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## VIRTUAL - 2021 MID YEAR CONFERENCE

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(ALL TIMES EDT)

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For registration, sponsorship opportunities, and other information, please visit [www.ncai.org](http://www.ncai.org)
Dear Tribal Leaders, NCAI Members, Native Peoples, and Friends of Indian Country:

On behalf of NCAI, we are excited to welcome you to the 2021 Mid Year Conference. While we are disappointed at being unable to physically visit our brothers and sisters in the Alaska region, we are delighted to bring all of Indian Country together for another virtual event and join tribal leaders, policymakers, and partners directly from their homelands to discuss the issues facing Indian Country today.

We hope you are ready for an agenda including updates, collaboration, culture, and robust dialogue as we work to rebuild our Tribal Nations and recover from all the trials we have faced throughout the past year.

As always, there is much hard work to be done as we move toward the courageous future we seek. The past year has seen multiple challenges facing Indian Country, but we have remained strong and met them together. We thank you for joining us for what we hope will be a momentous week.

Siokwil,

Fawn Sharp
President
National Congress of American Indians
Greetings!

As Chief Executive Officer of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and a citizen of the Sappony, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our 2021 Mid Year Conference. I’m honored to extend my warmest greetings as we meet virtually and face the challenges ahead, all working together for the betterment of Indian Country.

Throughout the past year, Indian Country in particular has suffered a great deal during the COVID-19 health crisis. As we recognize legislative wins that deal with the health and economic impacts of the pandemic, what we continue to do with our efforts to recover from adversity will shape our nations for years to come. This week, we come together to share a common goal of moving forward the shared priorities of our nations, communities, and people.

We have received a wonderful welcome from the Alaska region and look forward to a time where we can once again reconnect in person. Until then, we’ve created a dynamic, virtual environment for you to hear from officials in the 117th Congress and the Biden-Harris Administration; convene with committees, subcommittees, and caucuses; and collaborate and network with other Native people, leaders, and advocates. You are encouraged to download our mobile app and create a personalized conference schedule, browse for information about our sponsors, and receive general information about this year’s agenda. NCAI is humbled to create this space for our diverse membership of tribal governments, individuals, and Native and non-Native organizations. Your dedication to this organization is why we are here— I hope that everyone in attendance will leave with renewed enthusiasm to take on the challenges ahead.

Respectfully,

Dante Desiderio
Chief Executive Officer
National Congress of American Indians
THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL Sponsors

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Rob Sanderson, Jr.
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4th V.P., Central Council of Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Michael Williams, Sr.
Chief, Akiak Native Community Alaska Alternate Regional Vice President, NCAI

Emily Edenshaw
Yup’ik/Inupiaq Executive Director Alaska Native Heritage Center

Aaron Leggett
President and Chair Native Village of Eklutna

Benno H. Cleveland
Inupiaq President, Alaska Native Veterans Association

To our dedicated NCAI volunteers who have always supported NCAI, we thank you and your Tribal Nations for your continued support.

W. Ron Allen
Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe

Patrick Anderson
Tlingit/Aleut

Yvonne Oberly
Nez Perce Tribe

Ed Thomas
Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Leslie Wheelock
Oneida Nation
NCAI Board, Tribal Leaders, and Conference Attendees:

Welcome to the 2021 Mid Year Conference! I’m happy to see that you are holding this conference virtually in NCAI’s Alaska Region. As the senior Senator for Alaska, I welcome you all virtually to my home state and look forward to welcoming you in person in the future.

Alaska is home to 40 percent of all federally recognized Tribes. Each Alaska Native community and Tribe across the nation is unique and carries different histories and cultures. These types of conferences help us understand the diversity of Indigenous peoples as well as appreciate the issues in common across all Tribal nations and communities.

I have the honor of serving Alaska and working on behalf of Native peoples through a number of committees in the Senate. Currently, I am the Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs; Ranking Member on the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee; and Member of the Senate Committees on Energy and Natural Resources, and Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. During my time on the Indian Affairs Committee, I helped shepherd the reauthorization of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and Tribal Law and Order Act through the Senate. I have overseen implementation of two important laws to Alaska, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, including its crucial subsistence provisions. More recently, working hand in hand with Tribal advocates, I have been engaged in multiple bipartisan efforts to create enduring policy and provide federal resources to address the missing and murdered Indigenous women (MMIW) crisis and stop violence against women. As part of that, I was honored to lead efforts to pass Savanna’s Act and the Not Invisible Act. And in FY20 and FY21, I included more than $6 million in my Interior appropriations bill to address the MMIW epidemic.

Your meeting provides an opportunity for Tribal leaders to share their experiences, learn from each other, and develop consensus policy positions. With the input of advocates in Alaska and across the nation, I am grateful to have advanced policy priorities for all American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, but we know much work remains. Again, welcome to Alaska, America’s only Arctic state, and I wish you all a productive conference!

Sincerely,

Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator
Dear Tribal Leaders,

Welcome to the National Congress of American Indians 2021 Mid Year Conference. This year, the Conference will occur virtually for the first time. Although I’d prefer to see you all in person, I’m grateful that you will have the opportunity to come together and address issues critical to Native communities.

I was also glad to learn that NCAI has chosen Anchorage to host the 2022 Mid Year Conference. I hope you can attend next year and, for those who will visit from outside the state, enjoy the great state of Alaska.

I will continue fighting in Congress on many fronts for the empowerment of American Indians and Alaska Natives. I look forward to hearing from you after the Conference about the challenges facing Tribes and NCAI’s strategies for overcoming these obstacles. We have much to accomplish during the remainder of this Congress, and as the Ranking Member of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States, I will do everything I can to advance legislation that improves the lives of Natives throughout the nation.

As a point of privilege, I’ll also mention that in December, we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). This ground-breaking legislation helped to create the unique system we have in Alaska. It encourages self-determination and cultural perpetuation for the 229 federally recognized Alaska Native Villages and Tribes through 174 Alaska Native Village Corporations, 12 Alaska Native Regional Corporations and numerous Native-run non-profits from tribal health consortia to Native housing authorities. It is an interconnected and intricate system that relies on everyone working together for the benefit of all Native communities and the state of Alaska.

While Tribal unity on issues can be elusive and is not always warranted, it is a tremendously powerful force that can drive positive political change. I urge you to use this Conference as an opportunity to seek common ground on controversial issues. When Native voices unite on a tough topic, the consensus helps to clear the path so that Tribal allies in Congress can make real progress.

May your time at the Conference be rewarding, leave you energized, and empowered to continue your pursuits in championing policies and solutions that will meet the needs and dreams of all Native communities.

Sincerely,

Don Young
Congressman for AK Alaska
June 20, 2021

Dear Fellow Alaskans and Members,

Welcome to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) 2021 Mid Year Virtual Conference!

Established in 1944 in Denver, Colorado, NCAI is the oldest, biggest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native political organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities. Their work helps improve the quality of life for Native communities and peoples.

It is my hope that this virtual conference, the first of its kind, provides your leaders and participants with the flawless ability to interact directly from your homelands and that it is a successful venture!

Sincerely,

Mike Dunleavy
Governor

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STATE OF ALASKA
Alaska welcomes NCAI and Indian Country Leaders!

On behalf of the Local Planning Committee and the 229 federally recognized tribes in Alaska and their 180,000 citizens, we are pleased to virtually welcome the leaders of Indian Country to our great state. We are honored to host the National Congress of American Indians Mid Year Conference.

NCAI sessions include briefings on the issues most critical to tribal governments: sovereignty protection, climate action, tribal borders, transportation, and healthcare. You will also have several choices for break out sessions from Building Tribal Economies to COVID-19 data.

We are pleased that even during a pandemic we can share critical information using a virtual platform. We encourage you to complete your participant profile and grow your network as we continue to work together.

We look forward to hosting you in the days to come and look forward to a productive and memorable NCAI meeting.

Sincerely,

Local Planning Committee:

Aaron Leggett, Native Village of Eklutna
Mike Williams, Akiak Native Community
Robert Sanderson Jr., Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska
Tasha Hotch, Anchorage Tribes Tlingit and Haida Indians of Alaska
Emily Edenshaw, Alaska Native Heritage Center
Benno H. Cleveland, Alaska Native Veterans Association
**Resolutions Due:** 3 Weeks Before Conference  
Only individual Indian members in good standing are authorized to submit a resolution. Good standing includes: membership dues are paid and current. Submit resolutions via the online form.

**Resolutions Committee Review:** 1 Week after Submission Deadline  
The NCAI Resolutions Committee consists of Tribal Volunteer Co-Chairs and Executive Board Liaisons. The committee will review submitted resolutions and develop recommendations.

**Submitted Resolutions Posted to NCAI Website**  
Submitted resolutions and recommendations will be posted to the NCAI website one week before the conference begins for sponsors and attendees to review. A broadcast will be sent to NCAI members when the documents are posted online.

**Resolutions Sent to Committee/Subcommittee Chairs**  
At the time that the resolutions and recommendations are posted online, notice will be sent to committee and subcommittee co-chairs to review resolutions assigned to their committees.

**Attend Committees and Subcommittees**  
Attend the NCAI Committees/Subcommittees to address concerns about your resolution raised by committee members. Check the agenda for committee meeting times and locations.

**Resolutions Committee**

- **Human Resources**  
  - Education  
  - Health  
  - Indian Child and Family Welfare  
  - Disabilities  
  - Elders

- **Land/Natural Resources**  
  - Trust Lands, Natural Res, & Agriculture  
  - Energy and Mineral Policy  
  - Environmental Protection and Land Use

- **Litigation and Governance**  
  - Tribal Gaming  
  - Jurisdiction and Tribal Government  
  - Human, Religious, & Cultural Concerns  
  - Taxation  
  - Public Safety & Justice

- **Economic, Finance, & Community Dev**
  - Housing  
  - Economic Dev, Finance & Employment  
  - Transportation and Infrastructure  
  - Technology & Telecommunications

- **Veterans**

**Final Action Taken on Resolutions: Last Day of Plenary Session**  
Committee co-chairs present committee reports on the action taken on resolutions considered by their committee during the last plenary session. Resolutions may be pulled from the committee reports to be considered individually by the membership. The committee report is adopted or tabled by the body under a consent agenda.
Accessing the Event Portal

We’ve built an exciting event portal for Mid Year that has all the important information you’ll need to participate in the event, and features to enhance your user experience. Here’s what you need to do to access the event portal from your desktop or a mobile device.

View the How-To Guide>

Logging in via Invitation

On the device you’re using to access the 2021 Mid Year Conference portal, open the invitation in your inbox and tap Download the App. You’ll be taken directly to the app in the App Store or Google Play Store, depending on your device type.

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Logging in via App

Open the app, then enter the name of your event password in the search bar. Tap the name of your event, then tap Download to open it. Then, from the event home screen, tap the hamburger button in the top left to open the side nav menu. Tap Log in for more features to enter your details before verifying your account.

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Managing your Privacy

If you want to appear on the attendee list but still have control over who can see your profile, you can set it to visible. After logging in, tap the icon in the top left, then tap your name at the top of the screen to update your settings. Otherwise, you can hide your profile entirely by removing yourself from the list.

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President Fawn Sharp, NCAI

Vice President, Quinault Indian Nation

Fawn R. Sharp serves as the 23rd President of the National Congress of American Indians. President Sharp was elected on October 24, 2019 at NCAI’s 76th Annual Convention & Marketplace. President Sharp is the third woman to hold the position of NCAI President. President Sharp is the current Vice President of the Quinault Indian Nation in Taholah, Washington, after being a five term past-President. Ms. Sharp has held numerous leadership positions and has conducted lectures and publications all over the United States.

First Vice President Aaron Payment, NCAI

Chairperson, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Chairperson Aaron Payment is serving in his second term as Chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. With 42,000 members, his Tribal Nation is the largest east of the Mississippi. He has served as a Tribal Council Member, Vice-Chairperson, and is now in his second four-year term as Chairperson. Chairperson Payment has been in tribal elective office for nearly 14 years.

Recording Secretary Juana Majel-Dixon, NCAI

Traditional Legislative Councilwoman, Pauma Band of Mission Indians

Juana Majel-Dixon has served as the Traditional Legislative Councilwoman for the Pauma Band of Mission Indians since 1970. In this capacity, she has been involved in many Native American issues including but not limited to: Public Law 280, Self Determination (63E), Indian Education Act, Native American Religious Freedom Act, Native American Graves Protection Regulatory Act, the Indian Child Welfare Act, Violence Against Women Act and Tribal Law and Order Act.

Treasurer Shannon Holsey, NCAI

Tribal President, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Shannon Holsey serves as President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians. President Holsey has served three terms as president following 8 years as a member of the Tribal Council. President Holsey grew up on the Stockbridge-Munsee reservation in Bowler, Wisconsin, and has committed the Tribe to serving as good stewards of its economic, environmental and culture as well as intellectual resources.
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Chief, Akiak Native Community & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

Great Plains
Larry Wright
Chairman, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Alternate:
Rodney Bordeaux
Chairman, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

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Eastern Oklahoma
Norman Hildebrand
Second Chief, Wyandotte Nation
Alternate:
David Woerz
Tribal Legislature, Chickasaw Nation

Midwest
Rebecca Crooks-Stratton
Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
Alternate:
Shelley Buck
Tribal Council President, Prairie Island Indian Community

Northwest
Leonard Forsman
Tribal Chair, Suquamish Tribe
Alternate:
Melvin Sheldon, Jr.
Council Member, Tulalip Tribes

Rocky Mountain
Mark Pollock
Tribal Business Council, Blackfeet Nation
Alternate:
Shelley Fyant
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Southern Plains
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Secretary, Comanche Nation
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Committee Member, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

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## 2021 COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

### I. ECONOMIC, FINANCE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs**: Geoffrey Blackwell  
Adrian Stevens  

*Executive Committee Liaison:*  
Norman Hildebrand  

**Subcommittees:**  
**Housing**  
Chair: Adrian Stevens  

**Economic Development, Finance & Employment**  
Co-Chairs: Va Rene Martin  
Maryann McGovran  

**Transportation & Infrastructure**  
Chair: MaryBeth Frank-Clark  

**Technology & Telecommunications**  
Co-Chairs: Geoffrey Blackwell  
Matthew Rantanen

### II. LAND & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs**: Shelly Fyant  
Mark Fox  

*Executive Committee Liaisons:*  
Larry Wright  
Rob Sanderson  
Leonard Forsman  

**Subcommittees:**  
**Energy & Mineral Policy**  
Chair: Mark Fox  

**Environmental Protection & Land Use**  
Chair: Shelly Fyant  

**Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture**  
Chair: Kari Jo Lawrence

### III. HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs**: William Smith  
Jason Dropik  

*Executive Committee Liaisons:*  
Aaron Payment  
Nancy Carnley  

**Subcommittees:**  
**Health**  
Chair: William Smith  

**Education**  
Chair: Jason Dropik  

**Indian Child & Family Welfare**  
Chair: Gil Vigil

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**Indian Child & Family Welfare**  
Chair: Gil Vigil  

**Disabilities**  
Chair: Joseph Ray  

**Elders**  
Chair: James Delacruz

### IV. VETERANS COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs**: Dan King  
Angela Pratt  

*Executive Committee Liaison:*  
Larry Wright

### V. LITIGATION & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**Chair**: John Echohawk  

*Executive Committee Liaisons:*  
Lance Gumbs  
Juana Majel-Dixon  

**Subcommittees:**  
**Jurisdiction & Tribal Government**  
Chair: John Echohawk  

**Tribal Gaming**  
Chair: Ernie Stevens, Jr.  

**Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns**  
Co-Chairs: Juana Majel-Dixon  
Suzan Harjo  

**Taxation**  
Chair: Arlan Melendez  

**Public Safety & Justice**  
Co-Chairs: Theresa Sheldon  
Paul Downing

### VI. RULES & CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs**: Yvonne Oberly  
Rachel Joseph

### VII. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

**Co-Chairs**: Leslie Wheelock  
W. Ron Allen  

*Executive Committee Liaisons:*  
Aaron Payment  
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2:00 – 4:00  **NCAI Climate Action Task Force**

The working mission of the Climate Action Task Force (CATF) is to “document, inform, and support the climate action efforts of tribal nations and Native organizations and identify and advocate for policies and funding designed to empower their ability to engage in effective, sustainable climate action.”

2:00 – 4:00  **Joint NCAI-ITA Transportation Task Force**

The NCAI-ITA Transportation Task Force is focused on building a unified advocacy approach to tribal transportation development and legislative reauthorization to promote safety and prosperity in tribal communities and to ensure the United States upholds its government-to-government relationship with Tribal Nations.

2:00 – 4:00  **NCAI Budget Task Force**

The NCAI Budget Task Force will discuss the recently released FY 2022 President’s Budget Request to Congress, FY 2022 regular appropriations, and supplemental physical and human infrastructure appropriations with the goal of developing consensus strategies to overcome barriers to funding increases for tribal programs and the implementation of federally funded programs in tribal communities.

4:00 – 6:00  **Listening Session: OJS Tribal Justice, Safety and Wellness closed to press**

Presenter: Jason O’Neal, Director, Office of Justice Services

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS) invites Tribal leaders to our first OJS Tribal Justice, Safety and Wellness Virtual Listening Session on Monday, June 21, 2021, from 4:00 P.M. – 6:00 PM (EST). OJS will primarily focus on the implementation of Section 3 of the Not Invisible Act of 2019, Coordinator of Federal Efforts to Combat Violence Against Native People, and the establishment of a new OJS Missing and Murdered Unit (MMU). We welcome other comments you want us to hear. We also welcome tribal policy experts, tribal law enforcement, and community advocates to provide comments once Tribal leaders have provided their input. This session will not be open to the press. During the DOI Tribal consultations held in March 2021, you informed us of the preference to meet in person but, due to the pandemic, all of us understand that face-to-face meetings are not the optimal choice at this time. You asked that we consider virtual sessions, where those who have the capability to join a session may do so. You also asked us to consider telephonic consultation. We are conducting a two-hour virtual session with telephonic access, recording, and immediate chat capability. We are conducting the session in conjunction with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Virtual Mid-Year Conference.

4:30 – 5:30  **NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee**

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

4:30 – 7:00  **Consultation- Implementing recommendations from the 2015 Coordinated Environmental Review Process for tribal housing and related infrastructure**

The Tribal Housing and Related Infrastructure Interagency Task Force is drafting an implementation plan to execute the recommendations from the 2015 Coordinated Environmental Review Process: Final Report and is seeking input and feedback on the plan. Comments and input will be considered before the implementation plan is finalized. The Final Report and draft implementation plan can be found on CodeTalk.

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Yvette Roubideaux, MD, MPH, Director, Vice President for Research and Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

1:50 – 2:00  **NCAI Tribal Governance and Special Projects Update**  
Ian Record, PhD, Vice President, Tribal Governance and Special Projects, NCAI

2:00 – 2:25  **Historic Tribal Inclusion: What is Next?**  
Secretary Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Department of Transportation  
Secretary Jennifer Granholm, U.S. Department of Energy

2:50 – 3:35  **Department of the Interior Update**  
Secretary Deb Haaland, U.S. Department of the Interior  
Anthony Morgan Rodman, Executive Director, White House Council on Native American Affairs  
Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior

5:00 – 6:00  **Regional Caucus Meetings**  
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  
closed to press

6:30 – 8:00  **Subcommittee Meetings**  
*R Some subcommittees are meeting in the same Zoom room*  
Health  
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns  
Public Safety & Justice  
Technology & Telecommunications  
Transportation & Infrastructure  
Veterans  

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Disabilities  
Education  
Elders  

*Room 4*  
Jurisdiction & Tribal Government  
Indian Child & Family Welfare  

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Economic Development, Finance & Employment Housing  

*Room 5*  
Taxation  
Tribal Gaming  

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Energy & Mineral Policy  
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**16th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum**

Goverance, Trust, and Culture in Research

The purpose of the Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum is to provide an opportunity for researchers, practitioners, community members, and others to present their data and research to tribal leaders, policymakers, and community members.

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1:50  Discussion

2:00  Native Mascot Database Update
Ian Record, PhD, Vice President, Tribal Governance and Special Projects, NCAI
Coby Klar, Research Associate, Tribal Governance and Special Projects, NCAI

2:20  Discussion

2:30  Southcentral Foundation Research Department Update
Denise A. Dillard, PhD, Director of Research, Southcentral Foundation

2:50  Discussion
Announcements

3:00 – 3:30  Congressional Update: Infrastructure and Native American Caucus
Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (NY)
Congresswoman Sharice Davids (KS)

4:00 – 5:15  Concurrent Breakout Sessions

AI/AN Juvenile Justice Data
This session will focus on recent NCAI work on AI/AN Juvenile Justice Data including case studies of innovation in Tribal Nation Juvenile Justice Systems and a landscape analysis of state policies related to over-, under-, and equal representation of AI/AN juveniles in the arrest and confinement stages in selected states.

Moderator: Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva, MPP, Researcher, Policy Research Center, NCAI

Innovation in Tribal Nation Juvenile Justice Systems
Ryan Seelau, JD, LLM, SJD, Senior Researcher, Partnership for Tribal Governance, NCAI

Landscape Analysis of State Policies Regarding AI/AN Youth in the Justice System
Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva, MPP, Researcher, Policy Research Center, NCAI

COVID-19 Data
During this session, presenters will provide data related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including tribal college enrollment data and behavioral health consequences of the pandemic.

Moderator: Yvette Roubideaux, MD MPH, Vice President for Research and Director, Policy Research Center, NCAI

AIHEC – Tribal College Enrollment Data during COVID-19 Pandemic
Carrie L. Billy, President & CEO, American Indian Higher Education Consortium

COVID-19 and American Indians and Alaska Natives: Behavioral Health Consequences of the Pandemic
Dedra Buchwald, MD, Professor; Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine, Director, Institute for Research and Education to Advance Community Health (IREACH), Washington State University
Community Partnership Data
This session will highlight results from community-academic partnerships that worked on intellectual property management in agricultural collaborations and reducing violence and substance abuse.

Moderator: Sierra Watt, Research Associate, Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

Gaps in Intellectual Property Management in Tribal-University Agricultural Collaborations:
• Kathryn Hilburn, Student Researcher, Montana State University (MSU) Food Product Development Lab
• Wan-Yuan Kuo, PhD, Assistant Professor of Food Science, Director of MSU Food Product Development Lab, Department Health and Human Development, Montana State University

• Catherine E. McKinley, PhD, LMSW, Associate Professor, Tulane University School of Social Work
• Katherine P. Theall, PhD, Professor, Tulane University School of Public Health

Brackeen v. Haaland: Breaking Down the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals En Banc ICWA Decision and the Next Steps to Protect Indian Children and Tribal Sovereignty
closed to press
Over the past two years, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the Native American Rights Fund, and the Association on American Indian Affairs have worked together to create the Protect ICWA Campaign to help coordinate policy, legal, and communications efforts to protect Indian children and uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act. This panel will focus on the outcomes of the April 5, 2021, 5th Circuit En Banc ruling, what the ruling means for Tribal Nations today, and how you can join in the efforts to protect Indian children in the next steps of the case.

Moderator: Shannon O’Loughlin, Chief Executive and Attorney, Associations of American Indian Affairs
Panelists:
• Erin Dougherty Lynch, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
• Dan Lewerenz, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
• Sarah Kastelic, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association
• Amory Zschach, Strategic Communications Manager, National Indian Child Welfare Association

Building Climate Resiliency: Highlighting Tribal Innovations from Across Indian Country
This session will showcase the breadth and depth of tribal climate action efforts across Indian Country and identify strategic considerations of tribal climate action plan design and implementation. This session will feature representatives from three geographically diverse Tribal Nations who are leading cutting-edge climate resiliency efforts, as well as key voices who will speak to tribal climate action pathways and challenges nationally.

Moderator: Melanie Bahnke, President, Kawerak, Inc., Co-Chair of NCAI’s Climate Action Task Force
Panelists:
• Jeffrey Crawford, President, FCPC Renewable Generation, LLC, Forest County Potawatomi Community
• Jackie Qatalina Schaeffer, Senior Project Manager, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
Building Civic Power in Indian Country
This session will introduce civic engagement as a means of building civic power within Indian Country and highlight the current stage of the civic engagement cycle. The session will include a recap of the outcome of the 2020 Census and a review of Native Vote 2020 to demonstrate the importance of data and how it can show impact. Next, a short presentation will showcase the current stage of the civic engagement cycle with an introduction to redistricting, followed by a panel who will discuss their redistricting work with Tribal Nations or as a part of their state’s redistricting boards before closing with a question and answer segment.

Moderator: Yanenowi Logan (Deer Clan, Seneca Nation), Co-Vice President, NCAI Youth Commission
Speakers:
- Yawna Allen (Quapaw, Cherokee, Yuchi), Director of Civic Engagement and Special Projects, National Congress of American Indians
- Saundra Mitrovich (Tyme/Yahmonee Maidu), Civic Engagement Associate, National Congress of American Indians
- Dr. Yvette Roubideaux (Rosebud Sioux/Standing Rock Sioux), Vice President for Research and Director of the Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians
- Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva (Snow Clan, Hopi) Researcher, Policy Research Center

Panelists:
- Ahtza Chavez (Dine) Executive Director, NM Native Vote
- Tammi Tiger (Chahta, Mvskoke, Euro American) Vice Chair, United Natives
- Nicole Borromeo (Yup’ik) Executive Vice President, Alaska Federation of Natives
- Travis Lane (Navajo/Southern Ute) Assistant Director, Intertribal Council of Arizona

Building Tribal Economies: Framing the Strategic Considerations
This breakout session explores the key strategic considerations that tribal leaders, key decision-makers, and citizens must address as they work together to build thriving, resilient tribal economies. Featuring a panel of insightful voices sharing the innovative economy-building approaches of the Tribal Nations they represent, the session will also provide attendees a “sneak peek” preview of NCAI’s forthcoming “Building Tribal Economies” decision-framing toolkit, which NCAI will be distributing to Tribal Nations later this year. The toolkit will equip Tribal Nations with the knowledge, tools, best-practice approaches, and proven strategies they need to develop and sustain strategic approaches to building economies that meet their needs and priorities.

Moderator: Sherry Salway Black, Chairperson, First Peoples Fund
Panelists:
- Raeann Adams, Project Director and Community Planner, “One Akwesasne” Tourism Initiative, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Dennis Johnson, CEO, Ho-Chunk Capital, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
- Tyrel Stevenson, Legislative Director, Coeur d’Alene Tribe
Juvenile Justice: Innovative Approaches Across Indian Country
This breakout session showcases three innovative approaches taken by Tribal Nations to address juvenile justice issues within their communities. It features a panel of legal experts and on-the-ground practitioners sharing the institutions, policies, and programs their Tribal Nations have developed to address issues of substance abuse, mental trauma, truancy, and crime that so often tear communities apart. Attendees will hear strategies for engaging Native youth and helping them stay connected to their families, cultures, and communities. The session will also preview NCAI’s release of three juvenile justice case studies produced in full collaboration with the Tribal Nations they feature, and which will provide additional transferable lessons for tribal leaders, practitioners, and key decision-makers trying to heal and strengthen their youth and their communities at-large.

Moderator: Ryan Seelau, Senior Researcher, Partnership for Tribal Governance, NCAI
Panelists:
• Addie Rolnick, Professor of Law, William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV
• Kami Hart, Children's Court Judge, Gila River Indian Community
• Chaniel Grant, Coordinator, Healing to Wellness Court, Blackfeet Nation

Mitigating, Responding, and Recovering from the COVID-19 Pandemic: Accessing FEMA Resources to Protect Tribal Citizens Today (session will go until 7:00 p.m.)
On March 13, 2020, the past administration issued a Presidential Nationwide Emergency Declaration to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emergency Declaration covered all 574 Tribal Nations and provided an avenue for those Nations to directly access Public Assistance resources from FEMA. Despite over a year passing, only 15 percent of all Tribal Nations, 91 of the 574, have been able to access FEMA resources either as a direct- or sub-recipient under the Nationwide Emergency Declaration, or under a Tribal Major Disaster Declaration. On April 2, 2021, FEMA leadership committed to supply every Tribal Nation that is interested in accessing FEMA Public Assistance COVID-19 resources with a dedicated FEMA program delivery manager to help the Nation navigate the complex FEMA process. During this breakout, FEMA will discuss how it is working to ensure that one hundred percent of Tribal Nations are able to directly access and utilize FEMA COVID-19 resources on the ground in Indian Country. Tribal emergency managers will also provide insights into the process to access FEMA resources through the Nationwide Emergency Declaration and a Tribal Major Disaster Declarations.

Moderator: Councilmember Paul Downing, Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indian Township, Maine
Panelists:
• Ana Montero, Division Director, Public Assistance Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency
• Todd Wells, Deputy Division Director, Public Assistance Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency
• April Sells, Emergency Management Fire Director, Poarch Band of Creek Indians
• Tim Zientek, Director, Emergency Management, Emergency Communications, and Fire, Citizen Potawatomi Nation

7:00 - 8:30  
Full Committee Meetings  
Economic, Finance & Community Development  
Human Resources  
Land & Natural Resources  
Litigation & Governance  
Veterans  
closed to press
THURSDAY, JUNE 24

10:30 – 4:00  Tech Support Open

11:00 – 3:00  Registration/Rules & Credentials Open

11:00 – 12:00  Regional Caucus Meetings (optional)  closed to press

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

1:00 – 4:30  Third General Assembly

1:00  Call to Order and Welcome
Juana Majel-Dixon, Secretary, NCAI

Invocation
Chief Michael Williams, Sr., Akiak Native Community

1:10 – 1:25  Tribal Supreme Court Project Update
John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund
Joel West Williams, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund
Dan Lewerenz, Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

1:25 – 1:40  Administration Update
Secretary Gina M. Raimondo, U.S. Department of Commerce

1:40 – 1:50  Treasurer’s Report
Shannon Holsey, Treasurer, NCAI

2:30 – 3:00  Treasury Update
Jacob Leibenluft, Chief Recovery Officer, Department of Treasury
Gene Sperling, White House American Rescue Plan Coordinator and Senior Advisor to President Biden

3:00 – 3:40  Tribal Leader Discussion: Community and Economic Recovery
President Rodney Bordeaux, Rosebud Sioux Tribe
President Shelley Buck, Prairie Island Indian Community
Chief Cyrus Ben, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
Shannon Holsey, President, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
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<td>We invite you to attend a tribal consultation relative to the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships dated January 26, 2021. The Social Security Administration and the United States Department of the Treasury are seeking your recommendations and feedback on the Tribal General Welfare Exclusions Act. Register in advance for this meeting.</td>
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FUTURE DATES

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OCTOBER 9 - 15, 2021 | SACRAMENTO, CA
SACRAMENTO CONVENTION CENTER

2022
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WINTER SESSION
FEBRUARY 13 - 17, 2022 | WASHINGTON, D.C.
HILTON NATIONAL MALL

2022
MID YEAR CONFERENCE
JUNE 12 - 16, 2022 | ANCHORAGE, AK
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