

Little Traverses Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

Tribal Council Travel Report

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I would like to thank the Tribe and Citizens for the opportunity to serve and for the ability to attend National Congress of American Indians week of October 26, 27, 28, 29 and returning the 30th, 2014 in Atlanta, Georgia. Conference was hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Georgia is a non- gaming state.

NCAI was founded in 1944, this year marking the 70th anniversary. Note of interest Juanita Ahtone who chairs the Resolutions Committee father along with others Natives started the first NCAI, she is 89 years and continues her service to NCAI. I first met her in 2000. Resolutions are attached for this last year.

I attended Secretarial Election Consultation break out session with The Department of Interior who wishes to consult with Indian Tribes on a new proposed rule with respect to Interiors regulations. LTBB elections were modeled after the federal Secretarial Elections model. Attached is information. Later I set in a Work shop on Tribal business Exporting. The different panels discussed experiences of tribal exporters from the tribal level, federal and state organizations about opportunities for companies to achieve growth objectives.

Attended each mornings general assembly's and the Tuesday and Wednesdays 7:30 am Area Caucus Meeting.

Breakout sessions such as The Path to Well Being very informative. Tribes have implemented these wellness programs that address suicide, depression and substance abuse. Panel discussed creative and innovative and positive outcome on health and well-being of Native Communities.

General Assembly "First Kids First" was a great panel with CEO of Boy and Girls Clubs of America, Native Vision NFL Players Association, UNITY, Inc., Center for American Indian Health and Native youth who have benefited from these programs. It was very refreshing. I can't help but wonder why don't we have our Tribal Youth in attendance and involved more with the national organizations? Several Tribes had their Youth Councils in attendance. There are scholarships and grants for youth that can help inspire and advance youth to encouraging leadership skills. I know we can do better.

Attended another session of "First Kids First" where concerns were express by the youth on issues of the day that really trouble them and want answers on how to handle and solve youth and young adult problems like broken homes, school dropout, drugs, killings, alcohol, teen pregnancy and suicide for some young as 11 and 12 years old on Indian lands. The young leaders that attended are very inspiring and looking for answers.

NCAI Youth Council put on the "Get out the Vote Talent Night". As you can tell I am very impressed by the young people in attendance.

Attended United League of Indigenous Nations Event. The Indigenous Nation Relationship was developed by an NCAI Special Committee in 2007. The Treaty between Indigenous Nations establishes international interests in common, such as political and economic issues. Meeting was chaired by Frank Ettawageshik. There are now 94 Nation members.

Attendance at NCAI is a valuable tool for any and all Tribal leaders to network and learn what is happening in Indian Country Nationally, in local areas and on the federal levels and is an inspirations to work harder for those whom we represent and be part of the solution. NCAI is proof of what we can do when we as Tribal Nations work in common together.

Two important pieces of information from the area caucus NARF was successful in getting the Alaska voting ballots printed in the Alaskan Native language and Alaskan Native may soon be able to get their lands into trust.

Attached is the page form the program showing our Tribal Flay per our donation to NCAI, also several items gathered for your information.

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