The Town and Country Resort buzzed with activity from subcommittee meetings to panel discussions and meetings in the halls.

Third General Assembly was filled to the brim with attendees to listen to the morning speakers including Dr. Vincent Felitti, Co-Principal Investigator, Adverse Childhood Experience Study. Other speakers included Regis Pecos on the role of core values in governance and renewal, and Paulette Jordan on engaging the citizens of Indian Country and beyond.

According to Dr. Felitti, the study found a large portion of the population with no experience of supportive parenting might benefit from a strong tangible example through storytelling to compare supportive versus destructive parenting.

Asking a rhetorical question during the question and answer session NCAI President Cladoosby asked, “How do we change that mindset from being victims to being survivors?”

For more information and to request chapters from the study, contact Dr. Vincent Felitti via email at vjfmbsdca@mac.com.

World Café brought together a fantastic discussion and sharing of ideas by tribal leaders, youth, and other attendees. The importance of cultural integrity played a large role in response to questions on how to make actionable change in today’s communities. Other key themes included what it means to be loved opening the lines of communication, and developing listening skills across generations.
The Native Vote Talent Show/Lip Sync Battle rounded out the program on Tuesday evening. Kicking off the performances were none other than the NCAI staff with the “Voting Shuffle”. However, the NCAI Youth stole the show with their rendition of Pitch Perfect. If you missed the performances catch the recap on the NCAI app later today!

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One of the many great afternoon sessions was a panel discussion on Building a Sustainable Economy by aligning business priorities with cultural ones. Experienced tribal leaders shared stories on values that balance profitability and caring for tribal citizens. It included insight into youth and workforce development, good governance, engaging with tribal members, even words of wisdom from moms!

Building a Sustainable Economy: Strategies for Aligning Your Nation’s Corporate Priorities with Its Cultural and Social Ones. (Left to Right) Tom Acevedo, CEO, S&K Technologies, Anthony Mallott, President and CEO, Sealaska Corporation, Lance Morgan, President & CEO, Ho-Chunk, Inc., Susan White, Trust Director, Oneida Indian Nations of Wisconsin, and Joseph Kalt, Co-Founder and Co-Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.

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