



USET IMPACT WEEK MEETING
Crystal Gateway Marriott, Arlington, VA
February 8-11, 2010

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA

Monday-Thursday: Board of Directors meet in **Salon 4**
USET Office open 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily in **Salon 5**
USET Name Badge must be visible at all times during USET Meeting and Capitol Hill Reception

MONDAY, February 8

Resolutions are due Wednesday by 4:00 p.m.
Committee Reports are due Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.

- 7:30 Registration – Arlington Registration Desk
- 7:30 USET Committee Chairperson’s Meeting – Salon 2
- 9:00-9:30 Call to Order Brian Patterson, USET President
Presentation of Flags Close-Up Foundation’s Indian Youth Summit Participants
Invocation Famie Cheyenne Willis, 2009-2010 Choctaw Indian Princess
National Anthem Famie Cheyenne Willis, 2009-2010 Choctaw Indian Princess
Roll Call Robert McGhee, Secretary, USET
Agenda Review Wanda Janes, Interim Executive Director, USET
- 9:30-10:30 **Legislative Update**
Tribal Perspective
Gregory Smith, of Counsel
Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP
- Senate Perspective***
Allison Binney, Majority Staff Director
Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- House Perspective***
Marie Howard, Legislative Staff
Office of Indian Affairs
House Committee on Resources

Monday, February 8 (cont.)

- 10:30-10:45 **Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr. (6th-NJ)**
Member – U.S. House of Representatives
Member – Natural Resources Committee
- 10:45-11:00 **Indian Gaming Issues**
George Skibine, Acting Chairman
National Indian Gaming Commission
- 11:00-11:15 **Indian Gaming Update**
Mark Van Norman, Executive Director
National Indian Gaming Association
- 11:15-11:40 **National Political Change and Its Affect on Indian Country**
Gregory Smith, of Counsel
Carol Barbero, Partner
Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP
- 11:40-12:00 **Judicial Appointments**
Richard A. Guest, Staff Attorney
Native American Rights Fund
- 12:00-1:30 LUNCH
- 1:30-1:45 **Update on Pending Amendments to the Indian Self-Determination and
Education Assistance Act**
Geoffrey D. Strommer, Partner
Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker LLP
- 1:45-2:00 **Update on Trust Reform and the Cobell Settlement**
F. Michael Willis, Partner
Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker, LLP
- 2:00-2:15 **USET Carcieri Task Force Update**
Jody Cummings, Steptoe & Johnson LLP
- 2:15-4:00 **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Closed**
- 4:00 RECESS

Other Activities

- 9:00 **NIEA 13th Legislative Summit** – Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C. St, SW., Washington, DC
- 7:00 P.M. **USET Social & Cultural Night - Crystal Gateway Marriott**

TUESDAY, February 9

Resolutions are due Wednesday by 4:00 p.m.
Committee Reports are due Wednesday by 5:00 p.m.

- 8:30-9:00 **Presentations by USET Executive Director finalists**
- 9:00-9:15 **Penobscot Broadband Distance Learning Website**
Kirk Francis, Chief
Penobscot Nation
- Dr. Sunil Bala, Founder and Chairman
B2 Technology & Consulting Services, Inc.
- 9:15-9:30 **Addressing the Problems of Drug Abuse in Indian Country**
Tony Martinez, Associate Director for Intergovernmental Affairs (*invited*)
Executive Office of the President
Office of National Drug Control Policy
- 9:30-9:45 **Census 2010**
Wayne Hatcher, Regional Director of Charlotte Region
U.S. Bureau of the Census
- 9:45-10:00 **Housing Issues in Indian Country**
Mercedes Marquez, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning & Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- 10:00-10:15 **Tribal Sovereignty**
Richard Blumenthal, Attorney General
State of Connecticut
- 10:15-10:30 **Veterans Affairs Issues**
Tammy Duckworth, Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs
Department of Veterans Affairs
- 10:30-10:45 **Bureau of Indian Affairs – Regional Issues**
Franklin Keel, Regional Director
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Regional Office
U.S. Department of the Interior
- 10:45-11:00 **The PACT Act**
Barry E. Snyder, Sr., President
Seneca Nation
- Heather Dawn Thompson, Partner
Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP

Tuesday, February 9 (cont.)

11:00-11:15 **Renewing the Partnership: USET and ACHP**

John Berrey, ACHP Tribal Member
Chairman, Quapaw Tribe

11:15-1:00 **Consultation Panel – Presentation and Discussion of Departmental Plans to consult and coordinate with Tribal Governments in accordance with President Obama’s Executive Memorandum**

- Facilitator - Valerie Hauser, Native American Program Coordinator
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Janie Hipp, Senior Advisor

U.S. Department of the Environment Protection Agency

Chris Hoff, Acting Director
American Indian Environmental Office

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Stacy Ecoffey, Principal Advisor for Tribal Affairs
Immediate Office of the Secretary, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Rodger Boyd, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of Native American Programs

U.S. Department of the Interior

Secretary Ken Salazar, *(invited)*

U.S. Department of Justice

Tracy Toulou, Director of the Office of Tribal Justice

Department of the Treasury

Aaron Klein, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

James R. Floyd, SES, VISN 15 Director
Chairman, VA Consultation Work Group

Federal Communication Commission

Jeffrey Steinberg, Deputy Chief, Infrastructure Policy
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

Federal Emergency Management Agency of the Department of Homeland Security

John Ketchum, Federal Preservation Officer

Tuesday, February 9 (cont.)

1:00 RECESS

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Other Activities

9:00 **NIEA 13th Legislative Summit** – Holiday Inn Capitol, 550 C. St, SW., Washington, DC

9:00-5:00 **National Indian Gaming Commission Consultation** – Crystal City Marriott,
1999 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA – Virginia Meeting Room

1:30-5:00 **Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST)** – Individual meetings with Tribes
Skyview, Crystal Gateway Marriot

3:30-4:30 **Addressing Restrictive Settlement Act** – Rosslyn II
Working Group for Interested Tribes

5:30-7:00 **Capitol Hill Reception** – Room 628, Dirksen Senate Office Building

WEDNESDAY, February 10

***Resolutions are due today by 4:00 p.m.
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9:00-9:30 **Indian Health Service – National Issues**
Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Director
Indian Health Service-Headquarters
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

9:30-10:00 **Indian Health Service – Area Issues**
RADM Richie K. Grinnell, Area Director
Indian Health Service-Nashville Area Office
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

10:00-10:15 **National Indian Health Issues – NIHB Perspective**
Stacy Bohlen, Executive Director
National Indian Health Board

10:15-10:30 BREAK

10:30-10:45 **Indian Educational Issues**
Teresa Haunani Makuakane-Dreschel, Vice-President
Mary Jane Oatman-Wak Wak, President-Elect
National Indian Education Association

10:45-11:10 **NCAI Initiatives and Update**
Jackie Johnson, Executive Director
National Congress of American Indians

Wednesday, February 10 (cont.)

11:10-11:25 **NRCS Program Update and Accomplishment Report**
Dave White, Chief (*invited*)
Natural Resources Conservation Service

11:25-12:00 **Indian Country Law Enforcement Internal Affairs and Inspections**
Damon Edminsten, Supervisory Special Agent
Division of Professional Standards
Bureau of Indian Affairs – Office of Justice Services, Albuquerque

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2:00-3:00 **Meeting with Kimberly Teehee, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs**
Location to be determined – Board Members only

THURSDAY, February 11

8:30-10:00 **Breakfast with participants of Close-Up Foundation Youth Summit**
Salon 3, Crystal Gateway Marriott

10:00-10:45 **Introduction to New USET Website**
Wanda Janes, Interim Executive Director
Steve Adams, Controller, USET
Lisa Berrios, Director, Environmental Liaison Office, USET
Dee Sabattus, Interim Director/Policy Analyst-THPS, USET

10:45-1:00 **USET BUSINESS SESSION**

- Committee Reports
- Resolutions
- Minutes of USET 2009 Annual Meeting
- Treasurer's Report
- Other
- Retiring of Colors
- Closing Prayer – Donald Rodgers, Chief, Catawba Indian Nation

THURSDAY, February 11 (cont.)

1:00 ADJOURN

Other Activities

1:00-5:00 **Tribal Consultation on the reform of the Contract Health Services Program (CHS)**
Tribal Listening Session: How to Improve the CHS Program
Conducted by Indian Health Service-Headquarters
Holiday Inn National Airport, 2650 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA

FRIDAY, February 12

Other Activities

9:00-4:00 **Tribal Consultation on the reform of the Contract Health Services Program (CHS)**
CHS Best Practices Meeting - Conducted by Indian Health Service-Headquarters
Holiday Inn National Airport, 2650 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA

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