



comment...can submit comments to Scott or Phyllis Davis...also mentioned that tribes... could also contribute to the success of the board with possible in-kind support.

- 10:30 a.m. Cathy Abramson Chairperson- National Indian Health Board  
Public Health summit in Billings MT –Had the National Conference in Traverse City this last year, very successful – Centers for Disease Control, Bemidji Area will be hosting in either SSM or Traverse City, with a listening session this summer.  
Spoke about SDPI and asked that attendees pass on information to the Congressmen that we will be meeting with tomorrow about its renewal and gave us leave-behind materials.  
Funding Bills for 2015 – SDPI is subject to a 2% cut.
- 10:30 a.m. Winona LaDuke – was given time to speak about pipelines, she noted that today is the anniversary of the Exxon Valdez oil spill. Directed us to check out the Honor the Earth website for more information.
- 11:00 a.m. Aureen Martin, Spirit Rock Inc. - Taxation Issues
- 11:30 a.m. Attorney Brian Pierson – Godfrey & Kahn Legal Up-Date
- Noon Keynote Address & Luncheon – Chairman Ernie Stevens – NIGA  
Columbia Ballroom – Sponsored by Pokagon Band of Pottawatomi  
Jason Giles – NIGA Legislative Update - talked about the “do-nothing Congress” - said that the Senate is trying to get the tax extenders package passed before the summer; but it may be too aggressive; it will probably be held off until the lame duck session. This is important for Indian country because there are a lot of tax issues that tribes have.  
2<sup>nd</sup> issue is Internet Gaming – a lot of state people are saying that because it’s on the internet and not on land, then they don’t need to consider compacts and tribes. 245 gaming tribes, of those, only the top 40 make 70% of the revenue...they are closest to the population centers which is what makes them successful.  
Talked about illegal pop-up gaming that has begun in various states, WI tribes are dealing with this...local sheriffs are not keen on cracking down on the illegal gaming because they are elected officials and don’t want to anger their constituents. NIGA is talking about partnering with the liquor commissions to combat this issue.  
Bois Forte Band Chairman said that the Tribes in MN help fund the “Citizens Against Gaming Expansion” organization in order to help fight the illegal gaming...the organization is Republican...online sales of lottery tax, too.

- 1:00 p.m. Yvette Roubideaux, Director – Indian Health Service  
2014 Budget for IHS – money should be out to the Tribes – Congress increased the budget by 7.4% increase from 2013...allowed IHS to complete some construction projects and fill gaps created by sequestration. 50.5 mill for contract helath and contract support costs. 38% increase if 2015 budget is enacted as is. SDPI is due for a \$2 million cut for sequestration, but she is looking at their budget to see if they can lessen the impact with other budget monies.
- 2:10 p.m. Derek J. Bailey – MSW Project Director, National Native Network  
Spoke about smoking cessation efforts. He directed us to check out the Keep It Sacred website. There's metal in the vapor (vaping) in electronic cigs. Keepitsacred.org is the website where we can learn more. He mentioned that we need to look at how e-cigs are affecting our communities.
- 2:30 p.m. GBS Building Solutions – Mr. Jim Franklin – Company that builds housing, Veterans to Business...provides meaningful long-term employment for newly returned, young vets. The tribe is the development company and the land is the investment...they can build master plan housing development. Structurally insulated paneling. They have done projects in Africa, the Middle East, the Carribean, Haiti and Michael Jordan's house in South Carolina. Their philosophy is that tribal ownership of the development is paramount. They strive to find Tribes that can sustain the plant that produces the paneling for 5 to 10 yrs. \*\*\*got info in our packets.
- 2:45 p.m. FEMA Tribal Consultation Policy – Richard Flores, William Sulinckas, Robert Nadeau – Richard Flores explained to Tribes the importance of being active and involved in the consultation process when entities like FEMA reach out to ask tribes for their input. One example of the positive things that can happen from consultation is that there is now a monitor and work station devoted to tribes and reservations for disaster relief. This was established after consultation with tribes who stated that the needs and relationships we have with outside governments is different and, therefore, requires a special protocol for FEMA when dealing with a natural disaster that touches Indian country.
- 3:00 p.m. Sentor Maria Cantwell, Staff Director, Mary Pavel – presented an update on contract support costs hearings...they are very important and help a lot. Advance appropriations bill for IHS funding hearing as well as four other hearings for bills will be happening next week.
- 3:45 p.m. Hill Visit Resolutions Packet Prep and materials Review
- 4:00 p.m. Hill Visit Group Assignments

4:30 p.m. Congresswoman Betty McCollum MN 4<sup>th</sup> District

5:00 p.m. Tribal Leaders Meet and Greet Reception

## **Tuesday, March 25, 2014-**

8:15 a.m. Tribal Leaders Discussion & Direction – Resolution presentation & approval

9:00 a.m. Congressman Paul Gosar – House Indian Affairs Committee  
HR 687, Southwestern Federal Land Exchange – will open up Copper Mines and provide over 3000 jobs.

9:30 a.m. Congresswoman Gwen Moore – Milwaukee, WI  
Spoke about her support and the need to pass the Gen Welfare Exclusion, the Carcieri Fix (she is a co-sponsor). She is a member of the House Financial Concerns Committee which has jurisdiction over housing, banks and credit unions. So, she wants to see the NHASDA reauthorization passed; original co-Hr-4277-sponsor, with Congressman Young. Rep. Pearce has his own proposed bill, he is a Republican.

10:00 a.m. Congressman Frank Pallone Jr. NJ- 06  
He doesn't have a federally-recognized tribe in his district, although he has five state-recognized tribes; He is a member of the Energy and Commerce Cmte; He covered the Carcieri decision. He sees it as not only a land-into-trust issue but also an economic development issue because it hinders tribes. He also spoke about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and that tribes have exemption, but he recommends that we encourage our members to sign up for Medicaid because they will pay no premium, reminded us that the deadline is March 31.

10:30 a.m. Congressman Markwayne Mullin, R-OK  
He is one of only two Natives in Congress. He spoke about his philosophy on being Republican. He says that there are many beliefs of the Republican party are similar to what he was taught as a Cherokee from OK...what is our biggest hurdle as tribes? What is one of the core beliefs of the Repubs? Shrink government; government is our biggest hurdle to doing what we (tribes) want and need to bring prosperity to our peoples.

11:00 a.m. Raina Thiele, Assoc. Director Intergov. Affairs- The White House  
She replaced Charlie Galbraith and worked previously at the Office of Mgmt. and Budget. She talked about ACA and has been working to change the conversation that has been going around that ACA has no benefit for Indian Country, she says it's absolutely not true...offers tribal members another way to get health care that they may otherwise be unable to get at an IHS clinic. She said

that you can get health care via both IHS and health insurance chosen thru the ACA. She also reminded us that ACA means more avenues for 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing by people bringing their insurance to our clinics.

- 11:30 a.m.      \*\*\*Tour of FEMA Headquarters  
Signed up and took a tour of the FEMA offices. We were able to see where the logistical activities happen during a natural disaster. We were also able to see the room where briefings happen, which includes briefings of the President. Lastly, we were able to see the desk and monitoring area devoted to tribes and reservations.
- 12:00 p.m.      Keynote Address & Luncheon – Kevin Gover (Pawnee) Director, National Museum of the American Indian  
Spons. by: Sault Ste. Marie Tribe/Tribal Council  
He worked in the Clinton Administration and was integral in getting the acknowledgement of the boarding school atrocities.  
Spoke about the importance of dispelling the mythology of native peoples and changing the overall American background in native history and American history as influenced by Ndns. They are opening new exhibits in 2014 that will address several issues and re-educate the American public...They also want to reinsert Native peoples into world history...things that the native peoples of the Americas did change the WORLD, not just the Americas...they want people to know that there were just as many people and communities in the Americas in 1492 as in Europe. Sept 20<sup>th</sup> is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the National Museum and the opening of the treaty exhibition.
- 1:00 p.m.      Capitol Hill Group Visits Assignments
- 1:30-5:30 p.m. Capitol Hill Visits

**Wednesday, March 26, 2014 –**

- 8:30 a.m.      Congressman Dan Kildee – MI – 5<sup>th</sup> District
- 9:00 a.m.      Mr. Earl Evans, Development Director – Association on American Indian Affairs – Spoke about the issues with the Indian Child Welfare Act and how his organization has been working to fix many of the problems with how the Act is implemented.
- 9:30 a.m.      Ms. Leslie Wheelock, Director – Office of Tribal Relations  
United States Department of Agriculture  
She spoke about the various programs offered through the USDA. She also gave us information and updates on several funding opportunities.

- 10:00 a.m. Mr. Rodger J. Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Office of Native American Programs – HUD  
He gave us updates on the programs that his office manages that deal with the needs of tribes. He also gave an overview of the funding for projects that our tribes might be interested in applying for.
- 11:00 a.m. Tribal Leaders Round Table and Direction  
Elect or appoint a MAST Treasurer; Open Board Appointments  
Closing Prayer
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- Noon Meeting ended

Respectfully submitted by,

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