



Sunday, June 23

9:00-1:00

Task Force on Violence Against Women

Grand Ballroom 6

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 recently passed Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, strategy surrounding its implementation, and future advocacy efforts.

Juana Majel-Dixon, Co-Chair, NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women

Terri Henry, Co-Chair, NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women

Jana Walker, Senior Attorney, Indian Law Resource Center

Jacqueline "Jax" Agtuca, Policy Analyst, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

Lorraine Edmo, Deputy Director, Tribal Affairs, Office on Violence Against Women, *invited*

Noon-5:00

NCAI Executive Committee Meeting

Grand Ballroom 7

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Monday, June 24

1:00-5:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**
Paradise Terrace

Pre- Meetings:

- 8:00-4:00 **1st Intertribal Working Group Meeting for the VAWA 2013 Implementation Pilot Project**
Grand Ballroom 7
This is the first working group opportunity since the release of the DOJ's proposed procedures for the Tribal Pilot Project of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013. It will be an important forum for tribal leaders, judges, prosecutors, victim advocates, and other relevant tribal agencies regarding the Pilot Project for Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction and strategies for implementation. Sam Hirsch, the DOJ official leading the Pilot Project, will present an overview of the DOJ's procedures. The Department of the Interior Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn will participate and discuss the role of the DOI in detention and other aspects of SDVCJ implementation. Justice officials from various tribes will also participate on panels discussing the requirements of SDVCJ. NCAI encourages participation of all tribes interested in the VAWA Pilot Project who wish to deter crime, protect Native women, and exercise tribal jurisdiction. The meeting will also include discussion of relevant matters under the Tribal Law and Order Act.
- 9:00-Noon **Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force**
Grand Ballroom 1
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-Noon **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Task Force**
Grand Ballroom 3
The TANF Task Force was established to develop national tribal priorities for the reauthorization of TANF. This session will provide an update on TANF and continue to identify strategies to effectively advance the tribal priorities for TANF reauthorization

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Our Natural Resources: A National Tribal Natural Resources Strategy Session

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Tribes and intertribal natural resources organizations have worked to develop a common vision and strategies for addressing natural resources in a more comprehensive and holistic manner. The ad hoc group, called Our Natural Resources, will convene this session to re-engage on this national strategy and broaden participation. This conference pre-session will be an interactive dialogue to identify and strategize on important natural resource issues with a focus on next steps and action plan to move forward.

Facilitators:

Janie Hipp, University of Arkansas School of Law

Dean Polchies, Legislative Analyst, NCAI

Colby Duren, Legislative Associate, NCAI

9:00-Noon

Policy Research Center Partner's Meeting

Paradise A

This meeting seeks to develop goals for the NCAI Policy Research Center and partners related to: 1) using research to advance legislative policy; and 2) developing a national data strategy across Indian Country. Presentations include:

Research on Violence Against Indian Women

Katsi Cook, Kono:Kwe Council

Tassy Parker, Center for Native American Health, University of New Mexico

Gwendolyn Packard, National Indigenous Women's Resource Center

Kalei Kanuha, University of Hawaii

From Pictures to Numbers: Conclusions from Three Waves of Data Regarding Science-related Priorities for Native Community Sustainability in the Pacific Northwest

Adam Murry, Portland State University & NSF Graduate Research Fellow

Keith James, Portland State University

WHO COUNTS? (and why it matters) Demographic Changes, Data Quality Challenges, and Tribal Control of Data

Eddie Brown, American Indian Policy Institute (AIPI); Professor, American Indian Studies (AIS), Arizona State University (ASU)

Norm DeWeaver, Affiliated Researcher, AIPI; Consultant to NCAI

Carol Lujan, Associate Professor, AIS, ASU

John Tippeconnic, Director and Professor, AIS, ASU

Undercounting & Underrepresentation in American Indian Populations

Mary Kills-a-Hundred, South Dakota State University

Mary Emery, South Dakota State University

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Google MapUp: Youth Putting Indian Country on the Map

Grand Ballroom 2

Want to put your community on the map? Want to make sure Google Maps shows the location of your tribal headquarters, your favorite store or restaurant, or the tribal school? If you answered YES then you need to come to our MapUp! A MapUp is a group of people coming together to improve how Google Maps represents their community. This MapUp will include instruction and support from our friends at Google to help participants learn how to map in Google Map Maker and learn tips and tricks to improve your mapping skills. All conference participants are welcome and a laptop is recommended (though not required) so you can use Map Maker in real time!

9:00-5:00

Tribal Tax Policy Working Group

Grand Ballroom 4

This pre-meeting will provide an update on NCAI's Tribal Tax Initiative, including updates on key issues such as: the tax treatment of benefits provided by tribal governments to their citizens through government programs; state tax issues and their effect on tribes; and, tribe to tribe trade. The meeting will also provide a general legislative update and a brief discussion of our work plan, which was developed in coordination with tribal leadership and our partner organizations involved in these joint tax policy efforts.

Speakers:

Arlan Melendez, Chairman, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

Representative from USET

Dante Desiderio, Executive Director, NAFOA, *invited*

Jason Giles, Executive Director, NIGA

John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI

Del Laverdure, Arrow Creek Law

Kevin Washburn, AS-IA, *invited*

Aurene Martin, Spirit Rock Consulting

Tex Hall, Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa, & Arikara Nation

Henry Cagey, Chairman, Lummi Nation

9:00-5:00

Tribal Employer Responsibilities and Opportunities Under the Affordable Care Act

Treasures D

As Indian Country prepares for full implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in 2014, tribal leaders should be considering their responsibilities under the law. If you are a -tribal leader, business owner, or administrator, this is a must attend training.

Throughout the day, technical experts will provide a general overview of the law, describe employer responsibilities and options, and detail opportunities for tribal employers.

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Emergency Management Overview for Tribal Leaders

Treasures C

The recent tribal amendments to the Stafford Act authorize tribal leaders to directly request an emergency or major disaster declaration instead of going through state governors. FEMA has developed a short four hour course for tribal leaders and tribal officials interested in learning about emergency management concepts, procedures and operations, Emergency Management Overview for Tribal Leaders – 0583. FEMA instructors will deliver two training sessions for tribal leaders and personnel seeking a better understanding of how a tribal emergency management strategy can better protect tribal citizens, lands, culture and sovereignty. Participants will be required to enter a FEMA Student Identification (SID) number on your application. Prior to the class, please obtain a SID by going to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid>.

12:00-1:00

World Conference on Indigenous Peoples Strategy Session

A-19- CC

NCAI will host this pre-meeting to update tribal leaders on activities within the UN leading up to the 2014 High Level Plenary Meeting to be Known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples. Over the past few months, tribal leaders have pushed for UN acknowledgement of Indigenous Nations' constitutional and/or customary governments in UN processes. This session will give an update on these efforts and seek input on how we approach the coming months in preparation for the WCIP.

1:30-5:00

Native Women's Caucus

Grand Ballroom 1

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.

1:30-5:00

Federal Recognition Task Force

Grand Ballroom 3

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

NCAI Task Force & Tribal Leaders Roundtable on Indian Housing Reauthorization

Grand Ballroom 5

The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 2008 (NAHASDA) expires this September 2013. This roundtable is to engage tribal leaders on the NAHASDA reauthorization for the 113th Congress. The NCAI Task Force on NAHASDA Reauthorization was created by NCAI Resolution. The purpose of the Task Force is to bring together tribal leaders and tribal housing programs to develop tribal housing provisions to be included in the upcoming reauthorization of NAHASDA.

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Strategies for Improving the Financial Capability of Native Youth

Paradise A

Research shows that Native youth are less prepared to make informed financial choices than most of their peers. With 42 percent of the Native population younger than age 25, it is imperative that we empower our young people to better navigate financial decisions, both as individual citizens and as future leaders of our nations. This session will provide tribal leaders with examples of school and community programs that are improving financial capability, including a new campaign for Native youth receiving lump sum payments. It will also provide an update on national policy efforts to expand financial education opportunities and consumer protection in Indian Country. Youth from the NCAI Youth Commission, the new Youth Cabinet initiative, and participants from the Native Youth Summit will be participating in this session.

Moderator:

Joanna Donohoe, Seven Sisters Community Development Group

Speakers:

Pamela Mott, Treasurer, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Shawn Spruce, First Nations Development Institute

Dawson Her Many Horses, Native American Finance Officers Association and Bank of America

Charles Galbraith, Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, The White House

David Colbert, NCAI Youth Commission

Sherry Salway Black, NCAI

4:00-6:00

Patchak Patch

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At the *Patchak Patch* session, we will discuss potential revisions to a section of the regulations addressing decisions by the Secretary to approve or deny applications to acquire land in trust.

You may be familiar with the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in the *Patchak* easel, finding that the Quiet Title Act did not preclude a neighbor of the tribe's land from challenging the Department's decision to take the land into trust. The revisions to the regulations would address this decision by ensuring that the Department acquires title in trust status as promptly as possible following a decision to acquire land into trust. The revisions would also establish notice requirements to ensure that the statute of limitations begins running for all potential challengers as soon as possible. These and other provisions are also intended to strengthen the case for requiring parties who oppose a Bureau of Indian Affairs land acquisition decision to exhaust administrative remedies and prevent such parties from challenging the trust acquisition decision if they fail to exhaust administrative remedies in a timely manner. Together, these revisions should add more certainty to trust acquisitions, allowing tribes to put their newly acquired trust land to productive use as soon as possible.

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NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee

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

5:00-6:00

NCAI Youth Commission Re-Cap Session

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Kraynal Alfred, INSPIRE Project, George Washington University
Center for Native American Youth

6:30-10:00

Welcome Reception

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A fun evening is being planned from the local planning committee to welcome you to the region. Come and have fun with new and old friends.

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7:30-5:00

Resolutions Office Open

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Registration/ Rules & Credentials Open

Paradise Terrace

9:00-5:00

Marketplace Open

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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

Drum Group

Red Hawk Warriors

Color Guard

NUMU TOOK WASU (translated Black Shirts), Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors Organization

Invocation

Clifford Northrup, Fort McDermitt Paiute Shoshone Tribe

Welcome from Host

NCAI Western Regional Local Planning Committee Co-Chairs:
Chairman Ned Norris, Jr. and Chairman Arlan Melendez

Gerald Temoke, Chairman, Inter Tribal Council of Nevada

9:00

Local Official Welcome

Geno Martini, Mayor, Sparks, Nevada

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

Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI

9:45

Executive Director's Report

Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

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- 10:00 **Flip this House -- and end the sequester**
Mark Trahant, Nationally Renowned Native Journalist and Author
- 10:20 **White House Update**
Jodi Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, The White House
- 10:40 **Department of Justice Update**
Sam Hirsh, Deputy Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice
- 11:00 **Tribal Law and Order Update**
Troy Eid, Chair, Indian Law and Order Commission
- 11:20 **Department of the Interior Update**
Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior
- 11:40 **Tribal Leaders Discussion**
- 12:00 Lunch Recess
- 12:15-1:15 **A National Broadband Public Safety Network – Ensuring Tribal Needs are Included**
Paradise A

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) – a single, nationwide public safety broadband network – will enable tribal public safety officials to communicate and coordinate across jurisdictions on a single device, operating on a single airwave license. Creation and build out of this network is now in its beginning stages, and FirstNet is coordinating outreach to state, tribal, and local stakeholders. The FirstNet network has the potential of bringing broadband communications services to currently unserved/underserved tribal lands for the benefits of tribal public safety and potential commercial uses. The main concern voiced by tribes that have been active in FirstNet proceedings have been over consultation requirements and how FirstNet will directly include tribes in these important conversations.

Join us for this special roundtable session with FirstNet Telecommunications Policy Analyst, Kristi Wilde, to learn more about this unprecedented network and how you can ensure your tribe is not left out of the process. Lunch will be provided – please RSVP to Brian Howard at bhoward@ncai.org.

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Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Tribal Energy: From “Start Up” to “Power Up”

A2 - CC

This session will be an interactive dialogue which will walk tribal leaders and staff through a typical step by step process to become energy self-sufficient. This session will include energy development, from conventional to renewable energy and will debut the **ERI** process of tribal energy development.

Education – discussion on leasing & permitting and capacity building opportunities for decision makers;

Resources – analytical tools and resources to evaluate and plan, and;

Implementation – best practices to move ideas into action

Moderator:

Shannon O’Loughlin, Partner, and Chair of the Indian Nations Law & Policy Practice

Speakers:

Tex “Red Tipped Arrow” Hall, Chairman, Three Affiliated Tribe of Fort Berthold

William Anderson, Chairman, Moapa Band of Paiute, *invited*

Pilar Thomas, Department of Energy, Deputy Director, Office of Indian Energy

Karen Atkinson, Department of Interior, Director of Indian Energy & Economic Development, *invited*

David Mullon, Minority Staff Director & Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

Contract Support Costs Consultation

A5 – CC

This session will be to discuss the Department's approach to support contract support costs following the Supreme Court decision in *Ramah*. President Obama’s budget recommends an interim solution to fully fund contract support costs. However, the Department wants a robust discussion on what options exist moving forward, including alternative approaches to full funding. The discussion will be especially important as the Department begins to plan for FY 15 budget requests.

Tribal Operations & Business During Tight Times

A4 - CC

Continuing economic issues, federal budget tightening, and the sequester are all having a serious impact on tribal economies, enterprises and tribal government budgets. Tribes across the country are tightening their budgets, working to improve efficiencies, and seeking alternate sources of revenue to provide services to their citizens. Although the full impact of the budget crisis and sequester is unknown, this session will focus on strategies that tribes are using to tighten their budgets, improve performance and continue serving their citizens. Panelists include tribal leaders and administrators who will share their experiences, and strategies.

Speakers:

John Sirois, Chairman, Confederated Tribes of Colville Reservation, *invited*

Lacey Horn, Treasurer, Cherokee Nation

Patrick Anderson, Sealaska

Chris Gomez, Empowerment Director, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

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The Trust Commission and the Trust Triangle: Land, Transactions and the Distribution of Trust Funds

A3 - CC

The *Cobell* settlement is winding down, and trust reform is getting ready to roll. This breakout will include the latest information on the \$1.9 billion fractionated land Buy Back program, and a dialogue with the federal managers of the program. Next, the Secretary's Commission on Trust Reform is charged with making recommendations to fix the trust system for the future. This breakout session will be moderated by Fawn Sharp, President of the Quinault Nation and Chair of the Trust Reform Commission, and will include a dialogue with the Commission's consultant on the assessment and recommendations for the trust system. Finally, it will include a discussion with experienced tribal leaders on the functions and future of the Office of Special Trustee and the work of the Commission.

Speakers:

Fawn Sharp, Moderator

John McClanahan, Director, Land Buy Back Program

Darryl LaCounte, Program Manager, Land Buy Back Program, *invited*

Michele Singer, Principal Deputy Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior

Grant Thornton, Consultant to Trust Reform Commission

John Berry, Chairman, Quapaw

John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

Tex Hall, Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation

Secure Technology, Secure Communities: Tools Supporting Tribal Sovereignty

A6 - CC

Tribes are becoming increasingly tech savvy in using technology for the advancement of tribal projects, and data security has come to include protection of these technologies holding vital information. Protection of these technologies is also essential for tribes to fully understand and articulate funding requests for the essential functions of tribal governance, economic development, healthcare, and cultural preservation. This session will focus on a number of tribes that are utilizing technology for advancements in mapping tribal lands, electronic health records, smart grid energy, and cultural preservation projects.

Speakers:

Frank Reese, MIS Director, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Rosita Worl, President, Sealaska Heritage Institute

Angela Wilson, Tribal Clinic Director, Reno Sparks Indian Colony Tribal Health Center

Bob Gough, Secretary, Intertribal Council On Utility Policy

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Tribal Homeland Security/Emergency Management: Session One

A17 - CC

A new era of tribal government inclusion was created with passage of the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (P.L. 113-2). The Act amended the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize tribal governments to submit requests for major disaster or emergency declarations directly to the President of the United States. FEMA solicited tribal comments on Stafford Act implementation and may soon release a proposed draft strategy on working with tribal governments. Disaster declaration authority brings with it a greater need for tribal governments to develop and enhance emergency management capability in managing disasters and emergencies in communities under tribal jurisdiction.

Tribal homeland security grants are in jeopardy for fiscal year 2014 and beyond as there is a move to make all grants competitive under the National Preparedness Grant Program. Indian Country needs to respond to the proposed grant system including eligibility requirements which many tribes do not have. The two sessions will be focused on a discussion on Stafford Act implementation and tribal homeland security proposed programs.

Resource Specialists:

Stephanie Tennyson, Deputy Director Office of External Affairs, DHS-FEMA, *invited*
Richard Flores, Special Advisor for Tribal Affairs, DHS-FEMA

5:30 – 6:30 **Youth Commission Re-Cap Session**

A17- CC

Jackie Johnson Pata, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians

4:30-5:30 **FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Economic, Finance, & Community Development Committee – A16

Human Resources Committee – A19

Land & Natural Resources Committee – A18

Litigation & Governance Committee – A20

Veterans Committee – *Treasures C*

5:40-6:40 **SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Subcommittees can meet as full committees if they so choose.

Disabilities/Elders – *Treasures D*

Economic Development, Finance,

Employment – A5

Education - A3

Energy & Mineral Policy - A1

Environmental Protection & Land Use -

A19

Health – A10

Housing – A11

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns –

A12

Indian Child & Family Welfare – A13

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – A4

Taxation – A2

Technology & Telecommunications –
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Transportation & Infrastructure – A20

Tribal Gaming – A16

Trust Lands, Natural Resources,

Agriculture – A18

Veterans – *Treasures C*

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6:40-8:00 **United League of Indigenous Nations Evening Event**

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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.

6:40-8:00 **Native Languages Working Group Meeting**

A3-CC

NCAI is launching a new working group to address the urgent need to revitalize Native languages. The working group will develop recommendations for advocacy and determine how NCAI can take action on this critical issue.

6:30-8:30 **Protecting Tribal Food Sovereignty: The Impact of the Proposed Food Safety FDA Rules on Tribal Agriculture and Food Production**

Paradise A

This session will include discussion of FDA's Proposed Rules on the Implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act. The focus will be on discussing the proposed regulations, the impact the regulations will have on tribal agriculture and food production, and the work tribes and tribal organizations have done and will continue to do regarding preparing for the rule implementation. Tribal governments will be affected by these rules and all tribes that have food production should attend.

Speakers:

Janie Hipp, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative, University of Arkansas School of Law
Raymond Foxworth, First Nations Development Institute
Jon Matthews, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

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Wednesday, June 26

6:30 **National Days of Prayer to Protect Native American Sacred Places**

7:30-8:30 **Regional Caucus Meetings**

Alaska Region – A5

Eastern Oklahoma Region – A1

Great Plains Region – A11

Midwest Region – A4

Northeast Region – A12

Northwest Region – A10

Pacific Region – A2

Rocky Mountain Region – A13

Southeast Region – A19

Southern Plains Region – A3

Southwest Region – A6

Western Region – A20

7:30-5:00 **Resolutions/ Rules & Credentials Open**

Treasures B

Registration Open

Paradise Terrace

9:00-5:00 **Marketplace Open**

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

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

Invocation

Announcements

NCAI's 8th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum

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

Building Native Business, Stewarding Tribal Land, Nourishing Culture

The morning's general assembly session will focus on three innovative approaches to growing economic development in tribes and regions, including: a discussion of a community development fund, an effort to develop an economic base on local creative arts, and an initiative to establish sustainable tribal housing. Panelists will share insights for other tribes and regions interested in planning for economic growth through local culture and community strengths and assets.

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Eighth Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum (cont.)

Measuring and Marking the Impact of an Indigenous Community Development Fund

Mary Beth Jäger, MSW (Citizen Potawatomi), Lakota Mowrer, MSW (Cheyenne River Sioux),
Native Nations Institute & Four Bands Community Fund

Establishing a Creative Economy: Art as an Economic Engine in Tribal Communities

Lori Pourier, MS (Oglala/Mnicoujou Lakota), Justin Huenemann (Navajo), First Peoples Fund &
Northwest Area Foundation

**Sustainable Journey of Beauty: Housing the Navajo Nation by Growing Sustainable
Communities**

Kim Kanuho (Navajo), Vernon Swaback, Aneva Yazzie (Navajo), Swaback Partners pllc & Navajo
Housing Authority

Tribal Leader Response

Arlan Melendez, Chairman, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
George Tiger, Chairman, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, *invited*

11:20

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director, Indian Health Service

11:30

Tribal Leader Discussion

12:00

Lunch Recess

12:00-1:00

Native Voices Shaping Research & Policy - Poster Session

Grand Promenade

**"Community Indicators" in Planning for Economic Change for the Upper Columbia
Tribes**, Margo Hill, JD, Eastern Washington University

**Community Engagement: A Novel Approach Promoting the Development of
American Indians in the Biomedical Workforce**, Richard White, University of Utah

Evaluation of a Targeted Approach to Increasing American Indian Tissue Donation,
Corinna Tordillos, University of Washington

Survey of At-Risk Youth in Tribal Communities, Ron Gurley and Karin Ashby, Southern
Methodist University & National Criminal Justice Training Center

Native American Women Warriors, Larissa Craig, Fort Berthold Community College

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Traditionalism of Native Americans, Duke Driver, Fort Berthold Community College

Higher Education and Tribal Sovereignty, William Stevens, Fort Berthold Community College

Partnering with American Indian Tribes in Arizona to Analyze U.S. Census Data, Consider Tribal Indicators, and Promote Tribal Sovereignty, Emery Tahy, Arizona State University, American Indian Policy Institute

Researching Historical Trauma - a Blackfeet Student's Perspective, Iva Croff, University of Montana

12:00-1:00

Native Vote 2014 & Beyond: A Winning Strategy for the Future

A16-CC

How can we get more Native people elected to Congress? How can we increase the participation of tribal citizens? What strategies are working to expand the Native vote? Join tribal leaders and Native Vote organizers for a lunch meeting to discuss our successes in 2012 and prepare for 2014 and beyond.

Moderator:

Mark Trahant, Nationally Renowned Native Journalist and Author

Panelists:

Jefferson Keel, NCAI President & Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation

Shannon Augare, Councilmember, Blackfeet and Montana State Senator

Courtney Ruark-Thompson, Cherokee Nation

Travis Lane, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

Melissa Kookesh, Central Council Tlingit and Haida

OJ Semans Sr., Four Directions

1:30-4:00pm Concurrent Breakout Sessions:

Agriculture, Water, & Timber: Sustaining Our Natural Resources

A20-CC

Tribal nations have always been on the front lines of planning for environmental change. This session will feature presentations describing strategic efforts by tribes and tribal organizations to respond to climate and other environmental change in ways that preserves natural resources like Native foods, timber, and water. Specific emphasis will be placed on building local capacity through education and training and coordinating efforts across regions.

Moderator:

Sherry Salway Black, Director, Partnership for Tribal Governance, NCAI

Speakers:

Rebecca Miles, Rico Cruz, PhD, *Tribal Agricultural Center: Towards a Locally Sustainable and Healthy Food for the Nimipuu and Surrounding Communities*, Nez Perce Tribe

Olin Anderson, Shannon Mandell, Edward Chew, *Resilience to Climate Change: Collaborating on Adaptive Management Strategies for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe*, Pyramid Lake Paiute & University of Arizona

Don Motanic, *Intertribal Timber Council Initiatives and Research*, Intertribal Timber Council

Octaviana Trujillo, PhD, Al Kuslikis, *Strategies for mobilizing and supporting Native communities responding to climate change challenges*, Northern Arizona University, AIHEC

Tribal International Trade & Commerce

A2-CC

The emergence of the global economy has begun to shift the focus of trade and commerce from solely a domestic context to a concentration on foreign markets. As demand for distinct goods increases due to greater access to information, tribes are in a unique position to take advantage of unexplored markets. International trade not only includes nations outside of the U.S., but trade and commerce among tribal nations. There have been recent efforts to boost inter-tribal trading, enabling tribally-owned businesses to buy and sell goods and services with other tribal nations. This session will focus on opportunities and best practices that exist both in the international and inter-tribal marketplace.

Moderator:

Fawn Sharp, President, Quinault Nation

Speakers:

Rudy Peone, Chairman, Spokane Tribe

Charlie Galbraith, Associate Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, The White House

John Peebles, Partner, Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP

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Measuring Success in Native Education

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In a policy climate where common core standards predominate, this session features presentations discussing how Native culture and language should drive education reform. Specific discussions will relate to understanding tribal-state relations in common core standards, shaping science education in an urban Indian context, and recognizing the impact of culturally-based education on positive health outcomes.

Moderator:

Dr. Cheryl Crazy Bull, President and CEO, American Indian College Fund

Speakers:

Dawn Mackety, PhD, *The Role of Culturally Responsive Pedagogy in the Implementation of Common Core State Standards*, National Indian Education Association

Lori Faber, Fawn Pochel, Jasmine Alfonso, *Living and Learning in Relationships: Science Education in an Urban Context*, American Indian Center of Chicago, Northwestern University, & University of Washington

Joseph Martin, PhD, Willard Sakiestewa Gilbert, PhD, Mary Eunice Romero-Little, PhD, Jon Reyhner, PhD, *Promoting Culture and Language Revitalization as a Community Health Measure*, Northern Arizona University & Arizona State University

Advancing Health from Within

A19-CC

Community-based research has the potential to improve Native health when it is developed in partnership with tribes and local communities. This panel features four initiatives to center Native culture and develop local people to lead health and education initiatives. It will explore best practices and identify insights for other tribal communities interested in advancing health and other initiatives by developing local capacity.

Moderator:

Ned Norris, Jr., Chairman, Tohono O'odham Nation

Speakers:

Khailia Gachupin, Sherwin Sando, Julie Lucero, PhD, *Walatowa RezRIDERS: Extreme Sports & Native Youth*, Pueblo of Jemez & University of New Mexico

Rebecca Rae, Ardena Orosco, Willymae Smith, Eloise Damon, Emma Noyes, Lorenda Belone, *Lessons Learned from a Community Based Approach to Research in the Adaptation of an Intergenerational Family Prevention Program*, Mescalero & UNM

Stephen Wall, Rowena Carlyle, Eva Jewell, *Developing Community-Based Researchers*, Institute of American Indian Arts
Bonnie Duran, PhD, Julie Lucero, PhD, Emily White Hat, JD, *What's Governance Got to Do with It? Tribes as 'Gateways,' 'Gatekeepers,' or 'Guides,'* NCAI Policy Research Center, University of New Mexico, & University of Washington

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Tribal Homeland Security/Emergency Management: Session Two

A17-CC

This second of two sessions on tribal homeland security and emergency management will continue with the discussion about implementation of the Stafford Act amendment authorizing tribal governments to submit requests for major disaster or emergency declarations directly to the president. Surrounding issues and topics include Threat and Hazardous Identification and Risk Assessment; National Incident Management System requirements; Tribal representation on the FEMA National Advisory Council;

Moderators/Facilitators:

David Munro, Director, Office of Emergency Services, Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI

Roundtable Discussion: Protecting and Preserving our Cultural and Sacred Objects

A4-CC

This will be a roundtable discussion on recent issues impacting cultural protections for Native communities. These discussions will focus primarily on eagle protections issues, proposed legislative changes to the Indian Arts & Crafts Act, and issues regarding usage of traditional materials in the sale of tribal objects. Specific issues include eagle endangerment related to streamlined energy development; ensuring authenticity of products crafted by Native artisans and protection from non-Native franchising; and discussion on the use of feathers and other items in products crafted by Native individuals for the intent to sell.

Speakers:

Scott Big Horse, Assistant Chief, Osage Nation

Rosita Worl, President, Sealaska Heritage Institute

Terry Rambler, Chairman, San Carlos Apache Tribe

Land to Trust Acquisition: The *Patchak* Patch, New Challenges, Streamlining the Process, and a New Potential in Alaska

A6-CC

This breakout will continue our collective efforts to restore tribal lands and monitor the process for improved trust land acquisition at the Department of Interior. First, we will discuss the latest developments on the “*Patchak* Patch,” the recently proposed procedural amendment to the land to trust regulations. We will also include an update and discussion with Interior on the overall program, including procedural impediments. Next, we will discuss a recent California land to trust challenge on tribal “need” for land to trust acquisition. Finally, we will discuss the latest successful litigation regarding land to trust in Alaska.

Speakers:

John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

Dore Bietz, Indian Land Consultant

Larry Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior

Darryl LaCounte, BIA Program Manager, Land to Trust Acquisition Program, *invited*

Micheal Contreras, Councilman, San Pasqual Land Acquisition

Jennifer Biesack, Attorney, Grande Ronde Tribe

John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund

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4:15-5:15

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

Subcommittees can meet as full committees if they so choose.

Disabilities/Elders – *Treasures D*

Economic Development, Finance,

Employment – *A5*

Education - *A3*

Energy & Mineral Policy - *A1*

Environmental Protection & Land Use

- *A19*

Health – *A10*

Housing – *A11*

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns

– *A12*

Indian Child & Family Welfare – *A13*

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *A4*

Taxation – *A2*

Technology & Telecommunications –
Paradise A

Transportation & Infrastructure – *A20*

Tribal Gaming – *A16*

Trust Lands, Natural Resources,

Agriculture – *A18*

Veterans – *Treasures C*

5:30 – 6:30

Youth Commission Re-Cap Session

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Big Brother Big Sister

National Intertribal Youth Summit Presentation

5:30-6:30

FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Economic, Finance, & Community Development Committee – *A16*

Human Resources Committee – *A19*

Land & Natural Resources Committee – *A18*

Litigation & Governance Committee – *A20*

Veterans Committee – *Treasures C*

6:30-9:30

Cultural Night

Grand Ballroom

You don't want to miss this evening event as the tribes from the local area share their songs and dances with NCAI attendees. An amazing evening will be had by all.

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Thursday, June 27

7:30-8:30 **Regional Caucus Meetings** ****Optional****
Alaska Region
Eastern Oklahoma Region
Great Plains Region
Midwest Region
Northeast Region
Northwest Region
Pacific Region
Rocky Mountain Region
Southeast Region
Southern Plains Region
Southwest Region
Western Region

9:00-Noon **Indian Arts and Crafts Open**
Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:30-12:30 Third General Assembly *Grand Ballroom*

8:30 **Call to Order**
Edward Thomas, Secretary, NCAI

Invocation

8:40 **Native Youth Moving Forward with Technology**

8:50 **Technology Task Force**

9:00 **NAHASDA**

9:10 **Supreme Court Project Update**
John Echohawk, Executive Director, NARF
John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI

9:30 **Secretary Sally Jewell, Department of the Interior**

10:35 **Committee Reports**
Economic, Finance & Community Development Committee
Human Resources Committee
Litigation & Governance Committee
Land & Natural Resources Committee
Veterans Committee

12:15 **Retire Colors/Closing Prayer**

12:30 **Adjourn 2013 Mid Year Conference**

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Other Meetings and Events

Monday, June 24

ATNI Prep & Strategy Meeting

7:30-9:00 am

Grand Ballroom 5

ATNI Tribal leaders will discuss the ATNI to NCAI resolutions. Organize, support and sponsor to see them through the resolution process. Leaders will also discuss the Regional Taxation strategies prior to the Monday Tribal Tax Policy Working Group meeting.

Wednesday, June 26

International Water Company Demonstration: Mobile Water Purification Systems (MWPS)

12:00–1:30 pm

Purifying unusable ground water into clean, potable drinking water is the primary use of the MWPS. Let us show you how simple the MWPS is to operate during a live demonstration between Noon and 1:30 PM. Meet us at Booth # 204 for a quick introduction and then off to the demonstration area outside. Don't worry about lunch – we'll provide the food and beverages at the demonstration. Contact Bill Utz at 703.403.2400 or email utz@waterIWC.com for more information. www.waterIWC.com

Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) Reception

5:15-6:15 pm

A3 - CC

Please join us to discuss tribal education issues. For more information contact Joanne Soklin at (303) 447-8760 or soklin@narf.org.