



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

TRIBAL COUNCIL TRAVEL NARRATIVE

Submitted by: Treasurer Reyes

Training/Event: 2016 BIA 5th Annual Midwest Region Partners in Action
Location: Sault Ste Marie, Mi – Kewadin Casino
Date of Event: July 19th – 21st, 2016

Thank you fellow Council members and the Citizens of LTBB for allowing me the opportunity to attend the 2016 BIA Midwest Region Partners in Action Conference, "Treasuring the Present, Shaping the Future, Honoring the Past". The following is a brief travel report/summary:

Monday – July 18, 2016

In attempt to assist with cost saving measures, travel was completed via carpooling with Councilors Naganashe and Shananaquet.

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Day One – AM General Session

Opening Ceremony

Color Guard - Keewenaw Bay

Invocation

Welcoming & Senior Leadership

Diane K. Rosen, Regional Director – Midwest Region Bureau of Indian Affairs

Aaron Payment, Chairperson – Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Larry Roberts, (Acting) Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs

Karen Diver, Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs (leadership @ EPA needs to be mirrored in other Departments and Agencies)

Legislative and Legal Updates

Amber Ebarb, Program Manager - NCAI (1/3 of budget is discretionary, 2/3 is mandatory and run by "dead guys" that wrote this decades ago!)

Tony Sullins, Field Solicitor – Office of the Field Solicitor, Twin Cities (has 10 staff attorneys)

Kara Pfister, Attorney, Office of the Field Solicitor, Twin Cities

Matthew Kelly, Attorney, Office of the Field Solicitor, DC

Day One - AM Breakout Session

Native American Equities – Anishinabeg Ninijanisag (Native Children)

Speaker:

Shirley M. Cain – Native American Equity Policy Specialist (Shirley.cain@state.mn.us)

Native Children and Families are subject to disproportionate rates and disparate treatment in the child.

Day One – PM Breakout Sessions

Budget Formulation Panel

Speakers:

Diane Rosen, Regional Director

Patty Olby, Regional Budget Coordinator

Tammie Poitra, Minnesota Agency Superintendent

Jill Graves, Minnesota Agency

Chris McGeshick, TIBC Rep, Chairman, Sokaogon Chippewa Community

Darrell Seki, TIBC Rep, Chairman, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

Status of Budget/Budget Formulation updates. Provide updates from National Budget Meeting.

Wednesday, July 20th, 2016

Day Two - AM Breakout Sessions

History of BIA / BIA Today

Speakers:

Kimberly Bouchard, Great Lakes Agency Superintendent
Patty Olby, Minnesota Agency Superintendent

Learn the history of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, early Federal policies as it related to Indian Affairs through the current structure and Federal policies of today. BIA Today provided an overview of the BIA organization, the work it does, and where it fits within the Department of Interior (DOI).

Office of Hearings and Appeals Processes

Speaker:

Christine Kelly, Supervisory Paralegal (Christine_kelly@oha.doi.gov)

Overview of the Office of Hearings and Appeals processes.

Albuquerque Office number – 844-667-0464

Day Two - PM Breakout Sessions

Gaming: Best Practices RAP Provisions Favorable to Tribes

Speakers:

Debra DeLeon, Management Analyst (debra.deleon@bia.gov)
Troy Woodward, Senior Policy Advisor (troy.woodward@bia.gov)

The Office of Indian Gaming presented Revenue Allocation Plan provisions that are favorable to Tribes, what they are, why we like them and what they do.

Thursday – July 21st, 2016

Day Three – AM Breakout Session

Emergency Preparedness and the Importance of Tribal Aggregate Resources

Speaker:

Stephen Manydeeds, Division Chief (stephen.manydeeds@bia.gov)

Construction Aggregate is a vital tool for repairing infrastructure during emergencies. Aggregate can be used for temporary flood control measures and for permanent repairs. Tribes can locate and permit usable construction aggregate prior to emergencies, making their communities more prepared and ready to take advantage of immediate local control over aggregate materials that meet the proper specifications and therefore retain emergency-related funds in the community. The Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD) will present on this topic as well as the funding and technical assistance availability of the Division.

Closing Ceremony

Honor Song & Traveling Song

