

# NCAI'S 62<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION



## PRE -MEETINGS

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SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

**Sunday, October 30, 2005**

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

### **Assembly of Native State Legislators— B North**

This will be the first meeting of the Assembly of Native State Legislators, which will be a non-partisan organization of American Indian/Alaskan Native members of state legislatures. The Assembly will aim to provide technical training, research, and educational opportunities to Native legislators as they consider legislation that will impact Native people and tribal communities. Members will discuss critical issues from their districts, develop a plan for coordination and communication with tribal policy centers and organizations, consider an organizational structure for the Assembly, and confer about emerging national issues for Native legislators. This meeting is open for everyone to observe.

#### Agenda:

- Welcome
- Invocation
- Introductions
- Elect Officers
- Develop Mission Statement and Goals
- Lunch
- Develop Policy Committees
- Next Steps, Next Meeting
- Adjourn

9:00 am -5:00 pm

**TEDNA—Tribal Education Department – C North**

The National TED Forums focus on informing tribal leaders, policy makers and administrators about tribal sovereign rights in education at the local, regional, and national levels and on gaining consensus on important Indian education policy issues. The National TED forum is open to all interested. Breakfast and lunch buffets will be provided to forum participants.

Agenda:

- 9:00 a.m.--Blessing and Hot Breakfast Buffet
- 9:15 a.m.--Welcome and Introductions
- 10:00 a.m.--TEDs in Oklahoma: Indian Nations for Native Education
- 12:00 p.m.--Hot Lunch Buffet
- 1:30 p.m.--A Training Session for Tribal Leaders, Policy Makers, and Administrators about Federal Indian Education Laws, Programs, Policies, and Tribal Sovereignty.
- 3:30 p.m.--Wrap up and Closure

1:00-5:00 pm

**White House Conference On Aging – D North**

The White House Conference on Aging is scheduled for December 11-14, 2005 in Washington, DC. The purpose of the conference is to develop recommendations for the President and Congress on policy and research issues in the field of aging. This NCAI pre-meeting will provide attendees with an opportunity to discuss the resolutions and issues critical to Indians that they will be considered at the Conference. (Note: this meeting may be cancelled if the resolutions are not ready from the White House for review.)

1:00-5:00 pm

**Federal Recognition – D South**

The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all Tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on any recommended changes in policies, procedures or strategic plans in the tribal acknowledgment process. The purpose of the meeting is to review recent administrative and legislative developments, as well as to discuss the position of NCAI and the Task

Force in relation to recently proposed reforms to the federal recognition process.

Agenda:

- Opening Prayer
- Opening Remarks, NCAI Executive Director Jacqueline Johnson and Introduction of Task Force Co-Chairs of the Task Force: Rosemary Cambra, Chair, Muwekma Ohloe Tribe, CA; James Cunha, Eastern Pequot, CT
- Overview of Current Process and Developments:
- Congressional Briefing
- Administration Briefing
- Tribal Briefing
- Discussion/ Question & Answer
- Federal Acknowledgement Process
- Legislative Alternatives
- Strategy Session & Next Steps
- Closing Remarks

1:00-5:00 pm

**NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women—2A**

The Task Force will be meeting to discuss the 2005 reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and to begin to strategize about implementation of the tribal provisions included in the legislation. Next steps in combating violence against women in tribal communities will also be discussed.

Agenda:

- Introductions
- VAWA Reauthorization update
- Discussion of tribal provisions
- Implementation issues
- Moving forward

1:00-5:00 pm

**Budget Task Force— 2B**

In an effort to proactively and effectively advocate Indian Country's initiatives throughout the entire federal budget process, this meeting is open to all tribal leaders and representatives. The agenda will include a training session on budget processes, updates from the BIA/Tribal Budget

Advisory Council and other tribal organizations, and following through with strategies set at previous meetings of the NCAI budget taskforce. Severe strains on federal resources, such as the ongoing military campaigns overseas, tax cuts, and the effects of natural disasters on U.S. infrastructure, warrant increased tribal advocacy to protect Indian self-determination and the trust relationship through the federal budget process.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Invocation
- Introductions
- Overview of Federal Budget Process
- Reports from Advocacy Organizations
- Update of NCAI Strategy
- Next Steps, Next Meeting
- Adjourn

1:00-5:00 pm

**NCAI/National Indian Gaming Association Task Force-2G**

Convenes to analyze issues within the field of tribal gaming that impacts tribal sovereignty and gather perspectives from tribal leadership. Most recently, the task force has addressed issues of off-reservation gaming and a potential amendment to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Agenda:

- Introduction and Welcome  
President Tex Hall and Chairman Ernie Stevens
- Legislative Update and invited Congressional leadership from the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs and House Resources Committee, (TBD)
- Review of the NCAI Resolution on Off-Reservation Gaming #GBW-implementation, John Dossett, General Counsel for the National Congress of American Indians; and Mark Van Norman, Executive Director of the National Indian Gaming Association
- Review of Proposed Department of the Interior Regulatory Changes on Land into Trust Procedures
- Review of New Regulatory Changes

- Mark Van Norman, Executive Director of the National Indian Gaming Association

3:00-5:00 pm

**Native Networking Coalition-Room 2E**

Congress has announced that it will be undertaking a major overhaul of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Telecommunications policy has a profound impact on tribal governments and Indian people and it is vitally important that tribes be at the table as Congress moves forward with its reform of the nation's telecommunications laws.

Telecommunications policy could have implications for tribal regulatory authority, economic development, public safety, homeland security, tele-health initiatives, and education. In order to make sure that tribal priorities are considered as a part of the re-write, the Native Networking Coalition, a broad coalition of interested groups and individuals, has been meeting to identify consensus tribal priorities. The Coalition will be meeting to continue these discussions and strategize about how to educate and engage policy-makers.

3:30-6:30 pm

**Native Vote- B North**

NCAI's Native Vote Campaign and Election Protection Project was tremendously successful in the general election of 2004. This session will examine its successes, provide a look at the Native Vote 2006 action plan, and discuss planning and strategy for both the Native Vote Campaign and the Election Protection Project. Tribal leaders, staff, and civic engagement professionals are urged to attend this informative and exciting meeting to ensure even more success in the 2006 election cycle.

**Agenda**

- Welcome, Invocation, Introductions
- A Look Back to the 2004 Campaign
- Overview of Native Vote 2006 Action Plan
- Overview of Native Vote Election Protection Project Action Plan
- How to Organize Now for 2006
- The Importance and of a Coordinated Statewide Effort

- Review of Information Packets
- Discussion
- Adjourn

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