

## **RESOLUTION SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**

### **Saturday, September 30**

10:00– Noon Volunteer Orientation & Bag Stuffing

11:00-5:00 NCAI Executive Committee Meeting

### **Sunday, October 1**

7:00 **2006 NCAI Annual Golf Tourney**  
Supporting the Embassy of Tribal Nations  
7:00 check in, 8:00 Shotgun, 4 person Best Ball  
Deadline for entry: September 22  
To register click here [Online Golf Registration](#) or visit  
NCAI’s website [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)

9:00-Noon **Tribal Leaders Roundtable for AI/AN Youth with Disabilities Summit**  
This session will address methods for developing a more comprehensive system of care for AI/AN young adults with disabilities between 16 and 30 years of age. This Roundtable is designed to provide an opportunity for Tribal representatives, including young adults with disabilities and other key partners to address and explore new approaches, best practices, and dialogue with youth.

9:00-5:00 **Tribal Education Departments Forum**  
Co-sponsored by NCAI, NIEA, TEDNA, NARF, and NISBA. This Forum will feature a panel on Tribal Education Departments in California and a Training Session for Tribal Leaders on Tribal Sovereignty over Education. BIA Office of Indian Education Programs Director Tom Dowd is invited to address the Forum.

1:00-5:00 Registration/ Rules & Credentials Open

1:00-5:00 Exhibit Move In

1:00-5:00 **Federal Recognition Task Force**

This session of the Federal Recognition Task Force will focus on the elements of successful economic development partnerships between tribes seeking recognition and local government entities. The session will also continue work on the development of a White Paper for Congressional education, outreach and recommendations for improving the recognition process.

1:00-5:00

### **Methamphetamine Task Force**

The NCAI Meth Tribal Task Force will serve as an official consultative body for NCAI and for the sister Indian Country Meth Initiative Federal Agency Task Force (BIA, ONDCP, HHS, IHS, FBI, etc.). The Meth Tribal Task Force will consist of two representatives from each Region, one official contact for each Tribe, and all additional interested parties and expert consultants. It will be decided at this meeting which Tribal leaders will serve as the official contacts for the National Tribal Meth Task Force. Updates will be provided on the National Indian Country Meth Initiative, the formulation of a National Anti-Meth Ad Campaign, Federal agency updates, and President Garcia will take advice from Tribal leaders on next steps.

1:00-5:00

### **Environment**

Tentative

1:00- 5:00

### **Taking Action to Strengthen Tribal Governance**

This session will feature the opportunity for discussion about the challenges to and existing resources for improving the quality of tribal governance. Participants will have the chance to discuss some critical questions about tribal governance and share their experiences with governance reform. This session, which is similar in scope to Wednesday’s breakout session by the same name, differs from that session in its focus specifically on identifying governance and reform challenges in states with typically small tribes and with greater limits on sovereignty and jurisdiction (i.e., tribes in Public Law 280 states). What implications do these characteristics have for the landscape of and resources necessary for reform?

2:00-5:00

### **NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Native Women**

The NCAI Task Force will be meeting to discuss a number of important topics including ongoing implementation of

the Tribal Title of the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization and the development of a draft sexual assault protocol for Indian Health Services facilities.

3:00-5:00                    **New NCAI Member Orientation**  
Orientating new members to NCAI’s committee, resolutions and policy process. This is an important and informative session for new members and those who want to increase their knowledge of NCAI’s structure.  
Hosted by:  
*Robert Holden, NCAI Director of Emergency Management*  
*John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI*

5:00-6:00                    **Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee**

6:00-8:00                    **Welcoming Reception**

## **Monday, October 2**

7:00-8:00                    **Miss NCAI 2005-2006 Honoring Breakfast**  
Brooke Grant, Miss NCAI 2005-2006, and her family will be honored for her service to NCAI and the NCAI Youth Commission. *Tickets are available for purchase.*

7:30-5:00                    Registration/Rules & Credentials Open for the week

7:30-5:00                    Resolutions Office for the week

7:30-5:00                    NCAI Office Open for the Week

9:45-12:00                    Youth Commission General Assembly

9:00-5:00                    Exhibits Open for the Week

### **8:30-Noon                    First General Assembly**

8:30-9:00                    Call to Order  
*Joe A. Garcia, NCAI President*

Color Guard  
Honor Song  
Invocation

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9:00-9:15	Welcome from Host Tribes
9:15-9:45	Welcome from Local Elected Officials <i>California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, invited</i> <i>U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer, invited</i> <i>U. S. Congressman Doris Matsui, invited</i> <i>Sacramento Mayor, Heather Fargo, invited</i>
9:45-10:25	Rules of the Convention <i>Mamie Bohay, Credentials Committee Chair</i>  Resolutions Process Report <i>Juanita Ahtone, Resolutions Committee Chair</i>  NCAI President’s Address <i>Joe A. Garcia, President</i>  NCAI Executive Director’s Report <i>Jacqueline Johnson, Executive Director</i>
10:25-10:55	Keynote Speaker
10:55-11:40	Secretary Kempthorne, Department of Interior, confirmed
11:40-12:00	Tribal Leader Discussion
12:00-1:00	<b>Youth Commission Honoring Lunch</b> <i>Tickets are available for purchase.</i>
12:00-1:00	<b>NCAI Press Conference</b>
1:30-4:00	<b>Second General Assembly</b>
1:30	Call to Order <i>Jefferson Keel, NCAI First Vice President</i>  NCAI Announcements
1:35-2:50	Congressional Messages <i>U.S. Senator John McCain, invited</i> <i>U. S. Senator Byron Dorgan, invited</i> <i>U.S. Congressman Richard Pombo, invited</i> <i>U.S. Congressman Nick Rahall, invited</i>

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2:50-3:30                      White House Update  
*President George W. Bush, invited*  
*Josh Bolton, Chief of Staff, invited*  
*Ruben Barrales, Deputy Assistant to the President and*  
*Director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs,*  
*confirmed*

3:30-4:00                      Trust Settlement

4:00-4:30                      Tribal Leader Discussion

4:30-6:00                      **Committee Meetings**

Economic, Finance, & Community Development  
Human Resources  
Land & Natural Resources  
Veterans  
Litigation & Governance

6:00-8:00                      **Tribal Leaders Task Force on Indian Education**

6:00-8:00                      **Public Relations Strategy Session**

Using information gained from NCAI’s research-based communications strategy, this will be a closed session for tribal leaders to discuss strategy and message development appropriate to public relations strategy in the current media and political environment and in the wake of anti-Indian activism. Having synched messaging related to the ever increasing coverage of Indian Country issues is critical to ensure legislative success and positive media in the future.

**Tuesday, October 3**

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

Alaska Area  
Eastern Oklahoma Area  
Great Plains Area  
Midwest Area  
Northeast Area  
Northwest Area  
Pacific Area  
Rocky Mountain Area  
Southeast Area

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Southern Plains Area  
Southwest Area  
Western Area

8:00-4:00 Youth Commission General Assembly

**8:30-Noon Third General Assembly**

8:30-8:45 Call to Order  
*Juana Majel, NCAI Recording Secretary*

Invocation

Credentials and Membership Report  
*Mamie Bohay, Credentials Committee Chair*

**8:45-9:35 Tribal and BIA Public Safety**

Law Enforcement/ Border Security  
*Richard Saunders, invited*

BIA Law Enforcement  
*Chris Cheney*

Honoring Shadow Wolves  
*U.S. Representative Mark Souder, invited*

9:35-10:05 Tribal Courts and Jurisdiction  
*Kevin Gover, invited*  
*B.J. Jones, invited*

10:05-10:50

10:50-11:00 HHS & NCAI National Meth Announcement

11:00-12:00 noon Tribal Leaders Strategy and Discussion Session

12:00-1:30 **Honoring Past Miss NCAI’s Luncheon**  
NCAI would like to honor the women that have served as Miss NCAI from its inception in 1968. NCAI’s first Miss NCAI, Marti Thomas from the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and the current Miss NCAI, Brooke Grant of the Hoopa Valley Tribe will make remarks.  
*Tickets are available for purchase.*

1:30-4:00

**Concurrent Breakout Sessions :**

**Exercising Sovereignty: Creative Approaches to Tribal Arrest, Detainment, and Collaboration**

The current system of criminal jurisdiction on tribal lands is incredibly complex and creates numerous challenges for effective law enforcement. Tribes across the country, however, are exercising their sovereign authority to the full extent possible under the law. This session will include a discussion of the extent of tribal criminal authority and explore examples from across Indian Country of tribes that have found innovative solutions to the challenges of the current jurisdictional landscape.

Presenters:

*Kevin Washburn, invited*

*Doug No Sleep, Chief of Police, Wind River, invited*

**Tribal Constitutional Reform**

In recent years a number of Tribes have engaged in a process of reform to improve upon Tribal Constitutions adopted under the Indian Reorganization Act. This session will include a discussion of the challenges and opportunities such a reform process presents.

Presenters:

*Lance Morgan, invited*

*Jonathan Taylor, invited*

*Jim Gray, Chief, Osage Nation, invited*

*Chad Smith, Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation, invited*

*Carl Venne, Chairman, Crow Nation, invited*

**Tax Collection Beyond the Reservation Boundaries**

The Streamlined Sales Tax Project is a national effort that helps governments work with vendors to collect sales taxes on remote sales such as internet purchases. The number of states participating in the project has grown to 13 states in full compliance and six states that will be in full compliance before 2008. Recent federal legislation may further enable the project's implementation and Tribes have a vested interest in any national scheme both as tax collecting governments and as distinct governments from states. Economic development in and around reservations is also impacted by this effort. This panel will discuss the project's implementation and potential means to develop a role for tribes.

Moderated by:

*Arlan Melendez, Chairman, Reno Sparks Indian Colony, invited*

Panelist:

*Wal-Mart Executive*  
*Allen Huffman, U.S. Senator Enzi’s office, invited*  
*Randi Reed, U.S. Senator Dorgan’s office, invited*  
*Raymond Etcity, Navajo Nation, invited*  
*Scott Peterson, Executive Director, Streamline Sales Tax Governing Board Inc., invited*

**Moving Indian Country to the Media Mainstream: A Proactive Approach to Responding to the Media**

Indian Country coming together as one collective voice is essential to our agenda set forth to improve the lives of Native people through better health care, enhanced public safety and other issues important to Indian Nations. As more and more Native publications and broadcasting units are covering Indian issues, there is also an increasing amount of mainstream media coverage of our issues and it is time we use our collective voice to be actively involved in reporters’ stories. This session will focus on the tools tribal leaders need to address questions from the media and to make sure the media outlets in your area are aware of the important stories happening in your community. Learn how and to respond to a reporter’s question, how to develop relationships with news outlets and how to manage your message. This is a “can’t miss” breakout for tribal leaders to ensure Indian Country is ahead of the media curve.

**Economic Development, Diversification, and Telecommunications**

Telecommunications services and technologies are critical infrastructure for meaningful, sustainable tribal development. This session will discuss the important role that tribal telecommunications policy plays in economic diversification

**Tribal Border Security and Emergency Management (this is in two sessions)**

Session 1: Tribal law enforcement officials will discuss their experiences on border security and enforcement matters, tribal community impacts, and how tribes are attempting to overcome increasing risks while dealing with shrinking federal assistance for capacity building. Also, U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials will present policy and program updates, and tribal emergency management officials will discuss looming federal regulatory requirements and compliance standards.

Tribal Law Enforcement and Homeland Security  
*Henry Pino, Chief of Police Ak-Chin Indian Community, International Association of Chiefs of Police Tribal Section President*  
Tribal Border Security Enforcement and Tribal Community Impacts  
*Richard Saunders, Chief of Police, Tohono O’odham Nation*  
Department of Homeland Security Program and Policy Update

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*Chet Lunner, Acting Director, Office of State and Local Government  
Coordination, Department of Homeland Security  
Tribal Border Security Project  
Gary Edwards, Chief Executive Officer, National Native American Law  
Enforcement Association  
HSPD 8 and HSPD 5 Requirements and Tribal Compliance  
Tim Sanders, Emergency Management Coordinator, Gila River Indian  
Community*

**NATIVE VOTE: Final Tribal Planning for Voter Turnout on Tuesday  
November 7**

Tribal leaders, it is up to you to ensure Indian Country has a strong voter turn-out, and Congress continues to listen to our voices. Every member of the House of Representatives is up for election this year. In addition, there are numerous Senate, Gubernatorial, and local races essential to Indian Country. NCAI is being held in early October specifically to allow for us to meet and plan for voter turnout on Tuesday November 7. Tribal leaders please ensure you have appointed a tribal **NATIVE VOTE** representative and send them to this important final meeting and training.

4:15-6:15

**Subcommittee Meetings**

Economic Development, Finance & Employment  
Housing  
Taxation  
Transportation & Infrastructure  
Telecommunications  
Energy & Mineral Policy  
Environmental Protection & Land Use  
Trust Lands, Natural Resources, & Agriculture  
Health  
Education  
Indian Child & Family Welfare  
Disabilities  
Elders  
Tribal Gaming  
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government  
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns  
Veterans

7:00-10:00

**Ambassador Leadership Program - Awards Night**

The first biennial NCAI Youth Ambassador Leadership Program will feature both male and female applicants competing for the title of the NCAI Youth Commission

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Ambassador and for an academic scholarship. The Program will showcase the applicants leadership abilities and include both academic and cultural components. *Tickets are available for purchase.*

## Wednesday, October 4

7:30-8:30

### Area Caucus Meetings

Alaska Area  
Eastern Oklahoma Area  
Great Plains Area  
Midwest Area  
Northeast Area  
Northwest Area  
Pacific Area  
Rocky Mountain Area  
Southeast Area  
Southern Plains Area  
Southwest Area  
Western Area

8:00-5:00

Youth Commission General Assembly

8:30-Noon

### Fourth General Assembly

8:30- 8:40

Call to Order  
*W. Ron Allen, NCAI Treasurer*

Invocation  
Announcements



*Dr. Stephen Cornell, Director, Udall Center for Public Policy, University of Arizona*

*Sarah Hicks, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center*

*Jaime Pinkham, Member, Native Nations Institute International Advisory Council and Watershed Department Manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, invited*

*Gerald Sherman, Member, Native Nations Institute International Advisory Council and Project Coordinator, Indian Land Tenure Foundation*

### **Using Public Safety Data and Research for Better Policy Development**

This session will feature brief presentations on existing tribal public safety data. Speakers will discuss existing data collection efforts, major findings of current research and analysis, and gaps in currently collected data. Session participants will engage in discussion about what types of data and research would be most useful to tribal communities in their local decision-making and policy development. Considerations for future work will be addressed.

Panelists:

*Dr. Jeffrey Sedgwick, Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, invited*

*Steven Perry, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice, invited*

*Carol Goldberg, Professor of Law, University of California, Los Angeles, invited*

*Eileen Luna, Professor of American Indian Law and Policy, University of Arizona, invited*

### **Traditional Concepts of Public Safety and Juvenile Justice**

#### **Tribal Governmental Ethics: Transparency and Good Government Laws**

This session will include a discussion of a number of Tribal efforts to ensure transparent and ethical governance. Tribal ethics codes can help elected leaders remain accountable to their members; shield the government from undue influence; and protect the rights of tribal employees.

#### **Leaving No Indian Child Behind: Preparing for the Reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act**

Leaders from national education organizations will facilitate discussions on the impact that NCLB has had on Indian children and how Indian Country can promote change and positively impact the future reauthorization of the NCLB.

Panelists:

*Ryan Wilson, National Indian Education Association*

*Joyce Silverthorne, Tribal Education Departments National Assembly*

*Jeff Johnson, Department of Education, invited*

*Tom Dowd, Bureau of Indian Education, invited*

### **The United Nations’ New Take on Indian Country**

Historic changes in the United Nations will impact the the profile of tribal leaders at the UN and the relationship between tribes and other nations. After twenty years, the UN Human Rights Council accepted a declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples. The declaration addresses critical issues including tribes’ right to self determination and tribes’ control over lands, territories and natural resources. Also, the UN is reorganizing their intergovernmental body that addresses Indigenous Peoples’ issues. Panelists will discuss the impact of these changes on the relationships between tribes, the United States and other countries, as well as ways in which tribes can continue or begin to become involved in this international arena.

*Kim Gottschalk, Native American Rights Fund, invited*

*Oren Lyons, Chief, Onondaga Nation, invited*

*Ed John, Chief, Assembly of First Nations, invited*

*Evelyn Aswad, United State Department of State, invited*

*Wilton Littlechild, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Peoples, invited*

### **Public Safety: Family Violence Best Practices**

This session will highlight examples of tribes who have developed comprehensive community-wide strategies for combating family violence and violence against Indian women. It will also include a discussion of the funding sources and requirements available to tribes to develop such programs.

Presenters:

*Jacque Agtuca, Clanstar*

*Karen Artichoker*

### **Tribal Border Security and Emergency Management (this is in two sessions)**

Session 2: Following disasters, the amount federal assistance to tribal communities can be based on program participation. A representative from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will discuss flood insurance program participation. Proposed international border crossing required identification regulations will likely infringe on tribal treaty rights, create financial burden and complicate tribal border community daily life. Tribal community impacts and rights will be discussed. Presentations also will include the status of emergency management legislation in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress, the need to Stafford Act emergency assistance legislation to include tribes, and state-tribal homeland security relationships.

FEMA National Flood Insurance Program, Flood Plain Mapping and Tribal Considerations on Participation

*Diana Coho, Program Specialist, DHS-FEMA, MT-RR-FM*

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Homeland Security/Emergency Management Legislative Update

*Janet Ericson, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs*

WHTI International Indigenous Passports and the White House Travel Initiative

*Chairman Norman Deschampe - Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Indians*

California Tribal-State Homeland Security Relations

*Chris Walters, Fire Captain, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians*

Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act Revision

*Tim Sanders, Gila River Indian Community*

4:00-6:00      **Subcommittee Meetings**

Economic Development, Finance & Employment

Housing

Taxation

Transportation & Infrastructure

Telecommunications

Energy & Mineral Policy

Environmental Protection & Land Use

Trust Lands, Natural Resources,

Health

Education

Indian Child & Family Welfare

Disabilities

Elders

Tribal Gaming

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns

Veterans

7:00-10:00

**Gala Banquet Sponsored by Bank of America**

*Tickets are available for purchase.*

**Thursday, October 5**

7:30-8:30

**Area Caucus Meetings**

Alaska Area

Eastern Oklahoma Area

Great Plains Area

Midwest Area

Northeast Area

Northwest Area

Pacific Area

Rocky Mountain Area

Southeast Area  
Southern Plains Area  
Southwest Area  
Western Area

**8:30-Noon Fifth General Assembly**

Call to Order  
*Cheryl Seidner, Pacific Area Vice President*

Invocation

**8:40-9:10 Reauthorizing No Child Left Behind**  
*Ryan Wilson, NIEA President*  
*Thomas Dowd, Director of the Bureau of Indian Education, invited*  
*Margaret Spellings, Secretary of the Department of Education, invited*

**9:10-9:40 Federal Law Enforcement**

FBI

Department of Justice Programs  
*Regina Schofield, Assistant Attorney General*

**9:40-10:55 Partnerships for Tribal Initiatives**  
Federal Appropriations  
*Edward Thomas, NCAI Budget Workgroup, Chair*

National Council of State Legislators  
*John McCoy, Center, State Legislators, invited*

Tribally Driven Research Agenda & Current Projects  
*Sarah Hicks, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center*

Census  
*Charles Kincannon, Director, invited*

NCAI’s PR Strategy  
*Jacqueline Johnson, NCAI Executive Director*

**10:55-11:10 Tribal Gaming Making Impacts on Tribal Communities**  
*Ernie Stevens, Jr, Chairman, NIGA, invited*

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11:10-11:30 Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary for the BIA, invited

11:10-Noon Tribal Leader Discussion

12:00-1:00 **Elder’s Honoring Luncheon**  
*Tickets are available for purchase.*

**1:30-4:00 Sixth General Assembly**

1:30-1:40 Call to Order  
*Kathleen Kitcheyan, Western Area Vice President*

1:40-1:50 2005-2006 Youth Commission Update and Announcement  
of New Youth Ambassadors  
*Dwayne Lopez, Youth Representative 2004-2006*  
*Alyssa Dixon, Youth Representative 2004-2006*  
*Brooke Grant, Miss NCAI 2005-2006*

1:50 – 3:05 **Economic Development Update**  
Expanding Economic Opportunity with Tribal Housing  
*Marty Shuravloff, Chairman, NAIHC, invited*

Financial Literacy for Economic Strength  
*Elsie Meeks, invited*

Tax and Tribal Economic Development  
*Kathleen Niles, invited*

Tribal Government Contracting  
*Karen Atkinson, NACA, invited*

3:05-4:05 **Trust Lands Update**  
Environment  
*Jim Sappier, Chair, NTEC, invited*

Rights of Way  
*David Lester, CERT, invited*

Land into Trust/Trust Regulations

Agriculture  
*Ross Racine, invited*

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Tribal Leader Discussion

4:15-5:30

**Committee Meetings**

Human Resources  
Land & Natural Resources  
Veterans  
Litigation & Governance  
Economic, Finance and Community Development

6:30–10:00

Cultural Evening

**Friday, October 6**

9:00-Noon

Exhibits Open

8:30 to Noon

**Seventh General Assembly**

8:30 – 9:15

Call to Order  
*Manuel Heart, Southwest Area Vice President*

Invocation

Youth Ambassadors Announcements and Memorials

9:15-9:30

Treasurer’s Report and Embassy Update  
*Ron Allen, NCAI Treasurer*

Rules and Credentials Report

9:30 - 11:45

Full Committee Reports and Consideration of Resolutions

Resolutions Committee Report

Economic, Finance, & Community Development  
Litigation & Governance  
Veterans  
Human Resources  
Land & Natural Resources

11:45

Retire Colors/Closing Prayer

Noon

**Adjourn 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**

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