



Monday, June 27

8:00-4:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**

Riverside Lobby

9:00-12:00 **US Department of Education Tribal Consultation***

Room 302B

Pursuant to Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, and the Department's Tribal Consultation Policy, the Department scheduled four tribal consultations in 2016. At these tribal consultations, the Department welcomes comments generally on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and is particularly interested in receiving comments on the following:

New grant program for Native language Immersion schools and projects

Report on Native American language medium education

Report on responses to Indian student suicides.

9:00-12:00 **Large Land Base Tribal Nations Task Force**

Room 402C

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 the large land base tribes and to foster unity and cooperation among all tribes to preserve tribal sovereignty, lands, culture, and quality of life for all. The Task Force will govern its own proceedings consistent with this purpose.

9:00-12:00 **TANF Task Force**

Room 303B

The NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force will discuss Administrative and legislative priorities with the goal of improving the function of TANF programs at the tribal level. The TANF Task Force has consistently supported goals to increase tribes' authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs to serve tribal children and families.

9:00-12:45 **NCAI Task Force on Violence Against Women**

Room 402A

The Violence Against Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women. This meeting will focus on updates regarding the implementation of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013, and will also discuss strategy surrounding continued advocacy efforts including protecting our Alaska Native sisters, international women's issues, and funding for critical programs.

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- 9:00-4:00 **International Tribal and Federal Government Transboundary Roundtable**
Centennial Ballroom 300C
 The health of our rivers and streams is paramount; however, transboundary waterways pollution can have potentially damaging impacts on water quality, fish, wildlife, recreation, livelihood, and customary and traditional practices. This session will bring together American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, First Nations in Canada, the United States agencies responsible for foreign relations and environmental protection, and the Canadian federal government counterparts to discuss the transboundary issues in their communities. The goal is to bring forward the various concerns and perspectives while providing a forum for solving transboundary issues at the international level.
- 12:00-1:00 **New Member Orientation**
Room 302A
 All members and officers are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI and a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process.
- Robert Holden, Deputy Director, NCAI
 John Dossett, General Counsel, NCAI
 Juanita Ahtone, Chair, Resolutions Committee, NCAI
 Yvonne Oberly, Chair, Rules and Credentials, NCAI
- 1:00-4:00 **Public Safety: the Tribal Youth and Community Protection Act; and the Tribal Law and Order Reauthorization of 2016**
Room 302A
 The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is considering the reauthorization of the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010. The TLOA was a strong step forward to empower tribal justice systems and address many issues in Indian country law enforcement. The reauthorization is an opportunity to continue our progress through developing proposals to improve law enforcement and justice systems in Indian country.
- Moderators: John Dossett and Virginia Davis, Legal Department, National Congress of American Indians
- Rhonda Harjo, Deputy Chief Counsel, US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
 Mike Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
 Alison Grigonis, Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary, US Department of the Interior
 Tracey Toulou, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, US Department of Justice
 W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- 1:00-4:00 **NCAI Policy Research Center Partner's Roundtable: Data Matters**
Room 401A
 Each year, the NCAI Policy Research Center creates a space for its research and advocacy partners to share and coordinate information to advance policy research in Indian Country. Together, we will explore key data trends that can shift policy and community narratives to advance tribal sovereignty, promote community wellness, and highlight models of community-engaged research. Our goal is to emerge with a set of collective priorities for the year.
- Engaging Tribal Leadership in the Design and Implementation of National Research in Indian Country**
 Ada Pecos Melton, American Indian Development Associates
 Christine Crossland, US Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, American Indian and Alaska Native Violence Prevention Research Project
 Steven Hafner, US Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice

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The Experience of Disability in American Indian and Alaska Native Children: Frameworks and Foundations to Move toward Stakeholder-engaged Research to Improve Outcomes

Dr. Molly Fuentes, University of Washington School of Medicine

Indigenous People at the US-Mexico Borderland: Challenges for Ecological Restoration, Governance, and Environmental Justice

Rachel Starks, University of Arizona Native Nations Institute

Adrián Quijada, Tohono O’odham Community College

South Central Climate Science Center’s Tribal Engagement Strategy

Dr. Kim Winton, South Central Climate Science Center

1:00-4:00 Tribal Leaders Forum on Tribal Transportation

Room 402C

At this session tribal leaders will dialogue with officials from the Department of Transportation and Bureau of Indian Affairs about developments in tribal transportation. Specifically, Tribes will hear about how the agencies are implementing the recently enacted Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FACT Act) and other key initiatives around safety, data reporting, and the BIE road maintenance funding Task Force.

1:00-4:00 Federal Recognition Task Force

Room 402B

The Federal Recognition Task Force was established to address the interests of all tribes, both federally and non-federally recognized, on any recommended changes to policies, procedures, or strategic plans in the federal recognition process. The Task Force will continue work on implementation of the current proposals from the Department of the Interior to modify the federal acknowledgment process.

1:00-5:00 TRAINING: Emergency Management Overview for Tribal Leaders

Room 302B

The Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will deliver a four-hour course designed for tribal leaders seeking to successfully prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents and disasters. This four-hour course is designed to help tribal leaders understand how effective emergency management can improve the sustainability of their tribal community and better protect tribal citizens, lands, culture, and sovereignty. Upon completion of the course, participants submitting an application will be e-mailed an EMI certificate of completion for .4 CEUs. Participants wanting a certificate of completion will need to obtain a Student ID (SID) number to put on the application. To obtain an SID, please go to <https://cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/> and bring your SID with you to the course. Course topics include: (1) the benefits of emergency management in tribal communities; (2) the components of an effective emergency management program; and, (3) the role of a Tribal Emergency Manager. Space is limited to 25 participants. For more information, contact Jay LaPlante, 425-487-4540, jay.laplante@fema.dhs.gov, or Katie Hirt, 202-447-1164, katie.hirt@dhs.gov.

3:00-4:00 Listening Session on Proposed BIE Leasing/Fundraising Rule*

Room 402A

The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) proposed a new rule (25 CFR 48) that implements statutory authority for BIE to lease land or facilities for funding that benefits schools. The rule also implements statutory authority for BIE school employees to fundraise on behalf of the school, allows authorized personnel to spend a reasonable portion of his or her official duties fundraising, and allows unlimited fundraising in a personal capacity when not on duty. The BIE seeks your input on this proposed rule.

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- 3:00-5:00 **Voting Rights: How to Remove Barriers to Equal Access to the Polls**
Room 401B
 In this session, voting rights experts and participants will discuss issues common to Native voter communities. Participants will receive information about how to challenge restrictions on voter ID, how to engage in redistricting efforts, how to ensure the rights of indigenous language speakers are upheld, and how to ensure Native communities have equal access to early voting locations and Election Day polling places. Participants will receive concrete guidance on how to identify key decision-makers, what to ask for, and how to document their efforts in case enforcement efforts become necessary. By connecting participants with experts and attorneys, this session will foster greater familiarity with these issues and resources and empower tribes to achieve greater access and turnout to the polls.
- 4:00-5:00 **Listening Session on Potential Probate Rule Revisions***
Room 402A
 The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is considering revising its probate regulations to increase the monetary limit for distribution of Individual Indian Monies (IIM) account funds to pay for funeral services, allow BIA to make minor estate inventory corrections, and to clarify the Office of Hearings and Appeals authority to order distribution of trust funds when there is only trust personalty (no land) in a decedent's estate. The BIA seeks your input on these and any other changes to the probate rules you would like to see.
- 4:00-5:00 **NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions Committee**
Room 402C
 NCAI requests that all committee and subcommittee chairs attend this important meeting. We will focus on using the committees to assist in preparing a Transition Plan for the next Administration.
- 4:00-6:00 **National Native American Veterans Memorial Consultation***
Room 401C
 In December 2013, the US Congress authorized the establishment of the National Native American Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC, to give "all Americans the opportunity to learn of the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States." American Indians have served in the US Armed Forces in every major military conflict since the Revolutionary War and in greater numbers per capita than any other ethnic group—facts unknown to many Americans.
- Kevin Gover, Director, National Museum of the American Indian
- 4:00-5:30 **US Department of Agriculture Technical Assistance Roundtable***
Room 402B
 The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) offers a variety of programs that tribes, tribal leaders, and tribal citizens are using. From local food programs to housing opportunities to business, infrastructure, and conservation, USDA offers programs to cover the needs of rural America, including Indian Country. This event is designed for conference attendees to get answers to questions about USDA programs and technical assistance that support construction, infrastructure, home ownership, food sovereignty, farmers markets, and more. Bring your priorities, and learn how USDA can help make them a reality! For more information, please contact Josiah Griffin at Josiah.Griffin@osec.usda.gov.
- 4:00-6:00 **NCAI Youth Meet & Greet**
Room 301
 Come get to know other Native youth from across Indian Country! All youth in attendance are invited.
- 6:00-8:00 **Welcome Reception**
Rooftop Patio
 Join us to kick off the welcome to the 2016 Mid Year Conference! Come enjoy great food and great company!

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- 7:30-5:00 **Resolutions Office Open**
Centennial Ballroom Show Office 1 & 2
- Registration/ Rules & Credentials Open**
Riverside Lobby
- 8:00-8:30 **Emerging Leaders Gathering**
See Youth Agenda for full day's activities
- 8:30-4:00 **Elders' Lounge Open**
Room 304
- 9:00-5:00 **Marketplace Open**
Exhibit Hall C

8:30-12:00 **First General Assembly** *Exhibit Hall B*

- 8:30 **Call to Order**
Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI
- Presentation of the Colors**
- Honor Song**
- 8:40 **Invocation**
Pat Moses, Elder, Spokane Tribe of Indians
- Welcome**
- Welcome from Local Officials**
US Senator Patty Murray, Washington, *video*
US Congressman Derek Kilmer, Washington
Ben Stuckart, President, Spokane City Council
- 9:15 **US Congressman Don Young, Alaska**
- 9:30 **Rules of the Convention**
Yvonne Oberly, Chair, NCAI Rules & Credentials Committee
- Resolutions Process Report**
Juanita Ahtone, Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee
- 9:45 **President's Report**
Brian Cladoosby, President, NCAI
- 10:00 **Executive Director's Report**
Jacqueline Johnson Pata, Executive Director, NCAI

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10:15	The White House Update Raina Thiele, Associate Director, Intergovernmental Affairs, The White House Anthony Morgan Rodman, Executive Director, White House Council on Native American Affairs
10:30	Leslie Wheelock, Director, Office of Tribal Relations, US Department of Agriculture
10:45	Native Vote – Voter Protection OJ Semans, Executive Director, Four Directions
11:00	Protecting Sacred Lands through the Antiquities Act and Tribal Co-Management Charles Wilkinson, Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Colorado Regina Whiteskunk, Councilwoman, Ute Mountain Ute & Co-Chair of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition
11:15	Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Update Rhonda Harjo, Deputy Chief Counsel, US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
11:25	Tribal Leader Discussion

12:00 **Lunch Recess**

12:00-1:00 **What you need to know to serve in the next Administration**

Room 302A

Questions and answers provided about how to seek employment and be appointed to boards and commission in the next administration from those that have experience with the process.

Box lunches will be provided for a suggested donation.

1:00-1:30 **Native Vote Candidate Meet & Greet**

Room 401B

A great opportunity to come and meet Native candidates who are running for office.

1:30-4:00 **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

Native Vote Training: Tools that Make a Difference

Room 401B

NCAI's Native Vote wants to equip you and your community with the tools and resources needed to make your Get out the Native Vote campaign successful! Join our session which will include an in depth guide to using the Voter Activation Network (VAN) for outreach to Native voters in your area. We will also share educational resources, a media toolkit, and a guide to ordering Native Vote materials to get voters ready and excited for Election Day 2016!

Arusha Gordon, Associate Counsel, Legal Mobilization Project, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Natalie Landreth, Senior Staff Attorney, Native American Rights Fund

Dimple Patel, Federal Policy Associate, National Indian Education Association

LaKecia Farmer, Data & Campaign Coordinator, WIN/WIN Network

Jamie Ehrlich, Strategist, Content Studio, Google

John Webb, User Experience Researcher, Google Civic Engagement

Tribal Climate Change Monitoring and Data Systems

Room 402B

In order to address the effects of climate change on our communities and resources, we must leverage all of the different informational and data sources available, including using our traditional ecological knowledges, data

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collected by scientific research, and other information. This session will discuss various efforts by tribes to develop community and regional action plans and monitoring systems to mitigate climate-related damages, focusing on how to begin this process, include various stakeholders, and protect sensitive tribal information. By using all of the tools available, in a tribally driven manner, we can be more effective at planning for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Preston Hardison, Natural Resources Office of Treaty Rights, Tulalip Tribes
Ann Marie Chischilly, Executive Director, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
Dr. Margaret Hiza Redsteer, Research Scientist, US Geological Survey

Advancing Trust Reform: New Law to Modernize Trust Assets

Room 402A

With less than eight months remaining in the current Administration, it is important that Indian Country focus on the achievable administrative reforms, cementing and implementing the policies changes made in the last eight years, and looking continue the momentum of trust modernization into the next administration. This session will review many different facets of the trust reform, including: current legislative reforms to trust asset management; the Department of the Interior's new Rights-of-Way Regulations; an update on the Land Buy-Back Program; reviewing land-into-trust issues, specifically DOI reaching its goal of place 500,000 acres in trust; and a discussion with the Office of the Special Trustee on appraisals, probate reform, and minors' trust accounts.

Moderator: Brian Cladoosby, President, National Congress of American Indians

Ernie Stensgar, Vice Chairman, Coeur D'Alene Tribe
Brian Gunn, Principal Attorney, Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville PC
Larry Roberts, Assistant Secretary, US Department of the Interior
Michael Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Katy Grounds, Senior Advisor on Tribal Relations for Land-Buy-Back Program
Deb DuMontier, Deputy Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee

Protecting Our Cultural Resources: An Overview of Current Efforts

Room 402C

There have been numerous recent efforts by tribes to work with the Administration to protect their sacred places and cultural resources. Such actions have included the designation of tribal sacred and cultural places as National Monuments through Presidential authority under the 1908 Antiquities Act, the formation of an interagency MOU for the protection of sacred places, and the repatriation of ancestral remains to their respective tribes. This session will focus on these current federal efforts to protect tribal cultural resources and discuss how these efforts can be preserved through the transition of a new Administration.

Kathleen McLaughlin, Deputy Federal Preservation Officer, US Army
Joe Sarcinella, Senior Advisor, US Department of Defense
Regina Whiteskunk, Councilwoman, Ute Mountain Ute & Co-Chair of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition
Kurt Riley, Governor, Pueblo of Acoma

Partnering for Student Success

Room 401A

Educational success creates opportunities not just for the native student but also for the tribal community as a whole. This session will focus on empowering tribal governments to ensure student success no matter what type(s) of school their students attend – tribal, BIE, public, or charter. This session will highlight tribal and federal efforts to ensure student success through partnering at the local, state and federal levels.

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Tribal Homeland Security/Emergency Management Breakout

Room 401C

Since 2003, 98.75% of total US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funding has gone to state and local governments (\$40 billion vs. \$50 million). Regarding program and trust responsibility, DHS component agencies, including Customs and Border Protection, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Transportation Security Administration, have received mixed reviews from tribal officials. In addition to Tribal ID, border crossing, native cultural considerations during domestic travel, tribal and federal agency officials will discuss federal-tribal delivery trust responsibility by the DHS in this final year before transition to a new administration. Other specific topics include FEMA program initiatives and implementation including Tribal Declarations Pilot Guidance; Disaster Deductible Federal Register Notice; and Tribal Mitigation Plan Review Guide.

Verlon Jose, Vice Chairman, Tonono O'odham Nation

Kimberly Walton, Assistant Administrator, DHS/Transportation Security Administration

Laura Francois-Eugene, Program Manager, DHS/Customs and Border Protection

Milo Booth, National Tribal Affairs Advisor, DHS/FEMA

Tyler Corson-Rikert, Community Planner, DHS/FEMA

David Munro, Tribal Government Affairs Director, DHS/HQ Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Leadership's Challenge to Improve the Indian Child Welfare Act for the Next Generation

Room 302B

The Indian Child Welfare Act has provided protections to tribal children and their families for over two generations, but has come under attack over the last few years. This has created new challenges but also new opportunities as federal agencies work to strengthen ICWA compliance. This breakout will provide information on tips on how to enhance your tribal child welfare program's ICWA advocacy, updates on current ICWA lawsuits, and communication strategies to support a unified message to defend tribal children and families.

Moderator: Jacqueline Pata, Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians

Larry Roberts, Assistant Secretary, US Department of the Interior

David Simmons, Director of Government Affairs and Advocacy, National Indian Child Welfare Associations

Kate Fort, Attorney, Indigenous Law and Policy Center, Michigan State University

Sarah Kastelic, Executive Director, National Indian Child Welfare Association

4:15-6:15

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

closed to press

Subcommittees can meet as full committees if they so choose.

Disabilities/Elders – *Room 304*

Economic Development, Finance, & Employment – *Room 401B*

Education – *Room 401A*

Energy & Mineral Policy – *Centennial Ballroom 300A*

Environmental Protection & Land Use – *Centennial Ballroom 300A*

Health – *Room 402B*

Housing – *Room 303B*

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns – *Room 402C*

Indian Child & Family Welfare – *Room 302B*

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government – *Centennial Ballroom 300C*

Taxation – *Centennial Ballroom 300B*

Technology & Telecommunications – *Room 402A*

Transportation & Infrastructure – *Room 303A*

Tribal Gaming – *302A*

Trust Lands, Natural Resources, & Agriculture – *Centennial Ballroom 300A*

Veterans – *Room 401C*

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6:30-8:30 **Listening Session on International Repatriation***

Room 402B

Tribal governments and the Obama Administration have placed a high priority on international repatriation. The Department would like to provide an update regarding the illicit sales of ceremonial objects and sacred items in the international market:

- Recent activities and current initiatives with the government of France and the Estimations Ventes aux Encheres Auction House;
- Efforts to bring awareness to the practice of the illicit sales of sacred objects in the international market; and
- Working with foreign museums on the repatriation of ancestral human remains, associated funerary objects, and items of cultural patrimony.

Additionally, the Department would like to hear from tribal leaders regarding their specific international repatriation challenges and successes, and ideas on how tribes, the Department and other Federal agencies can work together to develop best practices to improve international repatriation efforts.

6:30-9:00 **Cultural Night**

The Davenport Grand Hotel – Grand Ballroom AB

Come out for a fun and exciting evening hosted by the Local Planning Committee. They have arranged for a celebration of the local languages, culture, and people. You won't want to miss it!

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6:45 Sunrise Ceremony

Centennial Trail

The NCAI Sunrise Ceremony will be held as a part of the observances and ceremonies during the National Days of Prayer to Protect Native American Sacred Places. The public is invited to attend NCAI's respectful observance to honor sacred places, sacred beings and sacred waters, and all those who care for them and protect them from harm.

7:15-8:15

Regional Caucus Meetings

closed to press

Alaska Region – *Room 401A*
Eastern Oklahoma Region – *Room 303B*
Great Plains Region – *Room 303A*
Midwest Region – *Room 302B*
Northeast Region – *Room 402A*
Northwest Region – *Room 401B*
Pacific Region – *Room 402B*
Rocky Mountain Region – *Room 401C*
Southeast Region – *Room 402C*
Southern Plains Region – *Room 304*
Southwest Region – *Room 302A*
Western Region – *Room 301*

7:30-5:00

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Emerging Leaders Gathering

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Elders' Lounge Open

Room 304

9:00-5:00

Marketplace Open

Exhibit Hall C

8:30-12:00

Second General Assembly

Exhibit Hall B

8:30

Call to Order

Fawn Sharp, First Vice-President, NCAI

Invocation

Albert Andrews Redstar, Elder, Colville Tribe

Announcements

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8:35	<p>Health Fellowship Robert Burnette, Assistant to the President, Oklahoma Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church</p>
8:40	<p>American Indian College Fund Presentation</p>
8:50	<p>NCAI Policy Research Center Director's Report with Transportation Video Malia Villegas, Director, NCAI Policy Research Center</p>
9:10	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">NCAI's 11th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum The Power of Data to Change Climates</p> <p>Over time, tribal leaders have emphasized the importance of developing quality data to inform their decisions and planning. In this session, we will hear compelling examples of how tribal nations are using data to improve outcomes for their citizens.</p> <p>Rooted in Tradition, Growing Toward the Future: Development of an Educational Pipeline for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe Dr. Chris Meyer, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Shawna Daniels, Coeur d'Alene Tribe Elva Allan, Advanced Management Strategies Laura Laumatia, Lake Management, Coeur d'Alene Tribe</p> <p>Data Access & Management: Understanding the Landscape and Fostering a Climate of Meaningful Research Data for Tribes Dr. Amy Elliott, Sanford Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health Dr. Deana Around Him, CRCAIH Fellow, Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians</p> <p>K'awaika YOU Count: Meaningful Data from the Pueblo of Laguna Census Dr. Sharon Hausam, Planning Program Manager, Pueblo of Laguna</p> <p>"State of Our Watersheds Report": Tribes Telling their Story to Protect Treaty Rights and Resources Fran Wilshusen, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission Tyson Waldo, Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission</p> <p>Tribal Leader Response Fatima Dames, Councilwoman, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation</p> <p>Scholar Response Desi Lonebear-Rodriguez, University of Arizona and University of Waikato-New Zealand</p> </div>
11:10	<p>Department of the Interior Update Secretary Sally Jewell, US Department of the Interior</p>
11:30	<p>Tribal Leader Discussion</p>

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- 12:00 **Lunch Recess**
- 12:15-1:00 **Health Walk or Fun Run**
Breezeway (between the INB Performing Arts Center and the Breezeway Lobby in the Convention Center)
 Take in the beautiful Spokane scenery as we walk together to promote good health and exercise in our Native communities. Walk or run during this fun event but don't miss it!
- 12:00-1:00 **Poster Session: Innovative Climates for Tribal Research**
Riverside Lobby
 Tribal Leaders continually share how much they value engaging with numerous scholars across varied research disciplines in a condensed period of time. The poster session creates a supportive environment for learning between presenters and other attendees. Participants walk from one poster to another to hear poster presenters share cutting-edge research in a short (and meaningful!) period of time.
- Data are Sacred: A Tribal Data Futures Framework**
 Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear, University of Arizona and University of Waikato-New Zealand
- Engaging Tribal Leadership in the Design and Implementation of National Research in Indian Country**
 Ada Pecos Melton, American Indian Development Associates
- South Central Climate Science Center's Tribal Engagement Strategy**
 Dr. Kim Winton, South Central Climate Science Center
- Innovative Multigenerational Household Intervention to Reduce Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease in American Indian Populations**
 Lindsey Montileaux Mabbutt, Partnerships for Native Health, Washington State University-Spokane
- How are Tribes Enacting their Sovereignty to Protect Children? Lessons from Tribal Child Welfare Codes**
 Mary Beth Jäger, University of Arizona Native Nations Institute
 Rachel Starks, University of Arizona Native Nations Institute
- Tribal Nursing Home Education Collaborative**
 Joseph Ray, Native American Independent Living
 Frances Stout, Tohono O'odham Nursing Care Authority Board Member
 Debbie Dyjak, Education Coordinator Archie Hendricks Senior Skilled Nursing Facility
- Tribal Codes of Ethics: Broad Applications of Compliance and Conduct Across Indian Country**
 Andrew Martinez, University of Arizona Native Nations Institute
- Tribal Traffic Safety Law & Order Codes: Data-driven Planning for Traffic Safety**
 Christine Myers, Eastern Washington University and Margo Hill, Eastern Washington University
- The Education Effects of Tribal Resource Extraction on American Indians**
 Elijah S. Moreno, NCAI Wilma Mankiller Fellow, Dartmouth College
- Motivations for Climate Change Adaptation Planning Among Federally Recognized Tribes in the United States**
 Kelsey Leonard, McMaster University
- Health Literacy and Health Communication in American Indian and Alaskan Native Communities**
 Abigail Echo-Hawk, Partnerships for Native Health, Washington State University-Spokane

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Creating Healthy Community Climates for Higher Education*Room 401B*

Culture holds a central place in education- it is primary vehicle through which we receive and interpret information. And where Native cultures have been actively excluded from educational settings, it is all the more urgent that communities guide a “culture shift” so that Native students will feel rooted in their identities and equipped for success. This session will speak to the value of Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) and strategies being implemented by non-Native institutions of higher learning.

Creating Campus Change in Tribal Colleges and Universities

Dr. Myra Parker, University of Washington, Indigenous Wellness Research Institute

Dr. Bonnie Duran, University of Washington, Indigenous Wellness Research Institute

Achieving Success and Overcoming Barriers while Achieving Your Goal of a College Degree

Dr. Robbie Paul, Washington State University

Dr. Yolanda Bisbee, University of Idaho

Bob Sobotta, Lewis Clark State College

Angela Picard, Northwest Indian College at Nez Perce Tribe

Evanlene Meltingtallow, North Idaho College

Barbara Aston, Washington State University-Pullman

Investments in Tribally-Controlled Higher Education to Build Cultural and Community Engagement

Cynthia Lindquist, President, Cankdeska Cikana Community College

Elmer Guy, President, Navajo Technical University

Cheryl Crazy Bull, President, American Indian College Fund

Carrie Billy, President, American Indian Higher Education Consortium

Stewarding Strong Economic Climates*Room 402A*

To build vibrant and sustainable tribal economies, tribal leaders need data to inform their decision-making. From analyzing resource inputs and outputs to calculating risks and revenues, research is a critical but accessible tool. This session is designed to share strategies for taking the reins in community economic development.

Economic Development Assessment Study for Native Communities

Preston Eagleheart, Eastern Washington University

Indian Country Jobs and Forecasting Futures

Dick Todd, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Tribal Contributions to State Economies: A Montana Case Study

Casey Lozar, Montana Department of Commerce, State Tribal Economic Development Commission

Sovereignty & Science*Room 401C*

Native peoples have always used science, and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Western Science are cross-pollinating at increasing rates. The National Institutes of Health propose that TEK could benefit biomedical research and may also increase trust and mutual respect in tribal-academic partnership. This session will share ways in which tribes and their citizens are harnessing and transforming the scientific field.

Lighting the Pathway to Faculty Careers for Natives in STEM

Dr. Kathy DeerInWater, American Indian Science and Engineering Society

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Indigenous Genomics: Enhancing genomic research through an Indigenous perspective

Dr. Katrina G. Claw, University of Washington

Dr. Keolu Fox, University of Washington

Joseph Yracheta, Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc.

The Ethics of Biobanking

Abigail Echo-Hawk, Partnerships for Native Health, Washington State University

Leah Henry-Tanner, Seattle Children's Hospital

The Future of Food

Room 402C

In a world of changing climates and increasingly unstable access to traditional foods and clean water, what is the future of food? How will generations to come sustain cultural lifeways through food knowledge, production, and harvest? This session presents various visions for that future and prompts critical questions for tribal communities.

Should AI/AN communities consider genomic technologies in agricultural practices for corn?

Dr. Joslynn Lee, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Food Medicine: A Model for Self-Determined Indigenous Health

Dr. Derek Jennings, University of Minnesota Research for Indigenous Community Health Center

Dr. Michelle Johnson-Jennings, University of Minnesota Research for Indigenous Community Health Center

Food as Culture: What is the Future of Subsistence Hunting and Harvest?

Victor Joseph, President, Tanana Chiefs Conference

Tribal Citizenship: Tribal Nations Creating Climates of Belonging & Community for the Future

closed to press

Room 402B

A key pillar of tribal sovereignty is that tribal nations determine their own criteria and process for membership. Various tribes are reviewing their tribal membership and governance processes (e.g., can members living off tribal lands vote) in light of demographic and/or socioeconomic shifts affecting their population, land, and community. This session will provide a forum to explore some of the approaches tribes are taking to address these challenges and foster a sense of community and citizenship amongst members.

Dr. Alan Parker, Maori Indigenous University, Evergreen State University

Se-ah-dom Edmo, Lewis & Clark College

Dr. Kirby Brown, University of Oregon

Ezekiel ("Zeke") Garcia, Enrollment Director, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

Linda Austin, Tribal Operations Director, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo

David Z. Bean, Councilman, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, *invited*

Tribal Government Tax Parity Initiative

Room 302B

NCAI is working with a coalition of tribal leaders and organizations on an initiative on taxation. This session seeks to further our progress, with a focus on developing Tax Reform opportunities in Congress, efforts with the Administration to address dual taxation through the Federal Trader regulations, and implementation of the General Welfare Exclusion Act.

Moderators: Arlan Melendez, Chair, Reno Sparks Indian Colony and Chair, NCAI Taxation Subcommittee;

John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians

W. Ron Allen, Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Eugene Magnuson, Treasurer, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Larry Roberts, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Interior

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Tana Fitzpatrick, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Secretary
Diana Bob, Stoel Rives, LLP
Howie Arnett, Tribal Attorney, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
Wendy Pearson, Pearson Law Offices
Kathleen Nilles, Holland & Knight, LLP
Kayla Gebeck, Holland & Knight, LLP

Creating the Conditions for Native Youth to Prosper

Room 401A

Across Indian Country, tribes are using a variety of approaches to ensure their youth will thrive and reach their full potential. This work includes building upon existing strengths, expanding prevention efforts, and targeting effective interventions. In this session, we will explore some of these approaches and discuss how communities might adopt and adapt the knowledge learned thus far, to support and nurture the next generation.

Dr. Merritt D. Schreiber, Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics Department of Pediatrics, UC Irvine Health Children's Hospital of Orange County

Dr. Mona M. Johnson, Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction

Dr. Teresa D. LaFromboise, Professor, Graduate School of Education, Stanford University

International Advocacy to Protect Tribal Sovereignty

Room 302A

Panelists will provide updates on recent advances and ongoing challenges in implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Updates will include work related to implementing the Outcome Document of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, including the effort to create a mechanism for indigenous governments to participate at the UN as governments. The breakout session will also highlight recent developments on the issues of international repatriation and climate change.

Moderator: Frank Ettawageshik, United Tribes of Michigan

Heather Whiteman Runs Him, Native American Rights Fund

Andrea Carmen, International Indian Treaty Council

Honor Keeler, Association of American Indian Affairs

4:15-6:15

FULL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

closed to press

Economic, Finance & Community Development – *Room 401B*

Human Resources – *Room 302B*

Land & Natural Resources – *Room 401C*

Litigation & Governance – *Room 302A*

Veterans – *Room 401A*

6:30-8:00

United League of Indigenous Nations

Room 401B

The United League of Indigenous Nations Treaty was developed by NCAI's Special Committee on Indigenous Nation Relationships in 2007. The Treaty establishes an international political and economic alliance to advance the common interests of indigenous nations on several issues, including: climate change, trade and commerce, cultural properties, and human rights. This meeting will consist of a signing ceremony for tribes interested in endorsing the treaty and a forum for discussion and presentation on important issues affecting indigenous peoples.

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6:30-8:30

Listening Session on Fee-To-Trust*

Room 302A

Representatives of the Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs and BIA invite tribes to participate in a listening session on the fee-to-trust process and reservation proclamations. Indian Affairs is also interested in hearing from tribes on any pending fee-to-trust applications. Regular and meaningful input from tribal leaders are an important part of this Administration's commitment to informed decision making and honoring the United States trust relationship with tribal nations.

6:45-8:00

NCAI Technology Task Force

Room 401C

This is an open meeting of NCAI's Technology Task Force to discuss work in the fields of technology and communications issues in Indian Country. The Technology Task Force was created during NCAI's 2013 Executive Council Winter session and is comprised of tribal leadership, tribal telecommunications companies, Information Technology (IT) experts, entrepreneurs, and representatives from tribal organizations—others interested in these issues are also encourage to attend.

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Thursday, June 30

7:15-8:15 **Regional Caucus Meetings ***Optional*****

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Alaska Region – *Room 401A*
Eastern Oklahoma Region – *Room 303B*
Great Plains Region – *Room 303A*
Midwest Region – *Room 302B*
Northeast Region – *Room 402A*
Northwest Region – *Room 401B*
Pacific Region – *Room 402B*
Rocky Mountain Region – *Room 401C*
Southeast Region – *Room 402C*
Southern Plains Region – *Room 304*
Southwest Region – *Room 302A*
Western Region – *Room 301*

8:00-8:30 **Emerging Leaders Gathering**
See Youth Agenda for full day's activities

8:30-12:30 **Elders' Lounge Open**
Room 304

9:00-12:00 **Indian Arts and Crafts Open**
Riverside Lobby

8:30-12:00 Third General Assembly
Exhibit Hall B

8:30 **Call to Order**
W. Ron Allen, Treasurer, NCAI

Invocation

8:35 **Lucy Covington Project**
Mel Tonasket, Councilman, The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

8:45 **Bernie Sanders, US Presidential Candidate, *video***

8:50 **Supreme Court Project Update**
John Dossett, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians
John Echohawk, Executive Director, Native American Rights Fund

9:05 **US General Services Administration**
George Northcroft, Regional Administrator, Northwest/Arctic Region, US General Services Administration

9:20 **Census**
John H. Thompson, Director, US Census Bureau

9:35 **Larry Roberts, Assistant Secretary, US Department of the Interior**

9:55 **Sergio Gonzales, States Regional Director, Hillary for America**

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10:05 **Committee Reports**
Economic, Finance & Community Development Committee
Human Resources Committee
Litigation & Governance Committee
Land & Natural Resources Committee
Veterans Committee

12:15 **Retire Colors**

Closing Invocation
Francis Cullooyah, Kalispel Tribe

12:30 **Adjourn 2016 Mid Year Conference**

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Other Meetings and Events

Monday, June 27th

- 7:00 am **Waashat (7-Drum) Longhouse Service**
Doubletree by the Hilton Hotel (next to the convention center)
Offering songs and prayers in our traditional spiritual manner, used since time immemorial, for the benefit of the NCAI Mid Year Conference; in memory of recent tribal leaders NCAI tribes have lost and for the well-being of our children, elders, foods, medicines, natural resources, land, water and our Native Way of Life.
- 9:00-5:00 **Burials at Carlisle Indian School: Information Regarding Requests for Repatriation***
The Department of Army, Army National Military Cemetery Program will have space available for tribal leaders and others to stop by and obtain information, contacts, and other follow-up regarding the repatriation of burials from Carlisle Indian School Cemetery in Pennsylvania. This is an all day, open session for tribal leaders, Tribal Historic Preservation Officers, and other tribal representatives to begin discussions and engagement with the Department of Army regarding this repatriation effort.
- 1:00-4:00 **TEDNA Sovereign Schools Project**
Room 303B
TEDNA, in partnership with the Native American Community Academy in Albuquerque and the Walton Family Foundation, is proud to announce a new initiative to jump-start the creation of excellent Native community centered charter schools in Oklahoma. The Sovereign Schools Project will deliver free training and guidance to tribes interested in starting their own schools and support the three schools being launched this summer. TEDNA is interested in hearing from tribal leaders, education department staff and Indian educators about what has and has not worked in terms of outreach and engagement strategies.

Tuesday, June 28th

- Lucy Covington Center Interviews**
Room 301
Come and share your story on how Lucy Covington's leadership impacted you. Please schedule in advance. For more information, call Carolyn Wika at (509) 981-4496.
- 12:00-1:30 **Native American Media and Digital Campaign Training**
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Spokane City Center, 322 North Spokane Falls Ct.
Hosted by the Democratic National Committee, The Washington Democratic Party, and the Suquamish Tribe. To attend RSVP at the following link: <http://bit.ly/1ZXa6Py>
- 5:30-7:00 **A Reception for Congressman Don Young**
Terrace Room West, Davenport Grand Hotel, 333 West Spokane Falls Boulevard
For more information or to RSVP, contact Nathan Wurtzel at 202-589-0720 or nathan@catalystgrouppllc.com.

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Wednesday, June 29th

6:30-8:00 **Lucy Covington Center Reception, Sponsored by EWU**

Room 303AB

Please join Eastern Washington University and Northwest Tribal Leaders to celebrate the establishment of the Lucy Covington Center. Learn about the vision to develop future leaders, provide significant educational opportunities and create a Native American inspired longhouse for shared events, celebrations, lectures and indigenous knowledge. A short program will be offered at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we honor Lucy Covington's legacy and extend the valuable lessons of her leadership to our young people.

Thursday, June 30th

1:00-4:00 **Model Food Code Project Roundtable**

Room 402C

The Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative seeks to develop a comprehensive model food and agriculture code that will be available to all federally-recognized Tribal governments for use in their self-governance activities related to the growth and protection of their food systems. These sustainable food systems will contribute to and support access to healthier foods and food ecosystems which will in turn lead to improved health and wellness in tribal communities. The purpose of this roundtable is to discuss the Model Food Code Project and to open a dialog about how to address the needs in your communities.

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