

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

### ITMA 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE

~  
October 24-26, 2007  
Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino  
Las Vegas, NV

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#### WEDNESDAY – October 24, 2007

*Agusta Ballroom*

*8:30 a.m.*

*CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST*

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER .....ITMA Chairman Mervin Packineau  
Councilman, Three Affiliated Tribes

Invocation.....Tribal Representative

WELCOMING.....ITMA Vice Chairman William Martin  
Tlingit & Haida Tribes of Alaska

ROLL CALL / INTRODUCTIONS.....ITMA Secretary Scott Russell  
Tribal Council, Crow Tribe

#### **ITMA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

*A brief overview of ITMA and an explanation of the process for ensuring tribal participation in Association goals as established by the membership; overview of ITMA major activities.*

.....ITMA Chairman Mervin Packineau  
Three Affiliated Tribes

REVIEW OF FY'07 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA.....Mary Zuni-Chalan

#### **ITMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

ITMA Executive Director

*Detailed review of ITMA 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Agenda. Description of individual project initiatives for 2007.*

9:30 a.m. **AMERICAN INDIAN TRUST REFORM ACT OF 1994**

*A review of the 1994 Congressionally enacted American Indian Trust Reform Act and related legislation affecting tribal governments*

**10:30 a.m. BREAK**

**10:45 a.m. ITMA-DOI/OHTA TRIBAL TRUST FUND SETTLEMENT PROJECT**

*At the directive of tribal leaders and with the direct involvement of seven tribes from Indian Country, ITMA continues to work with the Department of Interior’s Office of Historical Trust Accounting on a voluntary tribal trust funds settlement project to develop a proposed tribal trust funds settlement methodology that tribes might consider utilizing in their respective settlement negotiations with the government. A panel will report on the efforts over the past year and describe the current status. ITMA does not represent the interests of any particular Tribe and is not authorized to actually settle any claims. Also, a discussion of the Department of Interior’s role in the project, and a status report of the pending DOI Regulatory initiative, specifically, as it addresses tribal trust funds settlements.*

- .....Sandra Johnigan, CPA, Lead Consultant
- .....David Riley, ITMA Financial Consultant
- .....Jim Vogel, Fort Belknap Tribe Pilot Project Monitor
- .....John McClanahan, Tribal Trust Fund Accounting, OHTA

“Q & A Session”

**12:00 p.m. Lunch (on your own)**

**1:00 p.m. OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE – REPORT**

*Report on the status of the OST Trust Reform activities and progress relating to the implementation of the Fiduciary Trust Model (FTM).*

- .....Principal Deputy Special Trustee, Donna Erwin
- .....Office of External Affairs Director, Carrie Moore
- .....Grants Officer, Carl Hotubbee
- .....OST Contract GOTR, Patricia Gerard

“Q & A Session”

**2:00 p.m. DOI - BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS REPORT**

*Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Carl Artman directed that 12 regional tribal meetings be conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in September 2007 to discuss the development of a ‘Modernization’ plan which will address the upcoming workforce retirements, regional office structures, tribal economic self-sufficiency, and fractionation. Staff will discuss the power point presented at the sessions, and provide a detailed review of the 12 sessions and the major issues and concerns presented by tribes. Other reports will include the DOI Regulatory Initiative and a detailed presentation on the BIA Budget for FY2008.*

- .....Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Majel Russell, Esq.
- .....Director, Gary Gidner
- .....Director of Trust, Vicky Forrest
- .....Director, Indian Energy & Economic Dev., Bob Middleton

**4:00 p.m. BIA FY '08 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

*An overview of the FY2008 BIA Budget.*

- .....Director, Office of Management Budget, Mary Jane Miller

**5:00 p.m. CONFERENCE RECESS until tomorrow morning**

**WEDNESDAY, October 24, 2007**  
**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

## **ITMA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING**

*(Same Meeting Room)*

### **AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER.....ITMA Chairman Mervin Packineau**

**TRIBAL MEMBER ROLL CALL.....ITMA Secretary Melinda Danforth**

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- Election of FY 2008 ITMA Board of Directors
  - Six Board Positions
- Only ITMA Tribal members in good standing are allowed to participate in the voting process.
- Only official Tribal leaders or Delegates on file with ITMA are eligible to nominate and vote
  - The Board seat belongs to the Tribe who designates its representative
  - Six seats expire at the October 2007 Conference (other current seated Tribes serve thru 2008)
  - Tribe nominated **MUST BE PRESENT** to accept nomination
  - Newly elected Board Member serves 2-year term; beginning Oct '07 ending Oct '09

**Six Board Member terms ENDING AT OCTOBER 2007 Annual Conference. Elections to be conducted for the following seats.**

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| 1. Osage Tribe             | 5. Crow Tribe      |
| 2. Three Affiliated Tribes | 6. Blackfeet Tribe |
| 3. Colville Tribes         |                    |
| 4. Chippewa Cree Tribe     |                    |

**Current ITMA Board of Directors Members to SERVE THROUGH 2008 Annual Conference:**

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Oneida Nation                   | 5. Warm Springs Tribes           |
| 2. Nez Perce Tribe                 | 6. Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe |
| 3. Central Council Tlingit & Haida |                                  |
| 4. Salish & Kootenai Tribes        |                                  |

**Immediately Following Board of Director Elections:**

**ITMA FY '08 Board of Directors Meeting**

- **Election of FY '08 Board Officers**
  - *Chairman*
  - *Vice Chairman*
  - *Secretary*
  - *Treasurer*

**THURSDAY– October 25, 2007**

**Belair Ballroom**

**8:30 a.m.**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

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

Invocation.....Tribal Representative

Announcements.....ITMA Executive Director

**9:05 a.m. OST TRIBAL AND INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT HOLDERS' FOCUS GROUP**

*Kauffman & Associates, Inc. has been hired by the Office of Special Trustee to develop new communications about the benefits of the recent trust reforms and is seeking participation from tribal account holders and individual beneficiaries. In the focus group, to be held later today, KAI hopes to learn about current beliefs held by tribes and individual account holders regarding OST's activities, particularly the centralized Trust Beneficiary Call Center. Another purpose is to gather information about the most effective strategies for developing and distributing materials. The focus group should take about 2 hours and, if possible, involve 10 people representing tribal and individual account holders.*

.....**Jo Ann Kauffman, President, Kauffman & Associates, Inc.**

.....**Patrick McMullen, Project Manager, KAI**

**9:30 a.m. ITMA LISTENING CONFERENCE REPORT**

*Reports by Tribal Representatives on the ITMA Listening Conferences hosted on the Tohono O'odham Nation and Southern Ute Tribe reservations. Listening Conferences provide the opportunity for tribal leaders and Indian individuals to speak directly with Federal government representatives from the Office of the Special Trustee and the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding their trust-related issues, such as, probates, leases, IIM accounts, etc.*

**Southern Ute Tribe Listening Conference, Colorado**

.....**Chairman Clement Frost**

**Tohono O'odham Nation Listening Conference, Arizona**

.....**Councilwoman Olivia Villegas (Invited)**

**10:00 a.m. CONGRESSIONAL REPORT**

*Discussion on the U.S. Congress, House Resources Committee’s Legislative Agenda for the upcoming legislative session. Review of the Committee’s activities regarding trust reform activities.*

.....**Marie Howard, Staff Director (Invited)**  
**U.S. Congress, House Resources Committee**

“Q & A Session”

**10:20 a.m. Break**

**10:30 a.m. TRIBAL TRUST FUNDS LITIGATION PANEL**

*A legislative history on the Statute of Limitations for filing trust litigation leading to the December 31, 2006 deadline. A report on the various tribal trust funds and resources lawsuits filed against the Federal government. An update on the Nez Perce Tribal Class Action lawsuit.*

.....**Steve McHugh, ITMA Legal Counsel, Facilitator**  
.....**Brian Gunn, (Colville/Coeur D’Alene) Legal Counsel**  
.....**NARF Representative**

“Q & A Session”

**12:00 Noon. - ITMA 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LUNCHEON**

**Room: Turnberry**

- o **Annual Silent Auction**

**1:30 p.m. REPORT ON COBELL LAWSUIT**

*Status report on the Cobell Lawsuit and the current trial proceedings.*

.....**Invited**

**2:00 p.m. AMERICAN INDIAN PROBATE REFORM ACT**

*Detailed presentation on the American Indian Probate Act and related amendments.*

.....**Steve McHugh, Esq.**

**3:15 p.m. Break**

**3:30 p.m. PENDING WORKSHOP SESSION**

**5:00 p.m. CONFERENCE RECESS until tomorrow morning**

**FRIDAY - October 26, 2007**

**Agusta Ballroom**

**8:30 a.m.**

**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**9:00 a.m. RECONVENE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Invocation.....Tribal Representative

Announcements.....Executive Director

**9:05 a.m. MONTANA-WYOMING STOCKGROWERS ASSOCIATION**

*Seeking to obtain tribal support in the development of a proposal to serve as the liaison entity between the federal government and tribes in the area of resource management planning. The objective being to assist tribes and Indian individuals in managing their own resources.*

.....**President Irvin Carlson**

**10:00 a.m. TRIBAL LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

*Discussion and strategy development of FY'08 directives to the Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds staff on trust-related issues.*

**12:00 noon ADJOURNMENT of 17<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference**