



NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS
2021 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WINTER SESSION
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Sunday, February 21

Time	Event
10:00-5:00	Tech Support Room
11:00-Noon	NCAI Fund Board Meeting
12:30-5:00	NCAI Executive Committee Board Meeting
1:00-5:00	Registration and Rules & Credentials Open

Monday, February 22

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10:00-5:00	Tech Support Room
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11:00-1:00	<p>Addiction Task Force Tribal leaders continue to take a stand against addiction in their communities. This session will review task force progress discuss current resources available to tribal nations, reduction of addiction stigma, and culturally relevant prevention and treatment.</p>
11:00-1:00	<p>Data & Budget Task Force Joint Meeting <i>(closed to press)</i> Join the Data and Budget Task Forces for an urgent joint discussion on how data impacts federal budgets and distribution methodologies for tribal programs. Recently emphasized data deficiencies, misuse of tribal data by the Federal government, and the prospect of additional COVID or economic relief make this joint Task Force meeting timelier than ever.</p>
11:00-1:00	<p>Federal Recognition Task Force The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribal nations, both federally and non-federally recognized, regarding changes to the tribal acknowledgement process.</p>

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11:00-1:00	Large Land Base Task Force The purpose of the Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force is to strengthen the ability of NCAI to advocate for the unique issues of tribal nations with large land bases, and to foster unity and cooperation among all tribal nations to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, cultures, and quality of life for all. The Task Force will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.
11:00-1:00	Native Languages Task Force Positive developments in Native language policy have taken place at tribal, state, and federal levels. Tribal nations are taking innovative approaches to revitalizing their languages, and states are adopting Native languages as official state languages. This is an open session of the Native Languages Task Force to discuss Native American language protection and revitalization from tribal leaders' perspectives.
11:00-1:00	NCAI TANF Task Force The NCAI Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Task Force will discuss current Administrative and legislative initiatives impacting Tribal TANF programs nationally. This peer-to-peer network has the goal of highlighting solutions and discovering best practices in order to overcome barriers to the delivery of Tribal TANF programs.
11:00-2:00	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.”
11:00-2:00	Tribal Border Caucus <i>(closed to press)</i> Tribal crossings of the U.S. - Canada and U.S. - Mexico borders for traditional, cultural, or religious purposes has been of paramount concern of tribal nations split by the invisible lines that divide their homelands and relatives. The Tribal Border Caucus invites all northern and southern border tribal nations to provide updates and discuss ongoing issues such as travel visas, treaty rights, and searches of tribal regalia or items.

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11:00-2:00	Tribal Transportation Task Force The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act is set to expire in September 2021, and Congress is working on the next surface transportation reauthorization bill. The purpose of this session is to facilitate Indian Country dialogue on legislative language that addresses tribal needs and upholds the federal trust and treaty responsibilities to tribal nations.
11:00-6:00	NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Native Women <i>(closed to press)</i> The Violence Against Native Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice working to end violence against Native women. This meeting will focus on strategizing for reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and other critical legislation.
12:00-2:00	Two Spirit Task Force The role of NCAI's Two Spirit Task Force is to assist in the coordination, collaboration, and outreach to Indian Country on Two Spirit issues and to develop and share approaches and solutions to policy issues that affect Two Spirit/LGBTQ community members in a manner consistent with Indian self-determination.
2:30-4:15	State of Indian Nations NCAI President Fawn Sharp will deliver the annual State of Indian Nations Address. Register here .
4:30-6:00	Working with a New Congress Get the most out of your virtual Congressional meetings in the 117th Congress by attending this training session for tribal leaders. Participants will learn proven strategies for how to have effective Congressional meetings. Information will also be shared about key Congressional leadership changes, priorities for the 117th Congress, and educating new members of Congress about tribal governments.

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9:00-5:00	Tech Support Room
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9:00	Congresswoman Haaland Confirmation Hearing Watch Party Join Illuminative, Native Organizers Alliance, and NCAI as we watch the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources hearing to consider the nomination of Rep. Deb Haaland as U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary. Register here: https://bit.ly/2NO3FU3 or tune in on NCAI's Facebook page @NCAI1944. #DebForInterior.
11:00-6:00	1st General Assembly
11:05	Call to Order and Welcome Fawn Sharp, President, NCAI
	Invocation Jonathan Arakawa, Co-Vice President, NCAI Youth Commission
11:15	President's Address & Overview of the Week Fawn Sharp, President, NCAI
11:30-6:00	Congressional and Administration Panels <i>Hear from Congress and the Administration on their priorities while they also take questions from elected tribal leaders on issues impacting their nations.</i>
11:30-12:00	<u>Conversation with Senator Schumer</u> Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer (NY)
	<i>Break</i>
12:15-1:00	<u>Conversation with Congresswoman Fernandez</u> Congresswoman Teresa Leger Fernandez (NM-03)
	<i>Break</i>
1:30-2:00	<u>Conversation with Senator Kelly</u> Senator Mark Kelly (AZ)

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2:00-2:20	Deb Haaland Confirmation Hearing Update Holly Cook Macarro, Partner, Spirit Rock Consulting <i style="text-align: center;">Break</i>
2:30-3:30	<u>Conversation with Senate Committee on Indian Affairs</u> Senator Lisa Murkowski (AK), Vice-Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Senator Brian Schatz (HI), Chairman, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs <i style="text-align: center;">Break</i>
3:45-4:15	<u>Conversation with Speaker Pelosi</u> Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi (CA-12) <i style="text-align: center;">Break</i>
4:30-4:50	COVID-19 Data Update Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Vice President of Research, National Congress of American Indians <i style="text-align: center;">Break</i>
5:00-6:00	<u>Engaging with the Biden-Harris Administration</u> Special Message from the President of the United States, Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and Chief Medical Advisor to President Biden Libby Washburn, Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council PaaWee Rivera, Senior Advisor for Intergovernmental Affairs and Director of Tribal Affairs, White House

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Wednesday, February 24	
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10:00-5:00	Tech Support Room
10:00-5:00	Registration and Rules & Credentials Open
11:00-5:00	2nd General Assembly
	Call to Order and Welcome Aaron Payment, First Vice President, NCAI
	Congressional and Administration Panels <i>Hear from Congress and the Administration on their priorities while they also take questions from elected tribal leaders on issues impacting their nations.</i>
11:00-11:45	<u>Conversation with Congressman Kilmer</u> Congressman Derek Kilmer (WA-06)
	<i>Break</i>
12:00-1:00	<u>Conversation with Congressman Grijalva</u> Congressman Raul Grijalva (AZ-03), Chairman, House Committee on Natural Resources
	<i>Break</i>
1:15-2:15	<u>Engaging with the new Directors from Agency Tribal Offices</u> Heather Dawn Thompson, Director, Office of Tribal Relations, USDA Wahleah Johns, Senior Advisor, Office of Indian Energy, DOE
	<i>Break</i>
2:45-3:30	<u>Conversation with Congressman Westerman</u> Congressman Bruce Westerman (AR-04), Ranking Member, House Committee on Natural Resources
	<i>Break</i>
3:45-4:45	<u>Conversation with Ruiz and Pallone</u> Congressman Raul Ruiz (CA-36) Congressman Frank Pallone (NJ-06), Chairman, House Energy and Natural Resources Committee

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Thursday, February 25	
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10:00-5:00	Tech Support Room
10:00-2:00	Registration and Rules & Credentials Open
11:00-2:00	<p>Federal Consultation: Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)* U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Tribal Consultation with the FDPIR Tribal Leader Work Group on topics related to FDPIR. Contact: tribal.relations@usda.gov and the number 202-205-2249 Meeting Info: Call-In Number: 844-767-5679; Call-In Passcode: 1930841</p>
1:00-3:00	<p>3rd General Assembly Call to Order and Welcome Juana Majel Dixon, Secretary, NCAI</p> <p>Administration Panels <i>Hear from Congress and the Administration on their priorities while they also take questions from elected tribal leaders on issues impacting their nations.</i></p>
1:15-2:25	Secretary Denis McDonough, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
2:30-3:00	Secretary Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Department of Transportation
2:00-4:00	<p>Federal Consultation: Federal Acknowledgement Re-Petitioning* The Department is taking this opportunity consult on whether it should reconsider its prior decision to ban re-petitioning under 25 CFR part 83 – the regulations establishing the process and criteria for how the Department administratively acknowledges Indian Tribes. Elizabeth Appel, Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs & Collaborative Action – Indian Affairs, Elizabeth.appel@bia.gov, (202) 738-6065 Meeting Info: Call-In Number: 888-790-3141, Passcode 5246131</p>

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5:00-6:00	<p>2020 Census – What is Next? <i>(closed to press)</i></p> <p>The purpose of this session is to provide an overview of what is next following the end of the 2020 Census count. The session will include an update on the U.S. Census Bureau’s Disclosure Avoidance System tribal consultation, the timeline for 2020 Census data products, and an update on census civic engagement efforts.</p> <p>Yvette Roubideaux, Vice President for Research and Director, Policy Research Center, NCAI Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva, Researcher, Policy Research Center, NCAI Yawna D. Allen, Director of Civic Engagement and Special Projects, NCAI</p>

Friday, February 26

Time	Event
10:00-2:00	Tech Support Room
1:00-4:00	4th General Assembly
1:00	<p>Call to Order Welcome Shannon Holsey, Treasurer, NCAI</p>
1:05-2:15	<p>Tribal Leader Strategy Session: COVID Relief and Recovery and Engaging with the New Administration</p> <p>This Tribal Leader Discussion will be led by the NCAI COVID/Transition Task Force and will allow tribal leaders to share information with one another about their needs related to COVID-19 relief and recovery. Tribal leaders will also discuss priorities and strategy for engagement with the new Administration and Congress.</p>
2:30-4:00	<p>Department of the Interior Jennifer Van der Heide, Chief of Staff Bryan Newland, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs</p> <p>Closing Invocation Michael Williams, Sr., Chief, Akiak Native Community</p>
4:00	Adjourn 2021 NCAI Executive Council Winter Session

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OTHER MEETINGS & EVENTS (NOT HOSTED BY NCAI)

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Tuesday, Feb 23 7:30-9:30 pm	Tribal Women For Indigenous Nations (TWIN) - Virtual Event TWIN is an organization started by Aunties in Indian Country on Election Night 2020. TWIN consists of current and former tribal leaders and other accomplished Native American women who are committed to increasing the number of Native American women in leadership roles across all levels of government and providing a network of support. We are hosting an "Open House" style gathering where you can meet and network with Native Women Tribal Leaders and Native Women serving in the Biden Administration! Plan to join us and hear from Lt. Governor Flanagan, US Representative Deb Haaland, US Representative Sharice Davids, women serving in the Biden-Harris Administration, and past and present leaders in Indian Country. Contacts: Wendy Helgemo, 202-255-1223, hwenz@aol.com and Rose Petoskey, 231-499-7041, rose.petoskey@gmail.com Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2101916871?pwd=OVNIWHlrVzZXMIhKVGTBvWxuMDRIQT09
Thursday, Feb 25 3:00-4:00 pm	Native Knowledge 360 (NK360) Education Initiative by Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Native Knowledge 360° (NK360°) is an education initiative that provides educational materials and virtual programs incorporating Native narratives, more comprehensive histories, and accurate information to enlighten and inform teaching and learning about Native America. Join the National Museum of the American Indian for a presentation on the museum's newest initiative and hear from Chairman Greg Sarris why the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria support this initiative. Contact: Hannah Wendling, NMAI Event Coordinator, WendlingH@si.edu , 202-255-8032

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	Zoom Link: https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_96snTUYdRZGjN4HNr6Mglg

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