP is the comprehensive border and management and control agency, combining, border security, immigration and agriculture protection. Over 15 CBP programs will be represented providing robust discussions and active exhibits and presentations from the CBP Horse Patrol, Canine Enforcement Team, Agriculture Field Operations, Intellectual Property Rights investigations, and the famed Shadow Wolves, the Native American tracking unit from the DHS Immigrations and Customs Enforcement office. Based on the Tohono O’odham Nation, Shadow Wolf officers are known for their ability to utilize traditional methods to track alien and drug smugglers along the border. In the event of inclement weather, presentations and discussion will be conducted in Terrance Salon 2 from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m.

12:00 – 1:00

**New NCAI Member Orientation**

*Royal Palm Six*

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

Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI  
Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI  
John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI  
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, NCAI  
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, NCAI

5:00 – 7:00

**Native Youth Meet and Greet, Overview of Week**

*Hotel Room 1019*

All youth attendees come get a chance to meet other youth participants from all across Indian Country! Food and fun for all youth that attend.

1:00 – 5:00

**Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**

*Atlas Foyer*

**Monday, October 19**

7:00 – 8:00

**Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering\***

*Tiki Pavilion*

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

8:15 – 8:30

**Youth Morning Gathering**

*Tiki Pavilion*

Come collect the daily challenges and say good morning to other youth attendees.

8:30 – 10:30

**First General Assembly**

*Atlas Ballroom*

10:30 – 12:00

**Harmful Mascots**

*Tiki Pavilion*

California is taking the initiative to remove harmful mascots in their public schools. There will be coverage of why the removal of mascots is important and what Native youth in the area are doing to raise awareness with this issue.

Brian Howard  
Dahkota Brown

*NCAI Staff*  
*Wilton Mimok*

12:00 – 1:00

**Trade Show Networking Reception**

*Grand Exhibit Hall*

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!

2:15 – 3:00

**You Are Your Own Brand**

*Tiki Pavilion*

Talk with others about what different kinds of social media tools are out there, their purposes, how to utilize social media as a tool.

Nicole Hallingstad

*NCAI Staff*

Whitney Sawney

*Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma*

3:15 – 4:00

**Center for Native American Youth**

*Tiki Pavilion*

Come meet with CNAY to learn about their work, share Native youth resources, leadership opportunities, and join in on an open dialogue to hear about Native youth perspectives on your priorities in your communities. Address questions about health and wellness, as well as ideas for how technology can play a role in creating solutions to existing barriers.

Ryan Ward

*CNAY Staff*

Teddy McCullough

*CNAY Staff*

4:15 – 6:00

**Committee Meetings**

6:00 – 7:00

**Youth Daily Wrap Up**

*Tiki Pavilion*

Join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities, mingle with other youth attendees and prepare for tomorrow's agenda.

6:00 – 8:00

**Welcome Reception & Cultural Night**

*Golden Ballroom*

Come celebrate the local culture through food, dance, song, and story!

**Tuesday, October 20**

7:15 – 8:15

**Area Caucus Meetings**

*Look to Region Breakdown*

8:15 – 8:30

**Youth Morning Gathering**

*Atlas Foyer*

Come collect the daily challenges and ask any questions about the upcoming day.

8:30 – 11:30

**Third General Assembly**

*Atlas Ballroom*

**Tribal Leader Strategy Discussion**

Tribal leaders are invited to A Dialogue to Enrich Our Communities. Join in a shared conversation and envision a roadmap for involving citizens in change. Practice a model for community dialogue, to arrive at like-minded tribal leadership strategies for vibrant communities.

11:30 – 12:00

**Prep for the Luncheon**

12:00 – 1:00

**Youth Honoring Luncheon**

*Golden Ballroom*

**Sponsored by San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**

NCAI Youth Leadership Awards presented by Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association

*Tickets are available for purchase.*

1:30 – 4:00

**Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

**Higher Education & Tribal Communities\***

*Royal Palm One*

This session will explore the role that higher education plays in our tribal communities and how tribal colleges and universities are responding to the educational, training, and cultural needs of native students and communities. The history of higher education in tribal and non-tribal systems will be discussed, compared, and contrasted, to provide a foundational perspective of the future and vision for higher education for Indian Country.

Cynthia Lindquist	<i>Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC)</i>
Joely Proudfit PhD	<i>California State University, American Indian Studies</i>
Carrie Billie	<i>American Indian Higher Education Consortium</i>
William Mendoza	<i>White House Initiative on AI/AN Education</i>

**Establishing Tribal Mechanisms to Bridge the Digital Divide\***

*Royal Palm Three*

The deployment of telecommunications infrastructure and services in Indian Country continues to lag behind the nation overall. Recent studies highlighting these disparities have shown that with every technological advancement in services the Digital Divide has increased on tribal lands. This session will focus on tribes determining their own telecommunications agenda to foster the deployment of economic and residential services on tribal lands. Panelists will discuss tribal initiatives to exercise regulatory authority over telecommunications providers and how to navigate complex federal policies to bring advanced services to tribal lands.

Danae Wilson	<i>Nez Perce Tribe</i>
Fred McLaughlin	<i>Standing Rock Sioux Telecom</i>
M. Teresa Hopkins	<i>Navajo Nation Telecommunications</i>

**Tribal Policy that Heals: Resilience Models that Allow Youth to Thrive\***

*Royal Palm Five*

We know that many Native communities face barriers to health and wellbeing, including experiences of trauma and loss. Fortunately, Native families and leaders across Indian Country are drawing on some of the rich and powerful resources that are available. For generations, tribal nations have used language, traditional lifeways, and spiritual practices, along with many other aspects of culture, to foster resilience in youth and families. In this session, we will highlight ways tribes are creating policy to support resilience approaches and moving the goal from surviving to thriving. Our goal is to identify some key elements towards developing resilience tools and a curriculum for tribes.

Dr. Stephanie Fryberg  
Jami Bartigis  
Agnes Attakai

*University of Washington*  
*One Fire Associates, LLC*  
*Center for Rural Health*

4:15 – 6:00

**Subcommittee Meetings**

5:30 – 7:00

**Youth Daily Wrap Up**

*Hotel Room 1016*

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. *Dinner will be provided.*

7:00 – 9:00

**Native Vote Talent Show/Lip Sync Battle**

*Golden Ballroom*

Join us in kicking off Native Vote 2016 by celebrating the importance of Indian Country's voice in the election process! Come show off your skills, enjoy the performances, and eat some delicious food. All talents are welcome!

**Wednesday, October 21**

7:15 – 8:15

**Area Caucus Meetings\***

8:15 – 8:30

**Youth Morning Gathering**

*Tiki Pavilion*

Come collect the daily challenges and ask any questions about the upcoming day.

8:30 – 10:15

**I Do What I Love. I Love What I Do.**

*Tiki Pavilion*

Join in on a roundtable discussion about how a group of Native Americans made what they love to do their career and what they went through to create their success.

James Johnson  
Jeri Brunoe

*N-Grained, Inc.*  
*Brunoe Training & Consulting*

- 10:30 – 11:15      **Nominations and Speeches for NCAI Board Administrative Offices**  
*General Assembly*  
 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.
- 11:30 – 12:30      **National Native American Just Move It!**  
 Healthy Lifestyles Walk, Run and Rally  
*Lion Fountain*  
 12th 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!
- 1:30 – 4:00      **Youth Opportunities and Leadership Training**  
*Tiki Pavilion*  
 Elections for National Indian Child Welfare Association Board Position  
 Team Building and Strategic Thinking with Google  
 Leadership Development with Jeri Brunoe
- 4:15 – 6:00      **Subcommittee Meetings\***
- 5:00      **REMINDER: In order to vote in NCAI Elections Tribal and Individual Memberships as well as registration must be current by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21.**
- 5:30 – 6:30      **Youth Daily Wrap Up**  
*Tiki Pavilion*  
 Join us to share what your day was like, learn about opportunities, mingle with other youth attendees and prepare for tomorrow’s agenda.

## Thursday, October 22

- 8:15 – 8:30      **Youth Morning Gathering**  
*Tiki Pavilion*  
 Come collect the daily challenges and ask any questions about the upcoming day.
- 8:30 – 12:00      **Fifth General Assembly**  
*Atlas Ballroom*  
**Youth Commission Report (8:50)**
- 9:00 – 10:00      **Youth Interactive Activity**  
*Tiki Pavilion*

- 10:15 – 11:15      **Department of Education – Executive Summary**  
*Tiki Pavilion*  
 Come sit down with the Department of Education and get a chance to ask questions about their new Executive Summary.
- Bill Mendoza                      *White House Initiative on AI/AN Education*
- 12:00 – 1:00      **Elder’s Honoring Luncheon\***  
*Golden Ballroom*  
**Sponsored by Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians**  
*Tickets are available for purchase*
- 1:30 – 2:30      **What Does It Mean to Be a Tribal Leader?**  
*Tiki Pavilion*  
 The panel for this discussion will consist of young tribal leaders that have made their way in their tribal councils. The panelists will answer the questions of how they got to office, what they do in office and how they share the information with their community members, especially youth.
- Reid Milanovich                      *Agua Caliente Band of Cabuilla Indians*  
 Celina R. Phair                      *Lummi Nation*
- 2:30 – 3:00      **Ice Breakers/Leadership Activities**
- 3:00 – 4:00      **Financial Capability**  
*Tiki Pavilion*  
 Financial partners will come together to share information about how to start a bank account, create a budget and how to find money (sponsorships, grants, donations, etc.).
- 4:00 – 5:30      **Committee Meetings\***
- 5:30 – 6:30      **Youth Commission Close Out**  
*Tiki Pavilion*  
 Your feedback is valuable and we want to know your thought on the Convention and Youth Track. Take this time to share with your peers your opinions and what you look forward to next year.
- 7:00 – 10:00      **Gala Banquet\***  
*Tickets are available for purchase.*