Saturday, June 16

7:30 am-TBD  Economic Development Tour of Winnebago Reservation with Lance Morgan; Cultural Tour with Local Planning Committee
Visit www.ncai.org for more information. (RSVP required)

Sunday, June 17

8:00-1:00  NCAI Executive Committee Meeting - Grand Ballroom E

Noon-4:00  NCAI PRC Advisory Board Meeting - Grand Ballroom E

1:00-5:00  Registration/Rules & Credentials Open - Main Lobby Atrium 1

Pre- Meetings:

9:00-12 Noon  USDA Listening Session - Renaissance
The listening session will focus initially on the extension, education, and research areas followed by general listening on other USDA programs (housing, business, farm and ranch, etc.)

9:00-12 Noon  Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force - Hawthorne (Lower Level)
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.

9:00-12 Noon  National Climate Assessment, Climate Science and Response: Innovation through Tribal Participation - Yankee Hill 2 (Lower Level)
The tribal climate assessment can help tribal leaders prepare for resource and infrastructure challenges. The authors of the tribal chapter of the 2013 National Climate Assessment will present their nearly final draft and will be seeking feedback from Indian Country before the final submission. The National Climate Assessment fulfills an Executive Order and was completed in 2001 and 2009, neither time including tribes. The tribal chapter for the 2013 National Climate Assessment has been developed with input from over 250 tribal representatives. This session will contribute to the foundation to develop and sustain an intertribal climate change policy, as well as introduce new collaborative work with the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) to investigate and monitor drought impacts specific to the Great Plains.

Presenters:
T. M. Bull Bennett, Ph.D., President and CEO, Kiksapa Consulting, LLC, invited
Bob Gough, Secretary, Intertribal Council on Utility Policy, invited
Chris Farley, National Climate Change Specialist, US Forest Service, Resource Use Sciences, invited

9:00-Noon  Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Task Force - Arbor 2 (Lower Level)
The TANF Task Force was established to develop national tribal priorities for the reauthorization of TANF. The Taskforce will also be developing recommendations on effective implementation strategies, administrative fixes, and programmatic changes that will assist tribes and tribal TANF participants. This session will focus on generating consensus to finalize the national tribal TANF priorities.

9:00-Noon  Department of Veterans Affairs Consultations - Yankee Hill 1 (3rd Floor)
The Department of Veterans Affairs, is initiating consultation to request input to enhance the delivery of services to American Indian/Alaska Native Veterans. Tribal consultation topics include: Native American Direct Loan Program, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment service programs, Tribal Cemetery Grants, and increasing Tribal government involvement in the VA/Indian Health Service Memorandum of Understanding workgroups and workgroup activities at the national and local levels.

8:00-Noon  Emergency Management Training/FEMA - Arbor 1 (Lower Level)

9:00-5:00  Native Women’s Forum - Grand Ballroom D

9:00-1:00  Violence Against Women Task Force
The NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women. This meeting will focus primarily on the upcoming reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

Presenters:
Charon Asetoyer, Executive Director and Founder, Native American Community Board and the Native American Women's Health Education Resource Center
Jacqueline Agtuca, Policy Director, Clanstar, Inc.
Katy Jackman, Staff Attorney, NCAI

1:00-5:00  Native Women’s Caucus
The Native Women’s Caucus was established to support the interests of women throughout Indian Country. The Caucus supports key women’s issues that have significant impact in our communities, such as welfare, economic, education, and health issues. The Caucus is open to all.

1:00-3:00  Department of Interior Consultation: Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative - Yankee Hill 3
The Department of Interior will hold a consultation meeting to seek input from Indian Country on a new presidential initiative to increase transparency of extractive industries, such as mining, through public reporting of company payments and revenues received by the federal government.

1:00-5:00
**Emergency Management Training/FEMA - Arbor 1 (Lower Level)**
Repeat of morning session.

1:30-4:00
**Our Natural Resources (ONR) – Yankee Hill 1**
Intertribal Policy, Climate Change, Fish & Wildlife issues, increasing tribal representation in federal decision-making are some of the new hot topics to be discussed.

1:30-5:00
**Federal Recognition Task Force - Renaissance (2nd Floor)**
The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on any recommended changes to policies, procedures, or strategic plans in the federal recognition process. This session will continue work on the development of realistic, actionable recommendations to Congress and the Administration on revising the federal recognition process.

1:30-5:00
**Behavioral Health Task Force - Arbor 2 (Lower Level)**
The new Behavioral Task Force unites NCAI’s previous separate initiatives on Suicide and Methamphetamine. During this session, members will develop a vision and tasks for the group’s work over the next two years. Members will engage in a facilitated discussion about initiatives for future work, new opportunities in which the Task Force would like to engage, and development of materials for a youth empowerment toolkit that will promote healthy behaviors and youth leadership.

1:30-5:00
**Telecom 101: An Introduction to Basic Telecommunications Terms, Definitions, and Concepts - Hawthorne (Lower Level)**
As the United States focuses on broadband deployment and adoption, tribes must stay apprised of policy and funding developments. To do so, tribal leaders and administrators must have a basic working knowledge of the telecommunications field including, but not limited to, terminology and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rulemaking processes. This session will focus on basic “telecom 101” and will cover telecommunications concepts, teleco company/regulatory structures, and funding options available. Tribal leaders in attendance will have the ability to engage in informative discussions and Q&A.

Presenters:
*Panel 1: Navigating the Federal Communications Commission Proceedings and Rulemakings*
Federal Communications Commission, Office of Native Affairs and Policy Staff
Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief, FCC-ONAP

*Panel 2: Funding Opportunities and Potential Obstacles to Deployment of Telecommunications Infrastructure*
USDA, Office of the Secretary and Rural Utilities Service Staff

Panel 3: Q&A Session with Tribal Leaders and Technical Experts
Bill Bryant, General Manager, Saddleback Communications – Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
Carroll Onsae, General Manager, Hopi Telecommunications, Inc.
Brian Tagaban, Acting Executive Director, Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission
Valerie Fast Horse, Director of IT, Coeur d’Alene Tribe
Will Micklin, Executive Director, California Tribal Governments Association

1:30-5:00
Tribal Consultation on Housing Needs Study - Yankee Hill 2 (3rd Floor)
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development will hold a consultation meeting to update tribal leaders and seek input regarding the agency’s study on “Assessment of Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Housing Needs.”

1:30-5:00
Tribal Leaders as Senior Executives in the Administration - Olive Branch (Lower Level)
Tribes are inequitably and uniquely impacted by the federal government on a day to day basis, yet the federal government severely lacks American Indians and Alaska Natives in its decision-making senior ranks. Many tribal leaders qualify for these Senior Executive Service (SES) positions, because they have governmental leaders experience. However, deciphering how to fill out, submit, and write your qualifying statements can be a mystery. This session will assist participants in understanding how their government leadership experience qualifies them for senior federal government positions.

Moderator:
Shana Barehand, Treasurer, Society of American Indian Government Employees

5:00-10:00
Welcome Pow-Wow and Cultural Celebration
Located at Indian Center Inc - William Canby Arena

Monday, June 18

7:30-5:00
Resolutions Office Open – Boca Raton Room
Registration Open – Main Lobby/Atrium 1
Rules & Credentials Open – Main Lobby/Atrium 1
Elder’s Lounge - Camp Creek Room

8:30-12:30
Youth Commission – Olive Branch (Lower Level)
An Extraordinary Career & Life, Brad Worley
9:00-5:00  Marketplace Open – Lancaster Ballroom (Lower Level)
Booths displaying a variety of crafts, information, and services will open.

8:30 - Noon  First General Assembly – Grand Ballroom

8:30  Call to Order
Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI

Color Guard

Invocation

Welcome from Host

9:00  Local Official Welcome

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

Resolutions Process Report
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee

9:30  President’s Report President’s Report – Uniting Tribes to Advance Our Goals
Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI

9:45  Executive Director’s Report – Action Plan for Sovereignty
Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

Strategies for Protecting and Expanding Indian Commerce on Your Reservation
Lance Morgan, CEO, Ho-Chunk, Inc., invited

White House Report – Promises Kept and Work for the Future

Progress on Public Safety in Indian Country:
The Tribal Law & Order Act and the Violence Against Women Act
Brendan Johnson, U.S. Attorney for South Dakota and Chair of the Native American Issues Subcommittee, invited

Bureau of Indian Affairs Report
Del Laverdure, Acting Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs

11:30  Tribal Leaders Discussion

12:00  Lunch Recess
1:30-4:00 Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Enterprises on Our Lands: Farming, Ranching, and Food - Yankee Hill 3 (3rd Floor)
Tribes are reintroducing and building out their own agriculture (farming, ranching, fishing, value-added) and food enterprises, often using leased lands for tribal food and agricultural enterprises that employ tribal people. Food and agricultural enterprises have long been stable job creators in rural areas. Tribal leaders and tribal natural resources/agriculture managers are assessing all options in order to create new and evolving food and agriculture agendas. This session will discuss tribal food and agriculture enterprises in different stages of development. Speakers will share the history and planning considerations each tribe made while beginning and growing its agriculture base. A second panel will present information on funding options, financial and business planning, and credit availability to start or ramp up these enterprises. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss tribal agriculture development practices and the funding and management resources available to tribal leaders and tribal citizens.

Panel 1
Moderator: Ross Racine, Executive Director, Intertribal Agriculture Council, invited

Presenters:
Jim Stone, Executive Director, InterTribal Buffalo Council
Greg Matson, Vice-Chairman, Oneida Business Committee
Mike Jandreau, Chairman, representing Lower Brule Farm Corporation, invited
Greg Moshier, Swinomish Fish Company

Panel 2
Moderators: Janie Hipp, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Tribal Affairs and Director, Office of Tribal Relations, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Dustin Miller, Program Specialist, Office of Tribal Relations, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Presenters:
Ken Keegan, Executive Vice President – Risk Management, Farm Credit Council
Mike Lettig, Native American Financial Services – AgriBusiness, KeyBank, invited

Celebrating Trust Settlements and Looking to the Future of Tribal Lands - Hawthorne (Lower Level)
With the recent announcement of over $1.2 billion in tribal trust settlements and more pending, it is a time to celebrate the resolution of trust mismanagement claims that have plagued the Department of Interior and hindered the development of tribal lands. At the same time, this is an opportunity to begin looking forward toward new systems that maintain the federal trust responsibility while increasing tribal control over tribal lands. The discussion will include land restoration and land to trust acquisition which is critical to rebuilding tribal land bases that support tribal self-determination.

Presenter:
Fawn Sharp, Chair of Trust Reform Commission
**Telecom Professionals: Pathways, Challenges, and Lessons Learned - Arbor 2 (Lower Level)**

As technology advances to support faster Internet speeds and services, it is essential that tribes begin to plan for establishing their own tribal telecommunications companies or regulatory authorities. Development of a strong workforce with technical expertise is vital to accomplishing this goal in Indian Country. This session will highlight various telecom professionals and the decisions, successes, and obstacles encountered during the establishment and operation of tribal telecommunications companies and regulatory authorities. Tribal leaders will learn valuable information regarding the importance and various pathways available for broadband deployment in Indian Country.

**Presenters:**
Matthew Rantanen, Director of Technology, Southern California Tribal Chairmen’s Association, and Director of the Tribal Digital Village Initiative, *invited*
Godfrey Enjady, General Manager, Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc., *invited*
Brian Tagaban, Acting Executive Director, Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, *invited*
Madonna Yawakie, President and CEO, Turtle Island Communications, Inc., *invited*
JD Williams, General Manager, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Telephone Authority, *invited*

**The Future of Our Sacred Birds: Eagle Feathers & DOJ’s Proposed Enforcement Policy - Yankee Hill 2 (3rd Floor)**

Last fall, the Department of Justice issued a ‘Request for Tribal Input’ on a proposal to issue a new department-wide policy that would clarify its practice of enforcing federal wildlife laws in a manner that facilitates the ability of members of federally recognized tribes to use eagle feathers and other bird feathers and parts for cultural and religious purposes. DOJ is now in the process of receiving a second round of tribal feedback on its proposed policy. This session will bring together tribal leaders and officials from the Departments of Justice and Interior to discuss the DOJ’s proposed policy and related issues.

**Leveraging the Time Beyond School to Expand Opportunities for Native Youth - Grand Ballroom D**

The connection is clear: programs offered to youth outside of normal school hours improve students’ academic achievement and reduce the rate of at-risk behaviors. For Indian Country, these programs also present an important opportunity to sustain Native languages and cultures. However, Native students more often than not lack access to quality, affordable programs. This breakout session will highlight the value of before-school, after-school, and summer programs for Native youth, equip tribal leaders with a tool for assessing what opportunities currently exist in their communities, and offer strategies for developing and expanding these programs to better serve Native youth.

**Presenters:**
Ahniwake Rose, Director of Human Service Policy, National Congress of American Indians
Brian Yazzie, Director of Native American Services, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale
Anne Harper, Director of Grant Fulfillment, National 4-H Council, *invited*
Matt Pilcher, Traditional Wellness Court Judge, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
Scott Aldrich, Traditional Wellness Court Judge, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

**Mapping the Landscape for Asserting Tribal Water Rights - Grand Ballroom E**

Tribal water rights are governed by a unique set of case law, often providing tribes favorable approaches towards quantifying their inherent water rights. However, most tribes have yet to begin quantifying their water rights. NCAI,
along with the Indian Water Working Group, has developed this agenda to map the different processes towards quantifying water rights, as well as the various factors to consider when moving towards asserting tribal water rights.

Presenters:
Wes Martel, Co-Chairman, Eastern Shoshone Tribe, *invited*
David Gover, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund, *invited*
Steven Walker, Attorney, Lewis, Longman & Walker, *invited*
Robert Brunoe, General Manager, Natural Resources Department, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, *invited*
Darcy Bushnell, Utton Center, Earth Data Analysis Center, University of New Mexico, *invited*

**Native Vote - Grand Ballroom F**
Two issues are critical in Indian Country this election cycle: election protection and access to voter records. This session will focus on the tools available to help organize and protect YOUR community’s vote. Join in on a discussion of prominent election protection issues in Indian Country this year. Also hear how one tribe—the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians—utilized community information and voter records to reach out to their citizens to encourage them to vote. Native Vote Counts—but we can only count it when we have access to robust data that measures our impact. Find out how you, as a Tribal Leader can help turnout the largest Native Vote EVER in 2012!

Presenters:
Sarabeth Donovan, Deputy Chief, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice, *invited*
Jamie Edwards, Director, Governmental Affairs, Mille Lacs
Sally Fineday, Executive Director, Native Voters Alliance in Minnesota

**Tribal Emergency Management and Homeland Security Breakout Session - Arbor 1 (Lower Level)**
This session will cover several federal agency initiatives and the impacts to tribal emergency management programs, as well as the long sought amendments to the Stafford Disaster Assistance Act. Issues discussed will include the Department of Homeland Security’s revamping of its grants programs, which potentially endanger the future of tribal homeland security grants. FEMA’s new requirement that tribes comply with Threat Hazard Incident Risk Assessment Guidelines for grant eligibility was done without tribal consultation and imposes severe administrative burdens on tribal programs, particularly those with limited infrastructure and capacity. This session will also cover a recently introduced Senate bill to amend the Stafford Act, which followed committee passage of the House bill that contains similar provisions.

4:30 – 6:00  **Youth Commission Re-Cap Session** - Olive Branch
Re-cap on the day and discussion of youth toolkit.
Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

4:30-6:00  **SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
*Subcommittees can meet as full committees if they so choose.*
Disabilities/Elders - Camp Creek
Economic Development, Finance, Employment - Hawthorne (Lower Level)
Education - Yankee Hill 2 (3rd FL)
Energy & Mineral Policy - Grand Ballroom F
Environmental Protection & Land Use – Grand Ballroom F
Health - Yankee Hill 3 (3rd FL)
Housing - Arbor 2 (Lower Level)
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns - Lincoln (2nd FL)
Indian Child & Family Welfare – Heartland (2nd FL)
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government - Grand Ballroom ABC
Taxation - Renaissance (2nd FL)
Telecommunications - Ivanhoe (Lower Level)
Transportation & Infrastructure – Yankee Hill 1 (3rd FL)
Tribal Gaming - Grand Ballroom D
Trust Lands, Natural Resources, Agriculture - Grand Ballroom E
Veterans - Arbor 1 (Lower Level)

6:30-8:00  Veterans Affairs Listening Session – Arbor 1 (Lower Level)
The Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration (NCA) vision is to be the model of excellence for burial and memorials for our Nation's Veterans and their families. Understanding and meeting the burial and memorial needs of American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Veterans is a key to ensuring that Veterans as a whole are satisfied with the burial and memorial benefits available to them through VA. In partnership with VA's Office of Tribal Government Relations NCA is hosting a listening session.

6:30-8:00  United League of Indigenous Nations Evening Event - Renaissance (2nd FL)
The United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty was developed and proposed 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 regarding the impacts of climate change on their homelands, to promote trade and commerce among Indigenous Nations, to bring their cultural properties under the protection of the laws of Indigenous Nations, to protect the human rights of Indigenous Peoples and to assert traditional rights to cross international borders. This event will provide treaty signatories, as well as tribes interested in endorsing the treaty, a forum for discussion and presentation.

Tuesday, June 19

6:00-7:30  Sunrise Prayer Gathering - North Plaza area of the Capitol Building outside
Attendees will conduct a sunrise prayer ceremony as part of the National Days of Prayer to Protect Native Sacred Places.

7:30-8:30  Regional Caucus Meetings
Alaska Area - Yankee Hill 1
Eastern Oklahoma Area - Renaissance
Great Plains Area - Hawthorne
Midwest Area - Lincoln
Northeast Area - Heartland
Northwest Area - Yankee Hill 2
Pacific Area - Ivanhoe
Rocky Mountain Area - Yankee Hill 3
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Southeast Area - Nebraska  
Southern Plains Area - Arbor 1  
Southwest Area - Arbor 2  
Western Area - Olive Branch

7:30-5:00  
**Resolutions Open – Boca Raton Room**  
Registration Open – Main Lobby/Atrium 1  
Rules & Credentials Open – Main Lobby/Atrium 1  
Elder’s Lounge - Camp Creek Room

8:30-Noon  
Youth Commission – Olive Branch (Lower Level)  
9:00-5:00  
Exhibits Open – Lancaster Ballroom (Lower Level)

8:30-Noon  
**Second General Assembly – Grand Ballroom**

8:30  
**Call to Order**  
Juana Majel Dixon, First Vice-President, NCAI

Invocation  
Announcements

NCAI’s 7th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum

8:45  
**Seventh Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum**  
Malia Villegas, Director, Policy Research Center, NCAI

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**A Call to Action: Tribes Using Community-Driven Research to Address Local Priorities**

This morning’s general assembly features tribes using research to address community and environmental health. Historically, many researchers came to tribal communities and conducted research that had little benefit to tribal communities and at times, resulted in harm. This session highlights three projects in which tribes actively designed and implemented research to benefit their community within the areas of substance abuse prevention, water quality and rights, and youth suicide prevention. Panelists will provide insights for other tribal communities interested in developing research to address their own needs.

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9:00  
**Tribal Sovereignty and Substance Abuse**  
Lisa Rey Thomas, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington  
Nigel Lawrence, Suquamish Tribe  
Paper: Asking Permission to Come Ashore: The Role of Tribal Sovereignty in the Healing of the Canoe Research Project on Culturally-Relevant Substance Abuse
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Youth Suicide Prevention: Using Data for Program Development
Cynthia Lindquist, President, Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Cora Whiteman, Project Coordinator, Wiconi Ohitika
Pat Conway, Essentia Institute of Rural Health
Paper: Wiconi Ohitika Youth Suicide Prevention Project: Using Data for Program Development

Making Clean Water a Sovereign Right
Larry Kindness, Apsaalooke Water and Wastewater Authority, Crow Environmental Health Steering Committee
John T. Doyle, Apsaalooke Water and Wastewater Authority, Crow Environmental Health Steering Committee
Paper: For as Long as the Grass Shall Grow and the Rivers Shall Flow: Making Clean Water a Sovereign Right

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Tribal Leader Discussion

12:00
Lunch Recess

12:00-1:00
Tribal Leader Scholar Forum Poster Session - Renaissance
Jessica Bardill, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign: Education as Tribal and Scientific Capacity Building

Paulette Blanchard, Haskell Indian Nations University: Climate Change Politics in Oklahoma: The New Indian Wars

Gordon Pullar, Jenny Bell-Jones, and Kevin Illingworth, University of Alaska Fairbanks: Applied Research and Capacity Building: The Goals and Experiences in Alaska Native Community, Political, Social, and Environmental Planning with the College of Rural and Community Development at the University of Alaska Fairbanks


Corinna Tordillos, University of Washington: The Native Comic Book Project

Fonda Walters, Arizona State University: Promoting Entrepreneurship in a Tribal Context: First Innovations Institute

1:30-4:00pm
Concurrent Breakout Sessions:
Protecting Your Community from Harm & Getting Results: Research Regulation Options for Tribes - Grand Ballroom E

Several tribes have established policies, practices, and boards to regulate research to protect the interest of their communities. This session will provide examples from tribes who have established Institutional Review Boards (IRBs), Community Advisory Boards (CABs), research agreements, and university partnerships to assist them in pursuing research that has community benefits, protects their tribal sovereignty, and controls their direction of research occurring on their land and with their citizens.

Presenters:
Leo Killsback, Arizona State University, American Indian Studies
L. Jace Killsback, Chairman of the Rocky Mountain Regional Tribal Institutional Review Board, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council
Conrad Fisher, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Kenton Laffoon, Program Director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, American Indian Research Center on Health
Travis Lane, Health Program Specialist, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
Jamie Rose Scott, Research Ambassador and Outreach Specialist, Collaborative Center for Health Equity, Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Bethany Miller, Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, Menominee Tribal Clinic and Community Action Board (CAB) member

Assessments to Improve Community & Environmental Health - Grand Ballroom F

From how to improve the health of their people, to making sure citizens have clean drinking water, to developing energy infrastructure that creates jobs and fuels the community, tribes are seeking information about what will work best in their community. Tribes are using research and establishing partnerships with universities, the federal government, and other tribes to have a better understanding of what their community is facing and how to better serve their citizens. This session provides examples of how tribes and their partners are assessing community needs and developing infrastructure to serve their citizens.

Presenters:
Patrik Johansson, Associate Professor and Director, Rural Health Education Network, College of Public Health, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Patricia Knox-Nicola, Consultant for Penobscot Nation Health Director
Laurel James, Graduate Student, University of Washington and Program Manager, Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance
Larry Kindness, Apsaalooke Water and Wastewater Authority, Crow Environmental Health Steering Committee
John T. Doyle, Apsaalooke Water and Wastewater Authority, Crow Environmental Health Steering Committee
Ada Bends, Crow Community Organizer, Center For Native Health Partnerships, Montana State University Bozeman
Bob Gough, Secretary Intertribal COUP
David Eisenberg, Director, Development Center for Appropriate Technology
David Edmonds, Environmental Director, Pinoleville Pomo Nation

Bringing Honor and Strength to Our Elders and Youth through Research - Yankee Hill 3

This session will highlight research and programs that are working to better understand the experiences of Native youth and how tribes can work to protect their young people from harm and work together as a community. This
session also explores the challenges with providing care to elders and the cultural considerations of care.

Presenters:
Jordan Lewis, Alaska Native Elder Care
Terry Cross, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association
Quintin Lopez, Co-President, NCAI Youth Commission
Lisa Rey Thomas, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington
Nigel Lawrence, Suquamish Tribe
Cynthia Lindquist, President, Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Cora Whiteman, Wiconi Ohitika Project Coordinator
Pat Conway, Essentia Institute of Rural Health

**How Do Indigenous Knowledge, Science, and Language Matter - Arbor 1**

Indigenous peoples have always developed knowledge and science to guide community planning. Yet there is a long history of Western research that has explored individual aspects of tribal life without regard to cultural context or local ways of knowing, rendering it basically useless to culturally rich tribal communities. This session will explore the ways that Indigenous knowledge, Native science, and Indigenous languages are essential to understanding tribal issues.

Facilitator:
Dr. David M. Gipp, President, United Tribes Technical College

Presenters:
Lisa Lone Fight, Graduate Researcher, Montana State University, Bozeman, Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences. Spatial Sciences Laboratory
Clifford Eaglefeathers, State University of New York, Empire State College
Karyl Denison Eaglefeathers, State University of New York, Empire State College

**Genetics and Tribal Communities: Decision Guide for Tribal Leadership - Arbor 2**

For the past two years, the National Congress of American Indians Policy Research Center has been developing a web-based resource guide about genetics research for American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The goal of this project is to provide Native communities with the tools they need to make their own informed decisions about genetics research. This interactive session will offer an opportunity for tribal leaders and community members to talk with authors of the guide on their contributions as Native scholars in the field of genetics and to have a discussion about genetics in tribal communities. Your feedback is invaluable as NCAI moves forward to release the guide for community use in late 2012.

Facilitator:
Malia Villegas, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center

Presenters:
Puneet Chawla Sahota, Senior Research Fellow, NCAI Policy Research Center
Vence Bonham, Jr., Branch Chief, Education and Community Involvement, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health
Rose James, Acting Assistant Professor, Department of Bioethics and Humanities, University of Washington

**Financially Savvy Citizens: What Tribes Can Do - Hawthorne**
Tribes continue to develop economically, receive trust settlements, make investment decisions, provide per capita and minor’s trust payments, promote business development, and enact laws that impact the financial health of their citizens. This two-part session will address the growing focus on building financial capability and consumer awareness in Indian Country. The first part will showcase best practices in financial and consumer education that tribes are using to educate tribal youth, elected officials, employees, entrepreneurs, and the broader community. The second part will feature a panel of representatives from the Department of Treasury, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and the President’s Advisory Council on Financial Education to gather input from tribal leaders and to share information about their programs.

Panel 1
Presenters:
Kevin Keckler, Sr., Tribal Chairman, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
Tanya Fiddler, Four Bands Community Loan Fund, Cheyenne River and Native CDFI Network
Larry Lasley, Director, Economic Development, Meswaki Nation

Panel 2
Presenters:
Melissa Koide, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Financial Access, Education and Consumer Protection, Department of Treasury, *invited*
Nick Rathod, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, *invited*
Sherry Salway Black, NCAI and member, President’s Advisory Council on Financial Capability

**Intertribal Tax Initiative: Current Issues & Legislative Agenda for 2013 - Grand Ballroom D**
NCAI will host a scoping for future consultation session on the IRS’ taxation of tribal government educational programs and benefits. Representatives from the Internal Revenue Service, as well as attorneys specializing in IRS field audits will be invited to dialogue with tribal leaders and designated representatives about this particular issue in tribal tax policy.

Moderator:
Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe, *invited*

Presenters:
Mary Streitz, Attorney, Dorsey & Whitney, *invited*
Brenda Bellonger, Attorney/Tax Director, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, *invited*
Howie Arnett, Attorney, Karnopp Petersen LLP, on behalf of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, *invited*

**Update on Public Safety in Indian Country: TLOA Implementation and the VAWA Reauthorization - Yankee Hill 2**
It’s been nearly two years since the Tribal Law & Order Act was enacted into law and implementation of a number of the law’s provisions is ongoing. This session will bring together tribal and federal law enforcement officials to discuss
implementation of TLOA’s key provisions, including federal declination reporting and reassumption of concurrent federal jurisdiction in PL280 states. This session will also provide an update on the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and its critical tribal amendments.

4:15-5:15 **SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**
*Subcommittees can meet as full committees if they so choose.*
- Disabilities/Elders - Camp Creek
- Economic Development, Finance, Employment - Hawthorne
- Education - Yankee Hill 2
- Energy & Mineral Policy - Grand Ballroom F
- Environmental Protection & Land Use - Grand Ballroom F
- Health - Yankee Hill 3
- Housing - Arbor 2
- Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns - Lincoln
- Indian Child & Family Welfare – Heartland
- Jurisdiction & Tribal Government - Grand Ballroom ABC
- Taxation - Renaissance
- Telecommunications - Ivanhoe
- Transportation & Infrastructure – Yankee Hill 1
- Tribal Gaming - Grand Ballroom D
- Trust Lands, Natural Resources, Agriculture - Grand Ballroom E
- Veterans - Arbor 1

5:30 – 6:30 **Youth Commission Re-Cap Session** - Olive Branch
“Defeating Distracted Driving” video by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance
Robert Powers, Michigan State Police

5:30-6:30 **FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
- Economic, Finance, & Community Development Committee - Grand Ballroom F
- Human Resources Committee - Grand Ballroom D
- Land & Natural Resources Committee - Grand Ballroom E
- Litigation & Governance Committee - Grand Ballroom ABC
- Veterans Committee - Arbor 1

7:00-9:00 **Native Vote Event** - Yankee Hill 1,2,3

**Wednesday, June 20**

7:30-8:30 **Regional Caucus Meetings** **Optional**
- Alaska Area - Yankee Hill 1
- Eastern Oklahoma Area - Renaissance
- Great Plains Area - Hawthorne
- Midwest Area - Lincoln
- Northeast Area - Heartland
- Northwest Area - Yankee Hill 2
- Pacific Area - Ivanhoe
- Rocky Mountain Area - Yankee Hill 3
- Southeast Area - Nebraska
- Southern Plains Area - Arbor 1
- Southwest Area - Arbor 2
- Western Area - Olive Branch
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<td>7:30-12:30</td>
<td><strong>Third General Assembly – Grand Ballroom</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Call to Order</strong></td>
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<td>Edward Thomas, Secretary, NCAI</td>
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<td><strong>Invocation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Native Youth: Starting the Future Now</strong></td>
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<td>Randi Ashley Begaye, Co-President, NCAI Youth Commission Q. Lopez, Co-President, NCAI Youth Commission</td>
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<td>8:50</td>
<td><strong>Indian Child Welfare and Cultural Bias in Foster Care Systems</strong></td>
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<td>Terry Cross, Executive Director, NICWA Ahniwake Rose, Director of Human Service Policy, NCAI</td>
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<td><strong>Carcieri and the Patchak Decision: Implications for Tribal Lands</strong></td>
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<td><strong>The Problem of Whiteclay: Border Towns Impact to Indian Country</strong></td>
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<td>President John Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe, invited</td>
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<td>9:45</td>
<td><strong>Unity in Indian Country</strong></td>
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<td>Chuck Trimble, Former Executive Director, NCAI</td>
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<td><strong>Presidential Appointments</strong></td>
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<td>Dave Nobel, The White House</td>
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<td><strong>Constitution Committee Report</strong></td>
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12:15  Retire Colors/Closing Prayer

12:30  Adjourn 2012 Mid Year Conference

Other Meetings and Events

Sunday, June 17

Red Star Roundtable
9:00-Noon
Olive Branch
For more information contact Aleena M. Hernandez, MPH at (520) 407-6307 or aileenamh@redstar1.org.

FCC Internet Learning Lab
9:00-5:00 pm
Ivanhoe Room
For more information contact Geoffrey Blackwell at Geoffrey.Blackwell@fcc.gov.

Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) Forum
2:00-5:00 pm
Lincoln Room
The forum will include a legislative update on Indian education and representatives from the U.S. Department of Education will speak about a new funding opportunity for tribal education departments, referred to as the State Tribal Education Partnership Pilot Program, and implementation of the Obama Administration’s Indian Education Executive Order. For more information contact Joanne Soklin, at 303-447-8760 or soklin@narf.org.

Monday, June 18

Effective Messaging Focus Group Session
Noon – 1:00pm
Renaissance Room
Kauffman and Associates, Inc. (KAI) is an American Indian, woman-owned consulting and research firm. KAI is gathering information on effective messaging about influenza immunization in Indian Country on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As part of this information gathering process, which will help to provide the foundation for an upcoming awareness campaign, you are invited to a focus group session. All participants will receive a $50 visa gift card. Space is limited, so please RSVP to Adair Hill at adair.hill@kauffmaninc.com.

Fredericks Peebles and Morgan LLP Reception
6:30 – 8:00pm
Hawthorne Room
The law firm of Fredericks Peebles and Morgan LLP will host a client appreciation reception. We invite our clients and friends to join us for conversation and cocktails. Please contact Leonika Charging at 402-333-4053 for more information.

**FCC Internet Learning Lab**
9:00-5:00 pm
Ivanhoe Room
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**Tuesday, June 19**

**Contemporary Indigeneity: The New Art of the Great Plains**
5:00-7:00 pm
Great Plains Art Museum, 1155 Q Street, Hewit Place, first floor, Lincoln
Special hours for NCAI participants. Free and open to visitors.
For more information, call (402)472-6220.

**FCC Internet Learning Lab**
9:00-5:00 pm
Ivanhoe Room
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