

Saturday, November 7

9:30 – 10:30 **NCAI Executive Fund Board Meeting**

11:30 – 5:30 **NCAI Executive Board Meeting**

Sunday, November 8

9:00 – 4:00 **Task Force/Work Group Meetings**

9:00 – 12:00 Morning Meetings

NCAI Tribal TANF Task Force

The NCAI Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Task Force will discuss current Administrative and legislative initiatives impacting Tribal TANF nationally, with the goal of highlighting solutions and discovering best practices in order to overcome barriers to the delivery of programs. The Tribal TANF Task Force has consistently supported goals to increase tribal nations' authority to administer their own family support and work readiness programs, and will continue to identify solutions to increase program efficiency.

NCAI Violence Against Women Task Force

closed to press

The Violence Against Women Task Force serves as a unified tribal voice opposed to violent crimes perpetrated against Native women. The Task Force will hear updates from key federal partners, discuss the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act and other important legislative priorities, and share information and experiences related to the crisis of missing and murdered Native women.

NCAI Transportation Task Force

The NCAI 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.

1:00 – 5:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials Open**

1:00 – 4:00 Afternoon Meetings

NCAI Federal Recognition Task Force

The Federal Recognition Task Force works to address the unique interests of non-federally recognized tribal nations, including issues such as the federal acknowledgment process, how

non-federally recognized tribal nations work with state and local entities, and other issues. The Federal Recognition Task Force invites all interested tribal nations and citizens to participate.

NCAI Large Land Base Tribal Nations 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.

NCAI Addiction Task Force

The NCAI Addiction Task Force will discuss administrative and legislative priorities to increase access and improve the function of behavioral health and addiction programs at the tribal level. The Addiction Task Force has consistently supported efforts to advance education, treatment, preventative services, and public safety in tribal communities.

NCAI Violence Against Women Task Force (continued)

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NCAI Tribal Border Caucus

closed to press

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.

Data Management Task Force

closed to press

The development and availability of accurate data in Indian Country is important to understanding the proper levels of funding for important programs. Without accurate data, it is impossible for the federal government, tribal nations, and Congress to understand the scope and breadth of unmet needs, and the development of a sufficient budget and appropriations that honors the trust responsibility the United States has to tribal nations. The Task Force invites those interested in finding ways to solve this problem, and what important policy priorities will be impactful in solving the lack of accurate data for Indian Country.

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.”

5:00 – 6:00

**NCAI Committee and Subcommittee Chairs Meeting with Resolutions
Committee**

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

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Monday, November 9

7:00 – 8:00 **Native Prayer Sunrise Gathering**
This event is a casual gathering. Attendees will hear encouraging stories of faith and strengthen relationships.

7:30 – 5:00 **Registration/Rules & Credentials**
Open for duration of the Convention

7:30 – 5:00 **Resolutions Office**
Open for duration of the Convention

9:30 – Noon **First General Assembly**

9:30 **Call to Order**
Fawn Sharp, President, NCAI

Honor Guard

Drum Group

Invocation

10:00 **Rules of the Convention**

Resolutions Process

Leslie Wheelock, Co-Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee
W. Ron Allen, Co-Chair, NCAI Resolutions Committee

10:15 **President’s Address**
Fawn Sharp, President, NCAI

10:30 **Chief Executive Officer’s Report and Overview for the Week**
Kevin Allis, Chief Executive Officer, NCAI

10:45 **NCAI Treasurer Report**

11:00 **Post Election Native Vote Report**
Yvette Roubideaux, Vice President of Research, and Director, Policy
Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

Mark Trahant, Editor, Indian Country Today

11:15	Indian Country Administration Transition Requests
11:30	Tribal Leader Discussion

Noon – 1:00 **NCAI New Member Orientation**
 All members are invited to this welcome session for new members of NCAI, which will include a briefing on membership, committees, voting, and process. This is an opportunity to learn more about NCAI conference policies and procedures.

Noon – 1:00 **Marketplace Grand Opening Celebration**
 Come help kick off the opening of the Marketplace.

2:00 – 4:00 Committee Meetings

The initial meetings of the Committees will be to review prior actions taken in each committee, status of resolutions passed during the last Convention, and a discussion of any matters to assist in a smooth and effective committee process during the current Convention.

- Economic, Finance & Community Development**
- Human Resources**
- Land & Natural Resources**
- Litigation & Governance**
- Veterans**

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 – 10:00 Regional Caucus Meetings

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

11:00 – 1:00 Subcommittee Meetings

The first Subcommittee meetings will focus on the Transition Plan with the goal of each Subcommittee providing feedback on their respected issue area.

Disabilities	Indian Child & Family Welfare
Economic Development, Finance & Employment	Jurisdiction & Tribal Government
Education	Public Safety & Justice
Elders	Taxation
Energy & Mineral Policy	Technology & Telecommunications
Environmental Protection & Land Use	Transportation & Infrastructure
Health	Tribal Gaming
Housing	Trust Lands, Natural Resources & Agriculture
Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns	Veterans

2:00 – 3:00 Concurrent Breakout Sessions - A

Community Reinvestment Act

Access to capital, credit, and financial services is a significant issue for tribal nations and Indigenous people. Join member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, NAFOA, and panelists to discuss Community Reinvestment Act in Indian Country and efforts to modernize the act. By gathering feedback on the most important issues and the role of financial institutions in increasing access to capital in Indian Country, the Fed can work towards a CRA regulatory framework that considers the unique opportunities in Indian Country.

Moderator: Dante Desiderio, Executive Director, Native American Finance Officers Association

Speakers:

Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe

Mike Lettig, National Executive, Key Bank

Jackson Brossy, Executive Director, Native CDFI Network

Communications for Tribal Governments

Tribal leaders will learn from this session an overview of the ever changing media landscape, how to maximize your message with digital storytelling, and get effective tools to better communicate to tribal members and staff.

Forestry Management and Fires

3:15 – 4:15

Concurrent Breakout Sessions - B

Census – What is Next?

This session will discuss Census Data Privacy in preparation for the upcoming U.S. Census Bureau tribal consultation and the latest updates on the 2020 Census.

Moderator: Lycia Maddocks, Vice President of External Affairs, National Congress of American Indians

Speakers:

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

Gwynne Evans-Lomayesva, Researcher, Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

Dee Alexander, Tribal Affairs Coordinator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Census Bureau

Jessica Imotichey, Partnership Coordinator, Los Angeles Regional Office, U.S. Census Bureau

Economic Recovery Starts Within: COVID-19's Wake-Up Call for Indian Country

This session is designed to inform tribal nations' development of strategic plans to recover economically from the coronavirus and build more resilient, sustainable tribal economies over the long haul. The session will focus on the critical importance of centering private sector development in tribal economic recovery strategies through the creation of tribal laws and policies that drive: (1) the widespread establishment and methodical growth of on-reservation small businesses owned and operated by tribal citizens; and (2) a formal, nation-wide mandate on the part of tribal government, businesses, and citizens to do business with those businesses.

Speakers:

Patrice Kunesh, Former Director, Center for Indian Country Development - Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Robert Miller, Professor of Law, Arizona State University

Joseph P. Kalt, Co-Founder & Co-Director, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development

Jessica Stago, Co-Founder, Change Labs

Wizipan Little Elk, CEO, Rosebud Economic Development Corporation

Melinda Charlo, Indian Preference Coordinator, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

CFPB Ombudsman Office

This session will include officials from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Ombudsman's Office that will introduce the office to attendees, the roles in plays, and how tribal nations can participate in the office's important programs.

Wednesday, November 11

7:30 – 8:30 **National Native American Just Move It! Healthy Lifestyles Walk, Run and Rally Hosted by IHS and N7**

The 16th Annual National Native American Health & Fitness Walk will be held virtually this year. Join us as we show our commitment to wellness.

8:40 – 8:55 **Message from Pfizer**

9:00 – 10:30 **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

11:11 **Native American Veteran Memorial, National Museum of the American Indian**

11:30 – 1:30 **Subcommittee Meetings**

Disabilities

Economic Development, Finance & Employment

Education

Elders

Energy & Mineral Policy

Environmental Protection & Land Use

Health

Housing

Human, Religious & Cultural Concerns

Indian Child & Family Welfare

Jurisdiction & Tribal Government

Public Safety & Justice

Taxation

Technology & Telecommunications

Transportation & Infrastructure

Tribal Gaming

Trust Lands, Natural Resources &

Agriculture

Veterans

2:30 – 4:00 **Committee Meetings**

Economic, Finance & Community Development

Human Resources

Land & Natural Resources

Litigation & Governance

Veterans

4:15 – 6:30 **NCAI Task Force on Tax and Finance**

The Task Force on Tax and Finance will facilitate Indian Country's input on issues within the Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee's purview, organize tribal priorities on legislative tax policy, facilitate Indian Country consensus on developing and proposing solutions to address dual taxation, and share information regarding tribal-state tax agreements.

6:30 – 8:30 **CULTURAL NIGHT**

Thursday, November 12

9:00 – 10:30 Regional Caucus Meetings *(optional)*

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

11:00 – 12:30 Breakout Session - C

Retiring “Indian” School Mascots: Informing, Tracking, and Fueling a Growing National Movement

This session would provide an overview of NCAI’s recently unveiled national school mascot tracking database, how NCAI has been using the database to engage and inform local school communities about Indian Country’s longstanding opposition to harmful Native “themed” mascots, and the long-overdue need to retire those mascots.

Moderator: Ian Record, Vice President of Tribal Governance and Special Projects, National Congress of American Indians

Speakers:

Maulian Dana, Ambassador, Penobscot Nation
Dr. Leslie Rasmussen, Member, Forest Hills School District Board of Education
Randy’L Teton, Public Affairs Manager, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
Suzan Shown Harjo, President, Morning Star Institute
Dr. Aaron Payment, 1st Vice President, National Congress of American Indians
Sierra Watt, Research Associate, Policy Research Center, National Congress of American Indians

From Requests to Resources: Navigating FEMA during the COVID-19 Pandemic

On March 13, 2020, the President declared a nationwide emergency, which opened the door for all tribal nations to access disaster resources from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Despite that door being opened, only a fraction of tribal nations have been able to access those lifesaving resources. During this breakout, speakers will provide a COVID-19 update and will walk tribal nations through the process to access COVID-19 disaster resources. Tribal emergency managers will also provide insight on how tribal nations can avoid common pitfalls in the FEMA process.

Speakers:

Jessica Specht, Tribal Integration Advisor, Recovery Directorate, Office of Response & Recovery - FEMA
Norma E. Reyes, Tribal Liaison, FEMA Region 6 - FEMA
Nelson Andrews, Jr., Director, Emergency Management, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Julia Moline, Public Assistance Program Deputy Branch Chief, Federal Emergency Management Agency

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1:30 – 3:00 Town Hall with NCAI - CEO Kevin Allis and President Fawn Sharp

3:30 – 6:00 Committee Meetings

Economic, Finance & Community Development

Human Resources

Land & Natural Resources

Litigation & Governance

Veterans

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Friday, November 13

10:00 – 12:00	Second General Assembly
10:00	Call to Order Aaron Payment, First Vice President, NCAI
	Invocation
	Memorials
10:20	Swearing in of NCAI Youth Commission
10:30	Resolutions Committee Report Full Committee Reports and Consideration of Resolutions Economic, Finance & Community Development Human Resources Land & Natural Resources Litigation & Governance Veterans
11:45	Retire Colors
	Closing Invocation
12:00	Adjourn NCAI 77th Annual Convention