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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WINTER SESSION**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2022**



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## Sunday, February 13

Time	Event
12:00-1:00	<b>NCAI Fund Board Meeting</b>
1:30-5:00	<b>NCAI Executive Committee Meeting</b>

## Monday, February 14

Time	Event
12:00 -1:00	<p><b>State of Indian Nations</b></p> <p>NCAI President Fawn Sharp will deliver the State of Indian Nations address to outline the goals of tribal leaders, opportunities for the advancement of Native peoples, and set the tone for Indian Country’s priorities through 2022 and beyond.</p> <p>Congresswoman Sharice Davids will deliver this year’s congressional response. Additionally, for the first time, the NCAI Youth Commission Officers, Jonathan Arakawa, Jessica Lambert, and Simon Friday, will deliver remarks and participate in the question and answer segment during the presentation.</p>

1:30 - 5:00	GENERAL SESSION
1:30	<p><b>Call to Order and Welcome</b> Fawn Sharp, President, NCAI</p> <p><b>Invocation</b> J. Michael Chavarria, Governor, Pueblo of Santa Clara</p> <p><b>CEO Update</b> Dante Desiderio, Chief Executive Officer, NCAI</p>
1:40	<p><b>U.S. Department of the Interior Update</b> Secretary Deb Haaland, U.S. Department of the Interior</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>23<sup>rd</sup> Annual NCAI Leadership Awards</b> <b>Native American Leadership Award</b> President Shannon Holsey, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians</p>



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2:00 - 3:00	<b>Administration Updates</b>
2:00	U.S. Attorney General Merrick Brian Garland, U.S. Department of Justice
2:30	Assistant Secretary Bryan Newland, U.S. Department of the Interior
2:45	Assistant Secretary Michael Connor, Army for Civil Works, U.S. Army
3:00	<b>Speaker of the House of Representatives Update</b> Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi (CA-12)
3:03	<b>Senate Majority Leader Update</b> Senate Majority Leader, Chuck E. Schumer (NY)
3:06	<b>National Indian Health Board Update</b> Stacy Bohlen, CEO, National Indian Health Board
	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Annual NCAI Leadership Awards</b> NCAI's Congressional Leadership Award Congressman Raúl Grijalva (AZ-03)
3:15 – 3:25	<i>Break</i>
3:25 – 3:55	<b>Congressional Fireside Chat: Protecting Tribal Lands and Supporting Tribal Economies</b> Join a Fireside Chat with Members of Congress to discuss Indian Country issues and answer Tribal leader's questions.  Congressman Don Young (AK) Congresswoman Gwen Moore (WI-04)



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3:55 - 4:50	<p><b>VAWA: Empowering Tribal Nations and Promoting Public Safety</b> On February 9, 2022, U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL), Joni Ernest (R-IA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Brian Schatz (D-HI), and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), along with other democratic and republican co-sponsors introduced <a href="#">S. 3623</a>, a bipartisan bill to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) with many historic tribal provisions. Join us for discussion with Senate committee staff on this historic bill and next steps.</p> <p><u>Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Update</u> Senator Brian Schatz (HI) Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK)</p> <p><u>Senate Staff Panel</u> Jennifer Romero, Majority Staff Director &amp; Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Amber Ebarb, Minority Deputy Staff Director, U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Jessica Jensen, Chief Counsel, U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary</p>
4:50 – 4:55	<p><b>NCAI Membership Update</b> Larry Wright, Jr., Director Leadership Engagement, NCAI</p> <p><b>23<sup>rd</sup> Annual NCAI Leadership Awards</b> <b>NCAI's Special Recognition Award</b> Frank Ettawageshik, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians</p>
5:00	<b>Closing</b>