

# 2016 Partners in Action

## Day 1

We arrived and put our luggage in our rooms and met in the "Dream Maker's Theater". I am given tobacco to do invocation. I thank the creator for all the assembled "beautiful people" who have come together to serve the Native American Indians.

8:30 - 10:15

We hear from the Regional Director; Diane Rosen, Sault Ste. Marie Chairperson Aaron Payment, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Larry Roberts, and Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs Karen Diver.

10:30 - 12:00

We hear from National Congress of American Indians Amber Ebarb; Twin Cities Field Office Solicitor Tony Sullins; Attorney for Twin Cities Kara Pfister and Field Office Solicitor Matthew Kelly.

I attend ten (10) of the breakout sessions. There is a wealth of information being presented by the BIA officials. I'll write a couple of sentences on each one. The material is too lengthy to cover completely in this written report.

## Breakout Sessions

### 1. Budget Formulation

At the end they give away the 3-ring binder with the Federal and Tribal Budgets detail in them. There were only four binders and I didn't get one but I do have three handouts on the Congressional Appropriations Processes.

### 2. Fee to Trust Acquisition

This lecture follows the history of a single event which may be typical. The handout covers the sequence of events. There is TAAMS global "mock-up" guide.

### 3. Tribal Habitat

The speaker has a magazine called, "Restoration of the Great Lakes & Invasive Species". There is also some material on clean water preservation.

### 4. Science for a Changing World

The lecturer spoke on clean water showing the geological structure of state of Michigan. There were several handouts going deeper into the subject. There is real nice brochure given out showing the microbiological organisms.

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### **5. Tribal Records Briefing of 2016 Conferences**

This material follows the process of keeping records of Tribal Trust Records. The handout is to be self-explanatory.

### **6. Assistant Secretary**

This is the processing of a court case before BIA U.S. Department of Interior.

### **7. Capital Investment**

This session discusses the process of economic development within the tribes.

### **8. Land Buy Back Program**

This one shows you how to go online to be trained on how the procedure works for systematically buying back tracks of real estate.

### **9. Climate Change**

This speaker has a magazine that discusses climate change and how the federal government is working with the tribes.

### **10. Renewable Energy**

This lecturer I found to be the most interesting. He stated that they expect to be off the grid by 2020. Then he added that from the time they started back some years ago (about five I believe) the cost of conversion to renewable energy has dropped by fifty percent (50%).

(If anyone wants any of these handouts we can have duplicates made.)