

AGENDA

13th ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

October 20-23, 2003
Sunset Station Hotel & Casino
(Henderson) Las Vegas, NV

MONDAY – October 20, 2003

Location: Sunset Room

8:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. CONFERENCE OPENING.....ITMA Chairman Richard Sangrey

Invocation.....Chairman Amadeo Shije
All Indian Pueblo Council

Tribal Delegation Introductions

SPECIAL SESSION DOI “TO-BE” REENGINEERING PROJECT

9:00 a.m. Currently the Department of the Interior (DOI) is in the process of a massive change of the way that the Trust management is handled and managed. The "To-Be" Reengineering effort is a centerpiece of those changes. The Intertribal Monitoring Association believes it is critical for Tribes, and especially their staff who work daily on Trust activities, to be briefed on the latest changes being discussed and designed. The discussions will provide an understanding of how the future business regarding realty, title, leasing, probate, accounting, survey and appraisals, to name a few, will be administered and managed at the Agency and Regional levels.

As an effort of tribal outreach and to allow for tribal input into the process, ITMA is conducting this session in conjunction with the 13th Annual Conference to enable critical tribal staff to also attend the Conference and be briefed on the other trust-related issues affecting tribes.

12:00 noon Lunch *(on your own)*

1:30 p.m. OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE – ACTIVITIES UPDATE
.....Principal Deputy Special Trustee, Donna Erwin

Discussion Issues: Report on the Status of the OST Reorganization, Update on the Agency and Regional Pilot Projects, Status of Trust Officers and Activities, Overview of Records Activities, Status of OST Advisory Committee, Overview of “To-Be” Session.
“Q & A Session”

3:00 p.m. Recess

3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. ITMA Board of Director’s Meeting
Room: Nina

TUESDAY – October 21, 2003

Location: Sunset Room

8:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

~ ITMA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING ~

8:30 a.m. OPENING REMARKSITMA Chairman Richard Sangrey

TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP ROLL CALL.....Mary Zuni, Executive Director

REVIEW OF FY’04 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF FY’03 ITMA ACTIVITIES

Staff will provide a very brief outline of activities ITMA has been involved in leading into and throughout FY03 and explain the process for ensuring tribal participation in trust related goals as established by the membership for FY04.

~ FY’04 BIA & OST BUDGETS FOR TRUST RELATED PROJECTS ~

9:00 a.m. BIA/OST BUDGET & RESTRUCTURING STATUS REPORT

.....Michael Hughes, Consultant

The session will discuss the funding implications of trust restructuring. The presentation will trace the funding of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Office of Special Trustee (OST) from BY 1996 to the present, including the transfers of funds from the BIA to the OST. The presentation will also analyze the organizational changes occurring with the BIA and the OST. The differences between the House and the Senate recommendations for the FY 2004 appropriations for the BIA and the OST will be examined.

“Q & A Session”

11:00 a.m. SELF-GOVERNANCE INITIATIVE – LEGISLATIVE RIDER

.....Chairman Alvin WindyBoy

.....Dan Belcourt, Esq.

12:00 noon *Lunch – on your own*

1:30 p.m. **DOI REORGANIZATION – IMPACT AND PERSPECTIVES**
Tribal Representatives Only - Tribal Strategy Session

Moderator, Shenan Atcity

In preparation for the upcoming BIA “Tribal Consultation” sessions scheduled for Las Vegas, Nevada on October 27-30, 2003, Tribes have requested the opportunity to discuss the DOI reorganization plan and its impact on the local regional and tribal levels as it applies to funds, positions, and lines of authority, etc. Many regional tribal groups have met and are prepared to share information.

4:00 p.m. *Overview of session, development of positions and directives to ITMA.*

5:00 p.m. **RECESS**

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5:00 p.m.

ITMA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

ITMA TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP “BUSINESS” MEETING...Chairman Sangrey

TRIBAL MEMBER ROLL CALL.....Executive Director

AGENDA ITEMS

- **ITMA Bylaws Changes for Approval**
 - **Proposed Annual Membership Dues**
- **Election of FY 2004 ITMA Board of Directors**
 - **Six Board Positions**

Tribal Terms Ending October 03:

Chippewa Cree-Rocky Boy, Montana
Cheyenne River Sioux, South Dakota
Three Affiliated Tribes, North Dakota
Oneida Tribe, Wisconsin
Yurok Tribe, California
Colville Tribe, Oregon
Association Representative

Tribal Terms Continuing through Oct '04

Tohono O’odham Nation, Arizona
Laguna Pueblo, New Mexico
Hoopa Tribe, California
Warm Springs Tribes, Washington
Quapaw Tribe, Oklahoma
Crow Tribe, Montana

- Only ITMA Tribal members in good standing will be allowed to participate in the voting process.
- Only official Tribal leader or Delegates on file with ITMA are eligible to nominate and vote
 - The Board seat belongs to the Tribe and designates its representative
 - Six seats expire at the October 2003 Conference
 - Tribe nominated **MUST BE PRESENT** to accept nomination
 - Newly elected Board members serve a 2-year term (effective Oct '03 ending Oct '05)

Immediately Following Session:

ITMA FY '04 Board of Directors Meeting

- Election of FY '04 Board Officers
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer

WEDNESDAY – October 22, 2003

Location: Sunset Room

8:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m.

BROADCAST

**SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE HEARING ON THE
“NOMINATION OF DAVID W. ANDERSEN
FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY - INDIAN AFFAIRS”**

9:00 a.m. RECONVENE MEETING.....ITMA Chairman

“TRUST STANDARDS” WORKSHOP

9:05 a.m. A LEGAL WORKSHOP ON “TRUST STANDARDS”

.....Mason D. Morisset, Sr. Partner
Morisset, Schlosser, Jozwiak & McGaw

A presentation on “Trust Standards” in the context of the recent *Cobell* decision and the ITMA/NCAI draft legislation and the joint ITMA-NCAI trust reform legislation.

~ TRUST LITIGATION REPORTS ~

11:00 a.m. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT INDIVIDUAL TRUST LITIGATION

Cobell v U.S. John Echohawk

12:00 p.m. ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Room: Guadalajara

- Annual Silent Auction

1:30 p.m. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT TRIBAL TRUST LITIGATION

Moderator, Majel Russell

Crow Tribe.....Majel Russell
Warm Springs Tribe.....Howard Arnette, Karnopp Petersen LLP
Quapaw Tribe.....Chairman John Berrey, Quapaw
Eastern Shoshone.....Shenan Atcitty, Esq.

3:00 p.m. ITMA-DOI TRIBAL SETTLEMENT INITIATIVE

At the directive of tribal leaders, ITMA has continued working with the Department on a voluntary tribal settlement proposal. Staff will report on the efforts over the past year and describe the concepts of the two-phased initiative. It is acknowledged that ITMA does not represent the interests of any particular Tribe and is not authorized to actually settle any claims.

Legislative Reports

3:30 p.m. 108th Congressional Legislative Initiatives

Moderator, Shenan Atcitty

.....Majel Russell, ITMA Counsel
.....John Dossett, NCAI Counsel
.....David Lester, CERT

A summary of various anticipated Indian-related legislative priorities for the session. Report on congressional activities relating to trust reform.

ITMA-NCAI Trust Reform Legislation

Report on ITMA’s tribal out-reach efforts to obtain tribal input and support for the ITMA-NCAI trust reform legislation, including congressional involvement in the process. A detailed overview and comparison of the Tribal bill to other reform legislative initiatives.

S 550 – Indian Land Consolidation Act Amendments

A Substitute Bill to amend the Indian Land Consolidation Act. Highlights of the bill address: Definition of “Indian”, Co-Owner Purchase at Intestacy, Purchase Option at Probate; Highly Fractionated Parcels: Purchase Option, Partition, Unclaimed and Abandoned Property; Elimination of the “Passive Trust” as an Estate Planning Option, Elective Owner-Managed Interests.

H.R. 6 - S.14 - Tribal Energy Bill-sufficiency Initiative

Update on tribal self-sufficiency initiatives contained within the Indian Provision of the Energy Bill. Review of the status of the controversial energy legislation and it's implications on tribal trust resources.

Strategy Session: Tribal Leaders directives with respect to needed legislative reforms, and suggestions to address and achieve legislative reform

5:00 p.m. Recess

THURSDAY – October 23, 2003

Location: *Sunset Room*

8:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. RECONVENE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Opening.....Chairman
Invocation.....Tribal Representative
Announcements.....Executive Director

8:35 a.m. TRUST RELATED INTERTRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS PANEL

Moderator, David Harrison

A discussion of the relevance, or irrelevance, of trust reform at DOI to tribal resource development initiatives – impacts of pending legislation, litigation, and rulemaking. “Intangible” trust resources – tax status, treaty rights, the environment.”

“Q & A Session”

Council of Energy Resources Tribes.....Executive Director David Lester
Intertribal Agricultural Council.....Executive Director Ross Racine
Intertribal Timber Council.....Gary Morishema

10:30 a.m. TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES STRATEGY SESSION

FLOOR DISCUSSION - Develop Strategy and Work Plan to Include

- Presentation of ITMA Position Papers
- Direction on ITMA Legislative Initiatives
- Strategy for ITMA Continuing to Monitoring OST- BIA Trust Reform

12:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT OF ITMA’S 13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE