

## Saturday, October 29, 2005

- 9:00 am Embassy of Tribal Nations Fundraiser Golf Tournament—  
Cherokee Hills Golf Resort
- Noon-Midnight Powwow, Hosted by Tulsa Indian Club and Tulsa Indian  
Network—Crown Plaza, Tulsa Ballroom.
- 1:00-3:00 pm Volunteer Orientation – Executive Conference Room

## Sunday, October 30, 2005

### Pre-Meetings (See pre-meeting agenda)

- 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Assembly of Native State Legislators - B North
- 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. TEDNA - Tribal Education Department - C North
- 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women - 2A
- 1:00-5:00 p.m. Budget Task Force - 2B
- 1:00- 4:00 p.m. Federal Recognition – D South
- 1:00-5:00 p.m. NCAI/National Indian Gaming Association Task Force - 2G
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Native Networking Coalition-Room 2E
- 3:30-6:30 p.m. Native Vote- B North

- 9:00-Noon NCAI Executive Board Meeting – Executive Conference  
Room
- 1:00-5:00 pm Exhibits Move-In – Hall B
- 1:00-5:00 pm Registration – Gallery
- 1:00-5:00 pm Rules & Credentials - Gallery
- 3:00-5:00 pm Youth Commission General Assembly (See Youth  
Commission General Assembly Agenda) –Convention  
Center, Room A**
- 6:00-8:00 pm NCAI Welcoming Reception, Hosted by Osage Nation –  
Crowne Plaza Hotel

## Monday, October 31, 2005

Sergeant of Arms: Richard Fixico (Creek Nation Light Horse)

Parliamentarian: Edward Thomas, President, Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska

7:30 am -5:00 pm Registration Open - Gallery

7:30 am -5:00 pm Rules & Credentials - Gallery

7:30 am -5:00 pm Resolutions Office – Room C South

7:30 am -5:00 pm NCAI Office – Room B South

9:00 am -5:00 pm Trade Show Hours Monday-Thursday, Fri 9-Noon – Hall B

8:30 am -5:00 pm Youth Commission General Assembly – Convention Center Rooms 3A, B, C and D (See Youth Agenda)

**8:30 am - Noon First General Assembly - Hall C**

8:30-8:45 am Call to Order - Tex G. Hall, NCAI President  
Color Guard Presentation and Tribal Procession  
Muscogee Creek Nation Color Guard  
Cherokee Nation Color Guard  
Chickasaw Nation Color Guard  
Seminole Nation Color Guard  
Comanche Nation Color Guard  
Broken Arrow Color Guard  
Choctaw Nation Color Guard

8:45-8:50 am Flag Song - Osage Singers  
Invocation - George Tiger, Muscogee Creek

8:50-9:00 am *God Bless America* and *Star Spangled Banner* - Cherokee National Youth Choir

9:00-9:10 Video introduction by Margo Gray, Chair Local Planning Committee - “A Child of the Indian Territory,” produced by Red Circle Agency. The film captures the heart and the spirit of the Oklahoma Indian peoples, their many different histories, struggles and victories

9:10-9:20 am Welcome from Host Tribes – Video Presentation  
A.D. Ellis, Chief, Muscogee Creek Nation  
Chad Smith, Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation  
Jim Gray, Chief, Osage Tribe

9:20-9:30 am	Presentation of Agenda - Tex G. Hall, NCAI President
9:30 am	Welcome
9:30-9:50 am	The Honorable Dan Boren, Congressman (D-2 <sup>nd</sup> OK)
9:50-10:10 am	The Honorable Brad Henry, Oklahoma Governor (Invited)
10:10-10:25 am	The Honorable Bill LaFortune, Tulsa Mayor
10:25-10:45 am	President's Address - Tex G. Hall
10:45-10:55 am	Executive Director's Report - Jacqueline L. Johnson
10:55-11:15 am	Embassy of Tribal Nations Capital Campaign and NCAI Hurricane Relief Fund Update - W. Ron Allen, NCAI Treasurer
11:15-11:20 am	Rules of the Convention - Mamie Bohay, Credentials Committee Chair
11:20-11:25 am	Resolutions Process Report - Juanita Ahtone, Resolutions Committee Chair
11:25-11:40	The Honorable Tom Cole, Congressman (R-4 <sup>th</sup> OK)
11:40-Noon	Margaret Spellings, Secretary, U.S. Department of Education
Noon-1:00 pm	NCAI Press Conference – Room C North
Noon-1:30 pm	Youth Honor Luncheon – Assembly Hall
<b>1:30-4:00 pm</b>	<b><i>Second General Assembly – Hall C</i></b>
1:30-1:35 pm	Call to Order - Joe Garcia, NCAI First Vice-President
1:35-2:35 pm	Self-Determination: Now and in the Future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Eddie Brown, Professor of American Indian Studies, Arizona State University</li> <li>• Professor Kevin Gover, College of Law, Arizona State University</li> <li>• Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation</li> </ul>
2:35-2:45 pm	Dale Bozworth, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture

- 2:45-2:55 pm NCAI Hurricane Relief Update
- Robert Holden, Director of Emergency Management, NCAI
  - Pat Arnould, Director, Louisiana Governor's Office of Indian Affairs
- 2:55-3:05 pm State-Tribal Relations – Steven J. Rauschenberger, President, National Council of State Legislators
- 3:05-4:40 pm Messages from Members of Congress
- The Honorable Sam Brownback, Senator (R-KS)
  - The Honorable Mike Honda, Congressman (D-CA)
  - The Honorable John McCain, Senator (R-AZ) (video message)
  - The Honorable Byron Dorgan, Senator (D-ND) (video message)
- 4:40-5:00 pm Tribal Leader Discussion
- 5:00-6:00 pm **Committee Meetings**  
Economic, Finance & Community Development – Room D South  
Human Resources – Room D North  
Natural Resources – Room A  
Veterans – Room C North  
Litigation & Governance – Room B North
- 7:00-10:00 pm Halloween Dance and Costume Contest – Hosted by NCAI Local Planning Committee – Crowne Plaza Hotel

## **Tuesday, November 1, 2005**

- 7:30-8:30 am **Area Caucus Meetings**  
Alaska Area – Room 2D  
Eastern Oklahoma Area -Room 2G  
Great Plains Area -Room B North  
Midwest Area – Room 2E  
Northeast Area - Room 3A  
Northwest Area –Room 3B  
Pacific Area – Room 3C  
Rocky Mountain Area – Room 3D  
Southeast Area – Room 3E  
Southern Plains Area - Room D North  
Southwest Area - Room 3G  
Western Area – Room D South

<b>8:00 am-5:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Commission General Assembly (See Youth Agenda) - Assembly Hall</b>
7:30-8:30 am	Miss NCAI Honor Breakfast - Room C North
<b>8:30 am-Noon</b>	<b><i>Third General Assembly - Hall C</i></b>
8:30-8:40 am	Call to Order - Juana Majel, NCAI Recording Secretary Invocation-Clark Inkanish, Wichita Tribe
8:40-8:50 am	Miss NCAI report, Madeline Sobeloff-Levy, Miss NCAI
8:50-9:00 am	Native Hawaiian Reorganization—Huanani Apoliona, Chairwoman, Hawaiian Affairs (video message)
9:00-9:30 am	Violence Against Women in Indian Country –Diane Stewart, Director of Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice
9:30-9:50 am	Voting Rights—John Tanner, Chief, Voting Rights Section, Department of Justice Civil Rights Division
9:50 -10:05 am	Supreme Court Project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund</li> <li>• John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI</li> </ul>
10:05-10:20 am	Arlan Melendez, Commissioner, U.S. Civil Rights Commission; Chairman, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony
10:20-11:20 am	Trust Reform: Charting the Future of Indian Land Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tex Hall, President, President, NCAI</li> <li>• Jim Gray, Chairman, Inter-Tribal Monitoring Association</li> <li>• David Mullon, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs</li> <li>• Doug Nash, Executive Director, Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate</li> </ul>
11:00 am-Noon	Update from Department of Interior <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jim Cason, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs</li> </ul>
Noon-1:30 pm	Luncheon update on the international indigenous nations treaty –Allen Parker (brown bag lunch)
<b>Noon-1:30 pm</b>	<b>Miss NCAI Honor Luncheon – DoubleTree Hotel, Buckingham Windsor Room</b>

1:30-4:00 pm

**Convention Breakout Sessions**

**Trust Reform and DOI Regulatory Initiative: Charting the Future of Indian Land Management**

On July 20, 2005, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs introduced S. 1439, the Indian Trust Reform Act of 2005, legislation that would settle the “Cobell” litigation and address trust reform and organization of the Department of Interior. The bill is widely acknowledged to be an important starting point for resolving the Cobell litigation and improving trust management.

Secondly, the Department of Interior is considering a broad regulatory initiative to revise and replace a significant number of regulations related to trust management. The initiative would affect land to trust, probate, trust funds, records and title, leasing, grazing, energy and minerals. The consultation process with tribal leaders will be very important and the goal is to discuss how that consultation will be carried out.

Moderators: Jim Gray, ITMA Chairman and Principal Chief of the Osage Nation  
Tex Hall, President, NCAI

- Robert Chicks, President of the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians and Co-Chair of the Land Recovery Task Force
- David Mullon and Allison Binney, Counsels to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- Ernie Stensgar, President of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians and Coeur D’Alene Tribal Council
- Michele Singer, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- Doug Nash, Executive Director, Institute for Indian Estate Planning and Probate

**Maximizing the Power of the Native Vote – Room C North**

Vigorous enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination in voting on the basis of race or minority language status, is an important component of NCAI’s efforts through the Native Vote project to maximize the power of Native voices at the polls. Native Americans have experienced a long history of disenfranchisement both as a matter of law and of practice. Some states prohibited Indians from voting as late as the 1950s and 60s, and discrimination at the polls continues today. The protections offered by the Voting Rights Act can be used in a number of ways to counteract ongoing discrimination including: ensuring that redistricting is done

in a way that does not dilute the power of the Indian vote, requiring that polling places are located so that they are as accessible to Native voters as they are to others, and mandating that language assistance is given to persons who speak their Native language. This breakout will provide an overview of how the Voting Rights Act can be used in your community. We will also discuss the upcoming Congressional reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act.

Panelists:

- Heather Dawn Thompson, Native Vote Election Protection Coordinator
- Dan McCool, Director, American West Center, University of Utah
- John Tanner, Chief, Voting Rights Section, Department of Justice
- Richard Guest, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

### **Tribal Media Relations: Moving to the Mainstream– Room 3E**

With so many issues facing Indian Country today, why is it that for the most part Native media outlets are the only ones covering the issues? This session will be an in-depth look and discussion on the breakdown in communication between journalists covering tribal issues and tribal governments and a look at why the issues are hard pressed to move into the mainstream media. It will also include an examination of Indian issues that Native and mainstream press should be covering. Are issues not being covered because of the lack of available information to journalists? We will examine these issues, including an in-depth look at successful tribal public relations strategies.

Panelists:

- Patty Talahongva, Host, Native America Calling
- Gene Rose, Presentation on Dealing with the Media
- Jacob Moore, Case Study on the Developing Salt River's Media Strategy
- Tadd Johnson, Special Counsel on Government Affairs, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

### **The Methamphetamine Invasion of Indian Country – Hall C**

Alcohol and substance abuse has long plagued Indian Country, yet methamphetamines' highly addictive and destructive nature threatens to cripple us as never before. Abuse of methamphetamines affects the health, safety, culture, environment, economy and well-being of our communities. This breakout session will focus on strategies for Indian Country to address this crisis.

Panelists:

- Jay Barton, Methamphetamine Technical Assistance Training Specialist
- Don Coyhis, President and Co-founder, White Bison, Inc.
- Holly Echo-Hawk, Founder, Echo-Hawk and Associates
- Thomas Heffelfinger, U.S. Attorney, District of Minnesota; Chairman, Attorney General Advisory Committee's Native American Issues Subcommittee
- Lynette Willie, Public Information Officer, U.S. Department of Behavioral Health Services
- Erik Enos, Washoe Tribe of NV & CA Youth Task Force Leader/ Methamphetamine Task Force

### **Tribal Environmental Protection in Jeopardy – Room D South**

Significant developments in environmental regulations in American Indian and Alaska Native communities have occurred on the legislative and litigation fronts. An August last-minute rider to the long awaited transportation bill precludes Treatment as a State for Oklahoma tribes without state approval. In addition, lack of compliance and enforcement of mercury regulation and remediation has forced tribes into litigation. The FY 2006 Interior Appropriations bill requires budget rescissions from EPA programs and is likely to not be the last budget difficulty that the EPA will face in coming years. This session will discuss these current changes and the expected impact on tribes' environmental regulation.

Panelists:

- Jim Sappier, Chief, Penobscot Indian Nation; President, National Tribal Environmental Council
- Nancy John, Director, Inter-Tribal Environmental Council; President, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI Regional Tribal Operations Committee
- Riyaz Kanji, Esq., Kanji & Katzen, P.L.L.C.
- Ron Rice, President, Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma
- Chad Smith, Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation

### **Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) – Room 2D**

The Bush administration has announced the Department of Defense (DOD) federal lands and facilities designated for inclusion in the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) for 2005. During the first BRAC round in 1988, there was no notice to tribes that former tribal lands under current jurisdiction of the DOD were designated to be transferred to federal agencies, state and tribal governments or local entities for public benefit, depending on whether the DOD lands were excess or surplus property.

Though some tribes have had a small degree of success, in recent years, there is a need for increased collaboration with other federal agencies including the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This breakout will discuss the current federal policies and activities surrounding BRAC 2005.

Panelists:

- Louie Guassac, Tribal Consultant, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation Kumeyaay/Digueno Unity
- Geoff Strommer, Attorney, Hobbs Strauss Dean & Walker, LLP
- Pearl Chanar, Senior Realty Specialist, Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Paul Lumley, Senior Tribal Liaison, Department of Defense

### **Violence Against Native Women: Emerging Issues - Room 2G**

The rate of violence committed against American Indian and Alaska Native women is more than twice the rate for all women in the United States. This session will provide an overview of current and emerging issues impacting the safety of Native Women. The session will primarily provide an overview on the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act 2005. Other critical issues to be addressed include the increasing number of missing Native women and the handling of such reports; sexual assault registry issues emerging in Minnesota impacting Native women and Indian tribes; and efforts to increase access of tribal law enforcement to the National Crime Information Center to strengthen the response to crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking within Indian tribes.

Panelists:

- Jacqueline Agtuca, NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women
- Lisalyn Jacobs, Chair, National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Tammy Young, Co-Director, Alaska Native Women's Coalition
- Lonna Stevens, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition
- Norena Henry, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice

### **Self-determination through Education: Taking Control of Educating our Youth Room**

Tribal leaders today are faced with many challenges in the education of our youth. Integrating culture, language and tradition is difficult in this political climate; but, despite these obstacles, many tribes are doing just that. Through the development of a tribal educational vision and collaboration with local and state governments, these tribes have developed plans that respond to their community needs by integrating their cultural values and creating educational and professional opportunities for their tribal members. This panel will highlight some of the programs that

have successfully implemented educational visionary plans as well as look at resources that are available to tribes to develop their own vision. Educational self-determination must begin with our tribal leaders. All tribal leaders are encouraged to attend to learn how other tribes have developed an educational vision and implemented their ideas successfully.

Panelists:

- Ryan Wilson, NIEA President, Moderator
- Myrtle Charles, Education Director, Gila River Indian Community
- Suzy Wright, Legislative Policy Analyst, Tulalip Tribes of Washington
- Kevin Shendo, 2nd Lieutenant Governor, and April Wilkinson, Education Director, Pueblo of Jemez

### **Facilitating Tribal Self-Determination: Formal Philanthropy to Indian Country – Room 3G**

A panel of presenters will share information related to the primary types of philanthropy, the current scope of philanthropic funding to Indian Country, how tribes can be engaged in both giving and receiving philanthropic funding, and how philanthropy offers unique opportunities for the exercise of tribal self-determination. After an overview of these topics, the session will break into small groups for concurrent discussion about each of the following areas: (a) establishing an independent Native nonprofit foundation; (b) understanding giving trends of private non-Native foundations to Indian Country; (c) developing relationships with potential funders; and (d) using philanthropic funding to exercise tribal self-determination. Other leaders from the sector will participate in the smaller group discussions, contributing their knowledge and facilitating dialogue.

Panelists:

- Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
- Susan Jenkins, Director, Cherokee Preservation Foundation
- Miriam Jorgensen, Research Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development
- Joy Persall, Executive Director, Native Americans in Philanthropy
- Andrea Alexander, Executive Director, Potlatch Fund

### **Homeland Security – Room 3A**

Tribal governments continue to develop and enhance emergency management infrastructures to involve all segments of tribal communities in order to better protect lives and property from natural and technological hazards. Comprehensive emergency management plans will allow tribes to respond to

potential threats which range from daily emergencies to catastrophic events. The Department of Homeland Security is mandating that all jurisdictions comply with the national strategy for incident management which will be fully implemented in the near future. This breakout will include updates on the national strategy and tribal compliance, emergency planning for tribal governments, and an update on the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on tribal communities.

Panelists:

- Ron Johnson, Vice President, Prairie Island Indian Community Tribal Council
- Tim Sanders, Emergency Management Coordinator, Gila River Indian Community
- Pat Arnould, Director, Louisiana State Office of Indian Affairs
- Linda Straka, Education and Disaster Assistance Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- Delbert Brewer, Disaster Assistance Specialist, FEMA
- Captain Anjelica Novoa, Captain, Cocopah Tribal Police Department
- Tracy Register, Director, Cocopah Nation Office of Environmental Protection
- Rosalita Whitehair, Tribal Liaison, Arizona Office of Homeland Security
- Cyndi Guthridge, Central Region Preparedness Officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.
- Linda Straka, Education Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

### **Indian Mascots: Tribal and University Perspectives – Room 3C**

The issue of Indian mascots has been in the forefront since the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) ruling recently banning the use of mascots at some colleges in postseason play. This session will be an in-depth look at the issue from various perspectives. Some tribal and BIA funded schools celebrate their culture through the use of Indian imagery by their sports teams. Some tribes have a long and fruitful relationship with local universities and authorize the use of Indian imagery for particular teams and many other teams continue to oppose the use of any and all Indian imagery by sports teams. All these viewpoints will be heard and discussed.

Panelists:

- Tex Hall, President, NCAI
- Milton Noel, Principal, Riverside Indian School
- Sharon Metz, Founder, HONOR
- Louis Gray, former President, Tulsa Indian Coalition Against Racism (TIARC)

- Suzan Shown Harjo, President, The Morningstar Institute

### **"Developing Success Strategies for your Tribal Enterprise or Economic Development Department" D North**

This session will focus on an overview of tribal business aspects:

- 1) identifying and developing success strategies for new and existing tribal enterprises
- 2) the fine turning of your overall entrepreneurial mindset that is necessary to compete in today's economy
- 3) "real life" ideas for getting your enterprise financed
- 4) enterprise staff development

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4:00-6:00 pm

#### **The Future of Indian Country: Using the Internet to Find Critical Census Data for Tribal Governments**, University of Tulsa College of Law-Mabee Information Center

This hands-on computer training workshop will show participants how to find key social and economic data on the U.S. Census Bureau's website to assist them in addressing the critical issues facing Native communities.

Panelists:

- Jan N. Jacobs (Osage), Geographer, U.S. Census Bureau
- Dee A. Alexander (Cheyenne-Arapaho) Program Analyst, U.S. Census Bureau
- Matthew S. Milbrodt, Information Services Specialists, U.S. Census Bureau
- Barbara A. Harris, Program Administrator, U.S. Census Bureau

Please sign-up at the Census Bureau booth # 106.  
Workshop is limited to 12 persons per session.

4:15-6:15 pm

#### **Subcommittee Meetings**

Economic, Finance and Community Development – Room D South  
Energy and Mineral policy – Hall C  
Environmental Protection & Land Use – Room A  
Trust Lands, Natural Resources and Agriculture – Room 3C  
Health – Room D North  
Education – Room 3B  
Indian Child & Family Welfare – Room 3A  
Disabilities – Room 2E  
Elders – Room 2F  
Telecommunications – Room 3D  
Transportation and Infrastructure – Room 3E  
Taxation – Room 3F  
Housing – Room 3G  
Veterans- Room C North  
Tribal Gaming - Room B North  
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government - Room 2G  
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns - Room 2D

4:15-7:15 pm

Veterans Affairs Training- Room C North  
Training on benefits, health care and general navigation of the disability claims process for veterans.

7:00-9:30 pm

Miss NCAI Scholarship Pageant – Crowne Plaza Hotel,  
**Promenade Ballroom**

9:00 pm 12:30 am

Youth Commission Dance – Crowne Plaza Hotel,  
**Promenade C and D** -- All invited

## **Wednesday, November 2, 2005**

7:30-8:30 am

Area Caucus Meetings  
Alaska Area – Room 2D  
Eastern Oklahoma Area -Room 2G  
Great Plains Area - Room B North  
Midwest Area – Room 2E  
Northeast Area - Room 3A  
Northwest Area –Room 3B  
Pacific Area – Room 3C  
Rocky Mountain Area – Room 3D  
Southeast Area – Room 3E  
Southern Plains Area - Room D North  
Southwest Area - Room 3G  
Western Area – Room D South

**8:30 am-Noon**

***Fourth General Assembly- Hall C***

8:30- 8:40 am

Call to Order--W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI  
Invocation - Archie Mason Jr.; Osage, Cherokee, Kaw Nations

8:40-9:05 am

**Reinvesting Our Youth into Native Communities**

- Norbert Hill, Executive Director, American Indian Graduate Center

9:05-9:20 am

**Educating Our Youth**

- Ryan Wilson, President, National Indian Education Association; Executive Director, IWASI

9:20-9:50 am

**Health, Safety and Diabetes Prevention**

- Dr.Charles Grim, Director, Indian Health Services
- Mark Piccirilli, President, FirstPic, Inc.

9:50-10:05 am

**Our Youth: The Future of Self –Determination**

- Chairman Floyd Jourdain, Jr., Red Lake Band of Chippewa

10:05-10:25

The Honorable Brian Schweitzer, Governor, Montana

10:30-11:30 am

**Nominations and Speeches for NCAI Administrative Board Offices**

**Standing Rules of Order, Section V, A. 3. Nomination speeches shall be no longer than two (2) minutes. Individuals making nominations must state their name, the Tribe they represent, and indicate that they are a member in good standing of NCAI. Nominations do not have to be seconded, and no seconding speeches shall be allowed.**

11:30 am–12:30 pm

**Walk/Run for Native American National Health and Fitness Day with Oglala Sioux Olympic gold medalist Billy Mills!**

“Healthy Youth: The Future of Indian Country” – The National Congress of American Indians, in conjunction with the Indian Health Service and Nike, Inc. will sponsor the Third Annual National Native American Health and Fitness

Wellness Walk to focus attention on issues of Native American health concerns. We invite all of Indian Country to join us as we fight for a healthy future for Native people!

Noon-1:30 pm

Lunch (box lunches available for purchase)

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1:30-4:20 pm

**NCAI POLICY RESEARCH CENTER - Hall C**

**Crafting a Collective Vision for the Future of Indian Country**

At the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Indian Self-Determination Act, tribes are poised to take stock of the last thirty years, noting where we've made progress and where we've lost ground. But what will the future of self-determination look like? How will tribal sovereignty be expressed? How will our communities be impacted? What is our vision for the seventh generation?

This interactive activity gives tribal leaders and tribal citizens the opportunity to participate in a discussion about the future of Native communities. Unlike anything NCAI has ever hosted, this session will allow for small group dialogues about the vision that Indian Country has for its own future. The culmination of the three-hour session will be the sharing of the themes from the small group discussions, building to a collective identification of the priorities of Native leaders and citizens. This dialogue will provide direction for the work of the NCAI Policy Research Center.

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4:00-6:00 pm

The Future of Indian Country: Using the Internet to Find Critical Census Data for Tribal Governments (See description on Tuesday Agenda)

**4:30-6:00 pm**

**Subcommittee Meetings**

Economic, Finance and Community Development – Room D South

Energy and Mineral policy – Room A

Environmental Protection & Land Use – Room 2C

Trust Lands, Natural Resources and Agriculture – Room 3C

Health – Room D North

Education – Room 3B

Indian Child & Family Welfare – Room 3A

Disabilities – Room 2E

Elders – Room 2F  
Telecommunications – Room 3D  
Transportation and Infrastructure – Room 3E  
Taxation – Room 3F  
Housing – Room 3G  
Tribal Gaming – Room B North  
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – Room 2G  
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns - Room 2D  
Veterans – Room C North

**7:00 p.m.**

**Memberships must be current as of 7:00 p.m. in order to vote in the NCAI election.**

7:00–10:00 pm

Cultural Night — Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Hosted by Local Planning Committee

***“Native Sounds of Oklahoma....aye!”***

***Cultural Night is a mixture of traditional dances of Oklahoma tribes, as well as some contemporary sounds...There is nothing like a cool crisp fall evening filled with an array of scrumptious native foods, a gathering of good friends and laughter under an Oklahoma moon lit night.***

## **Thursday, November 3, 2005**

7:30-8:30 am

Area Caucus Meetings  
Alaska Area – 2D  
Eastern Oklahoma Area -2G  
Great Plains Area -B North  
Midwest Area – 2E  
Northeast Area - 3A  
Northwest Area -3B  
Pacific Area – 3C  
Rocky Mountain Area – 3D  
Southeast Area – 3E  
Southern Plains Area - D North  
Southwest Area - 3G  
Western Area – Room D South

**8:30 am-Noon**

***Fifth General Assembly – Hall C***

8:30-8:35 am

Call to Order- Zach Pahmahmie, Area Vice-President, NCAI  
Invocation - Andrew Gray Jr., Osage Nation

## Updates and Reports

8:35-8:50 am	Gaming – Ernie Stevens, Jr., Chairman, National Indian Gaming Association
8:50-9:00 am	Health - H. Sally Smith, Chair, National Indian Health Board
9:00-9:10 am	Child Welfare —Terry Cross, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association
9:10-9:20 am	NCAI Budget Task Force—Ed Thomas, President, Tlingit and Haida Tribes of Alaska
9:20-9:30 am	Welfare Reform—Kate Kahan, Professional Staff Member, U.S. Senate Committee on Finance (Invited)
9:30-9:40 am	Education—Cathie Martin, Deputy Director, U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education
9:40-9:50 am	Elders Update--James DeLaCruz, President, National Indian Council on Aging
9:50-10:00 am	Native Americans in Philanthropy- Joy Persall, Executive Director

**10:00 am**

**Roll Call Election and Balloting**

**Standing Rules of Order, Section V, B. Campaign speeches by candidates shall be no longer than five (5) minutes.**

11:55 am-Noon	Memorandum of Understanding Signing, NCAI and the Council for Tribal Employments Rights
Noon-1:30 pm	Elder’s Honoring Luncheon - Room A
<b>1:30-3:30 pm</b>	<b>Sixth General Assembly – Hall C</b>
1:30-1:35 pm	Call to Order—Leslie Lohse, Area Vice-President, NCAI

- 1:35-1:45 pm Youth Commission Report
- Dwayne Lopez, Representative, Tohono O'odham Nation
  - Alyssa Dixon, Representative, Gila River Indian Community
  - Douglas Wemigwase, Secretary, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
  - Michael Enis, Alternate Representative, Tohono O'odham Nation
  - Kathleen Wright-Bryan, Alternate Representative, Pyramid Lake Paiute

### Issue Updates

- 1:45-2:05 pm White House Update, Ruben Barrales, Director, White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
- 2:05-2:20 pm Alfonso Jackson, Secretary, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 2:20-2:30 pm Housing – Chester Carl, Chairman, National American Indian Housing Council
- 2:30-2:40 pm Environmental – Jim Sappier, Executive Director, National Tribal Environmental Council
- 2:40-2:50 pm Energy – David Lester, Executive Director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes
- 2:50-3:00 pm Sacred Lands and Cultural Concerns - Jack Trope, Director, Sacred Land Protection Program
- 3:00-3:10 pm Taxation - Kathleen Nilles, Attorney, Gardner, Carton & Douglas
- 3:10-3:20 pm Transportation – Sherwin Racehorse, Co-Chair, NCAI Transportation Subcommittee
- 3:20-3:30 pm Contract Support Costs - Chad Smith, Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation
- 3:30-3:40 pm Telecommunications—Joe Garcia, First Vice-President, NCAI
- 3:40-3:50 pm U.S. Census Update - Henry Palacios, Director, Kansas City Region of U.S. Census Bureau

3:50-4:00 pm	Indigenous Language Institute
4:00-4:10 pm	The Honorable John Thune, Senator (R-SD) (video message)
4:10-4:50 pm	Tribal Leaders Discussion and Strategy
<b>4:50-5:50 pm</b>	<b>Full Committee Meetings</b> Human Resources - D North Natural Resources - A Veterans - C North Litigation & Governance – B North Economic, Finance and Community Development - D South
4:00-6:00 pm	The Future of Indian Country: Using the Internet to Find Critical Census Data for Tribal Governments (See description on Tuesday agenda)
7:00-10:00 pm	Gala Banquet Sponsored by Bank of America – Crowne Plaza Hotel, Tulsa Ballroom

## **Friday, November 4, 2005**

9:00-12:00 pm	Exhibits open – Hall B
8:30 to Noon	Seventh General Assembly – Hall C
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Call to Order—Jefferson Keel, Area Vice-President, NCAI Invocation - Ronnie Good Eagle, Pawnee Nation Miss NCAI Announcement and Memorials
9:00-9:30 am	Roll Call and Rules and Credentials Report Swearing in of NCAI officers
9:30 -11:45 am	Full Committee Reports and Consideration of Resolutions  Treasurers Report –W. Ron Allen  Resolution Committee Report - Juanita Ahtone, <b>Chair</b>  Economic, Finance & Community Development Committee Report

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11:45 – Noon

Retire Colors/Closing Prayer

**Noon**

**Annual Conference Adjourns**

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## **OTHER EVENTS**

\*\*This is a developing agenda of other events coinciding with NCAI's Annual Convention. We will be adding information and events as they come in.

**Monday, October 31, 2005**

**7:30 -8:30 am**

**COLE PAC, Tom Cole (R-Ok) Breakfast—Crowne Plaza, Promenade A**

**6:00-8:00 pm**

Oklahoma Democratic Party Reception— The Oklahoma Democratic Party (ODP) invites Oklahoma citizens to a get acquainted reception on Monday, October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in E-2 of the Tulsa Convention Center. Oklahoma Democrats have long been advocates of tribal self-determination and welcome the National Congress of American Indians to our home state. The ODP is honored to be a part of this historic meeting and we look forward to creating many new partnerships in Tulsa. -2E

**6:00 -8:00 pm**

Indigenous Democratic Network Reception— 2A  
Come join tribal leaders, political activists, and fellow Indian Democrats as INDN showcases its Campaign Camp

and emerging leaders of Indian Country in a video from the first-ever Indian candidate and staff campaign training.

6:00-8:00 pm

Native Networking Coalition Reception—This reception will honor Geoffrey Blackwell, former tribal liaison with the FCC's Intergovernmental Affairs Bureau and to thank him for all his hard work and support of Indian Country. Room 2G

6:00-9:00 pm

American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma Reception, Crowne Plaza Hotel--The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma is hosting a reception in the Regency Suite #1234. This is for all Tribal leaders, and all State American Indian Chambers of Commerce. We also invite all Indian and Tribal business enterprises.

7:00 p.m.

Screening of *Christmas in the Clouds*. Award-winning Native actress Sheila Tousey will be in attendance. Crowne Plaza Convention Center, Assembly Hall

## **Tuesday, November 1, 2005**

9:00 am -3:00 pm

The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development's "Honoring Nations" program, will hold an all-day program of presentations from the 14 tribal finalists nominated to receive the 2005 Honoring Nations awards celebrating exemplary tribal governance programs, practices, and initiatives. - Assembly Hall

Noon-2:00 pm

The EagleGroup @ Morgan Stanley seminar session at the service level of the Tulsa Convention Center.

5:00-7:00 pm

Jack Jackson Jr. Support Reception-Crowne Plaza

6:15 -8:00 pm

Endangered Species Act Work Session

6:00-8:00

NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women—Join us to celebrate the historic progress we've made in the fight to have the needs of Indian women addresses in the re-authorization of the life saving Violence Against Women Act.

7: 00-10:00 pm

Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development's "Honoring Nations" program Awards

Banquet and Honoring Ceremony—Doubletree,  
Buckingham Windsor Room

**Wednesday, November 2, 2005**

5:45 p.m.

*A Thousand Roads Screening*

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and The Native Voice present a reception and screening of the NMAI's new signature film, A THOUSAND ROADS. This 40-minute film is the gateway presentation on the main floor of the NMAI in Washington, DC, providing the first glimpse of Native America to over 4 million visitors a year. A beautiful, generous film that has been described as a "visual prayer," A THOUSAND ROADS was awarded "BEST DRAMATIC FILM" at the Native Voice 2005 Film Festival and is currently up for consideration for an Academy Award nomination for Best Short Subject Film.

Chris Eyre (Cheyenne/Arapaho), Director, and Scott Garen, Producer/Co-Writer are scheduled to attend, along with Frank J. King, III and Lise Balk King of The Native Voice. Assembly Hall

6:00-9:00 p.m.

President Tex Hall and J C Crawford Reception  
Wednesday, Crowne Plaza

**Thursday, November 3, 2005**

5:00 -7:00 pm

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation Tribal Reception and public announcement of "The Institute for Indian Estate *Planning and Probate.*" Created in August of 2005 after the announcement by the BIA that it will no longer be drafting or storing new wills for tribal members, the Institute, located at the University of Seattle, will provide effective estate planning services through affiliate programs in Alaska, Northwest, Great Plains and Great Lakes. – Crowne Plaza Hotel

5:30-7:00 pm

Indigenous Language Institute Reception--Crowne Plaza Hotel

**Additional film screenings: (Times and locations to be announced)**

**Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action** - tells the stories of five remarkable Native American activists in four communities who are fighting these "new Indian Wars" - each in his own way passionately dedicated to protecting Indian lands against disastrous environmental hazards, preserving their sovereignty and ensuring the cultural survival of their peoples.

One of the most critical but least known human rights stories in America is the savaging of Native American lands and its impact on Native peoples.

From Alaska to Maine, Montana to New Mexico and against some of America's most spectacular backdrops, these first-person journeys unfold as our characters demand change and rally grassroots support against the corporate and government behemoths that are exploiting and befouling tribal lands.

Produced by Katahdin Productions.

**Indian Country Diaries: A Seat at the Drum** –90 min.

Journalist and playwright Mark Anthony Rolo (Bad River Ojibwe), seeks to learn how Native Americans in Los Angeles preserve a tribal identity, survive economically and cope with the pressures of assimilation in a challenging metropolis. His personal quest to come to terms with these issues leads him to meet Native community leaders, Indians relocated from reservations, boarding school students, Native business leaders and single parent families whose stories typify the experiences of urban Indians. As these characters tell how Indians in Los Angeles create community and retain a connection to their tribes; choose whether their language and traditions are relevant in the modern world; cope with mounting social problems and declining social services; and develop business empires fueled by gaming profits, Rolo is propelled toward a reckoning with his own identity.

Produced by Native American Public Telecommunications and Adandvo Vision

**Native Word: Stories Past and Present** – 30 min.

Travel to Wisconsin to see historic Oneida journals from the 1930s, to Oklahoma for the oldest running American Indian radio program, and go around the world with musician/poet Joy Harjo. Native Word: Stories Past and Present brings together three short films by independent Native American producers that all touch upon the subjects of storytelling and communication in Indian Country. The program is hosted by Patty Loew (Bad River Band of Lake Superior Ojibwe) noted author, educator and public television producer. Each of the stories in Native Word demonstrates in its own way, how storytelling remains crucial to the preservation of Native culture as it embraces modern technology.

Produced by: Ava Hamilton (Arapaho), Lurline Wailana McGregor (Native Hawaiian), Wisconsin Public Television and Native American Public Telecommunications.

Trudell – (PBS Version) 60 min

At its most basic level, Trudell is an eye-opening documentary that challenges belief systems. At its loftiest, Trudell will inspire you to reawaken your spirit. In the telling of Trudell, Producer Heather Rae (Cherokee) invested more than 12 years chronicling John Trudell's travels, spoken word and politics. The film combines archival, concert and interview footage in a lyrical and naturally stylized manner, with abstract imagery mirroring the coyote nature of Trudell.

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