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JANUARY 2006

January 6 – Meeting with Senate Indian Affairs Committee, Washington, DC

At the request of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee and the approval of the Board of Directors, ITMA consultants participated in a meeting with congressional staff and tribal representatives to discuss experiences on tribal settlements generally in preparation for upcoming SCIA Hearing.

January 18 - ITMA Board of Directors Meeting, Albuquerque, NM

ITMA conducted a Board of Directors meeting. Agenda items included ITMA strategy for considerations for ITMA in 2006: statute of limitations; review of trust reform organizational/tribal positions and the 50 Principles for S.1439, which included discussions on OST; DOI regulatory initiative and implications on tribes and individuals; and, the November 15 Court Ruling in Cobell and it's implications on not only tribal settlements in general but OST's reform efforts. Discuss strategy for January 19-20 Tribal Leaders Meeting.

January 19-20 - ITMA Tribal leaders and Representatives Meeting, Albuquerque, NM

The following issues were discussed in detail and directives were given as pertinent to certain issues for follow up: Trust Reform portion of S.1439; statute of limitations, November 15 Court Ruling, DOI Proposed Trust regulatory initiative. ITMA Position papers on issues were developed.

January 31 – Meet with NCAI President's Albuquerque-based consultant to report on outcome and directives of tribes on various trust reform issues based on NCAI's proposed agenda as it pertains to trust reform issues.

Review and discuss proposed draft paper tax on

Strategy sessions with individual board members to discuss development related to membership mtg to discuss proposed legislation, regulations, and possible press opportunities

- Drafted press release calling on DOI to fill assistant secretary position
- ITMA comments on trust reform legislation & review ITMA's comments
- Developed media list of publications & outlets in MT, NM, WA, AZ, OR, OK, SD

FEBRUARY 2006

February 14–15 Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Winter Session, Portland, OR

Participated in discussions regarding the comparison of Tribal Workgroup Trust Principles with S.1439 for Tribal Workgroup.

February 16, 2006 – ITMA conducted a meeting on the DOI proposed Regulations for trust-related intertribal organizations at the ITMA Headquarters – In attendance were representatives of ITMA, Intertribal Agricultural Council, Indian Land Working Group, Council of Energy Resources Tribes.

MZ – February 27 – March 1, 2006 – Washington, DC – SCIA Hearing on Trust Reform, NCAI Executive Session

Holland & Knight

- Attended Indian law group practice mtg re: coverage of upcoming Congressional hearings & related NCAI conference sessions
- Attended NCAI session re: tribal response to proposed trust regulations and prepared written analysis of session

Kathryn Dando

- Review press article from Indianz.com, confer w MZ related to media strategy
- Conf w/MZ re: media request from Native America Calling, confer w/M Packineau re: interview with Native America Calling
- Revise press release re: OK Listening conference

MARCH 2006

MZ – March 20 – 23, 2006 – Listening Conference – OK City, Lawton, OK

Chief Gray & Betty Cooper – March 21 – 22, 2006 – Listening Conference – Lawton, OK

Chief Gray, Scott Russell, Helen Sanders – March 27 – 31, 2006 Washington, DC – Trust Reform Hearing – SCIA

Shenan Atcitty

- Review ITMA's comments on DOI draft trust regs,
- Attended mtg in Tulsa w/MZ, DHarrison, BCooper, Chief Gray via conference call re: ITMA's testimony on S.1439 before the Senate Indian Affairs committee next week