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“Service, Honor, Respect: Strengthening Our Cultures and Communities”

Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE)

8th Annual National Training Conference

Hard Rock Hotel, Tulsa, OK

June 13 – June 17, 2011

Tracks:

***Culture & Diversity, EEO & HR, Indian Country, Natural Resources,
Professional Development, and Wellness***

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 12 – First SAIGE Golf Tournament, Cherokee Hills Golf Club; 11:00 am

Monday June 13

Time	Subject	Location
8:30 – 12:00	Exhibits Setup	Sequoyah III and IV Corridors
8:00 – 5:00	Youth Track Gathering – JoAnn Brant, Youth Coordinator;	Augusta room/Clubhouse
8:00 – 9:00	<i>Breakfast</i>	
10:30 -10:45	<i>Break</i>	St. Andrews or Breezeway
12:00 -1:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
3:00 – 3:15	<i>Break</i>	
8:30 – 4:00	Federal Indian Law Immersion Course – Walter Echo Hawk, Stephan Pevar, Jack Trope (<i>Separate Course, not included in SAIGE registration</i>)	Sky Room
9:00 -10:00	Planning Committee Meeting <i>Continental Breakfast</i>	7 th Floor Boardroom
10:00 -11:00	Registration Volunteers Meeting <i>morning break</i>	7 th Floor Boardroom
	Pre-Conference Forums:	
8:30 – 11:30	National Guard Bureau	Sequoyah I
9:45 – 10:15	Break	
1:00 – 5:00	Department of Defense	Sequoyah II
	Department of Interior – USGS Host	Sequoyah V
2:30 -3:30	Break	Sequoyah Pre-function
5:30 -6:00	<i>Introduction to SAIGE</i> – SAIGE officers / Board members short session for newbies	Wolf Room
4:30 – 7:00	Registration Open	Registration Office
6:30 – 8:30	Cultural Reception and Networking – Welcome: OK Commission of Indian Affairs; music by Jessica Hunt, Bartlesville Indian Women’s Club Indian Regalia Style show, Whitecloud Dance Group	Sky Room

Tuesday Morning June 14 - *Opening Ceremonies*

Time	Subject	Location
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Sequoyah III & IV
7:30 - 10:00	Registration	Registration Desk
7:30 – 5:00	Exhibit Hall Open	Sequoyah III & IV/Corridors
8:30 – 4:00	Federal Indian Law Immersion Course II – Walter Echo Hawk, Stephan Pevar, Jack Trope (<i>Separate Course, not included in SAIGE registration</i>)	Sky Room
8:00 – 8:20	Opening Ceremonies <i>Presentations of Colors</i> – Osage Color Guard <i>Opening Prayer</i> - John Red Eagle, Osage Tribe <i>Veterans Honoring Song</i>	The Joint
8:20 – 8:30	General Plenary Session <i>Introductions</i> - Danny Garceau, SAIGE Chairman	
8:30 – 8:45	<i>Welcome</i> – Chad Smith, Cherokee Nation	
8:45 – 9:00	<i>Honoring Chief Mankiller</i>	
9:00 – 9:15	<i>Welcome</i> – John Red Eagle, Osage Nation (invited)	
9:15 – 9:30	<i>Welcome</i> – Kevin Dillinger, Muscogee Creek Nation	
9:30 – 9:45	<i>Opening Remarks</i> ; SAIGE update – Danny Garceau	
9:45 - 10:15	Speaker – John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management	
10:15 - 10:30	Break – 15 minutes	Sequoyah III & IV
10:30 -11:15 11:15 – 11:30	Speaker – Ken Salazar, Sec. of the Interior (<i>invited</i>) <i>Alternate: NCEPS Panel</i> Youth Track Introduction – JoAnn Brant, EPA, Youth Coordinator and College students	The Joint
11:45 – 1:00 12:00 – 12:15 12:15 – 12:30 12:30 – 1:00	Luncheon <i>Musical presentation</i> -United Keetoowah Band Youth Choir Speaker: Lt. Cmdr. Ken Vargas, Navy, Civil Engineer Corps Speaker: Raul Soto, EPA Office of Diversity Outreach and Collaboration	Sequoyah I,II,V & VI
11:45 – 1:00	<i>NCEPS Luncheon/ Meeting</i> (by invitation)	Amber Private Dining Room
8:00 – 5:00	<i>Concurrent Affinity Meeting</i> – National Guard Bureau	Augusta/St. Andrews Club House
June 14	CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
Time/Track	Subject	Location
1:30 – 2:45 Culture & Diversity	<i>Osage Cultural presentation</i> - Vann Big Horse	Sequoyah I
Professional Development	<i>Following your Passion in your Profession</i> – Don Chapman, Sr. Advisor Native American Affairs, Office of the Secretary, US Department of Commerce	Sequoyah II
Indian Country	<i>Indians 101</i> – Shana Barehand, Senior Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue, and Luke Jones, Sr. Policy Advisor, American Indian Environmental Office, EPA	Sequoyah V
EEO & HR	<i>Rights and Obligations for Religious Accommodation in the Workplace</i> – Franklin Jones, Executive Director, Office of Diversity & Civil Rights, US Customs & Border Protection	Sequoyah VI
Indian Country	<i>Treaty Rights & Federal Indian Trust Responsibility</i> – Stephen Pevar, American Civil Liberties Union	Deer Room
Culture & Diversity	<i>White House Tribal College Initiative: What your agency can do</i> – Bill Mendoza, Acting Director, WHITCU: John Gritts,	Wolf Room

	Dept. of Education, TCU Lead	
Break	30 minutes	Sequoyah III & IV
3:15 – 4:30 Indian Country	<i>The Doctrine of Discovery and UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights</i> – Steve Newcomb, Indigenous Law Institute	Sequoyah I
Wellness	<i>Healing from the Boarding School Experience I</i> - Sade Ali and Patrick Dunn, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health	Sequoyah II
Culture & Diversity	<i>Comanche Cultural Presentation</i> – Wallace Coffey, Bernard Kahrarah, Native Cultural Sovereignty and Religious Freedom	Sequoyah V
Culture & Diversity	<i>Indians! In The Post Office : American Indians in WPA-Era Murals</i> – Sandra Starr, Sr. Researcher, National Museum of the American Indian	Sequoyah VI
Professional Development	<i>Leadership Issues for Native American Women</i> - Mary Anna Weber, FEW – an Intergenerational conversation on leadership challenges – panel: SES, student, mid-career	Deer Room
Professional Development	<i>Advancing Your Career in a Provincial Reconstruction Team</i> - Patrick Broyles, USDA Soil and Water Ministry Advisor US Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq	Wolf Room

Tuesday Evening Activities (Optional)

5:30	Evening Run	Meet Up location TBD
6:00 – 7:30	Boarding School Class Gathering, Talking Circle – (for those attending the Healing from Boarding School class)	Wolf Room
7:30 – 10:00	Sponsors Recognition Reception – Special Musical Guests, Don Chapman; Jessica V Sponsors Recognition SAIGE Awards presentation Danny Garceau/CFR Chapter Chris Carusona, Denver, 2012 Book Signing – Larry Keown	Friction

Wednesday Morning June 15

Time	Subject	Location
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Sequoyah III & IV
7:30 - 10:00	Registration	
7:30 – 5:00	Exhibit Hall Open	Sequoyah III & IV
8:00 – 5:00	<i>Concurrent Affinity Meeting</i> – National Guard Bureau	Augusta/St. Andrews Club House
8:00 – 8:30	General Plenary Session Speaker - Gerard Baker, Assistant Park Service Director for Native American Relations, NPS, Retired	The Joint
8:30 – 9:00	National Guard Bureau Special Recognition & MOU Signing	
9:00 – 9:45	Panel – <i>Agencies' Response to the President's Directive on Tribal Consultation</i> : Don Chapman, Commerce; Janie Hipp, USDA; Luke Jones, EPA; (invited)	
9:45 -10:00	Speaker – RDML David Baucom, Navy	

10:00– 10:15	Break – 15 minutes	Sequoyah III & IV
10:15 – 10:45	Speaker- Kevin Jennings, Department of Education, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools Panel – <i>The Federal Government and Indian Sacred Sites:</i> Walter Echo-Hawk, Jr.; Jack Trope, Assn. on American Indian Affairs; Janie Hipp, USDA; (invited) Susan Johnson, Tribal Relations Program Manager, US Forest Service, moderator	The Joint
10:45 – 11:30		
11:45 – 1:00 12:00 – 12:15 12:15 – 1:00	Lunch & Networking – <i>Introduction of Jorgensen Scholarship Winner</i> Speaker - Larry Echo Hawk, Assist. Sec. Indian Affairs, DOI	Sequoyah I,II,V & VI

Wednesday afternoon – Career Fair

1:30 - 2:30	Sponsor presentations: Speakers: Dept. of the Navy, NOAA, NGB Career Fair/Exhibit Hall Open – Public welcome	Sequoyah III & IV
1:30 – 4:30		

Wednesday afternoon – June 15 Concurrent Sessions

June 15	CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
Time/Track	Subject	Location
1:30 – 2:45 Culture & Diversity	<i>Alaska Natives 101</i> – Brenda Takes Horse, BLM	Sequoyah I
Indian Country	<i>In the Courts of the Conquerors-</i> Walter Echo-Hawk, Jr., Attorney, Crowe & Dunlevy	Sequoyah II
Wellness	<i>Healing from the Boarding School Experience II</i> - Sade Ali and Patrick Dunn, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health	Sequoyah V
Professional Development	<i>Speed Mentoring</i> – Nancy Berryhill, Chicago Regional Commissioner, Social Security Administration	Sequoyah VI
Natural Resources	<i>Getting Conservation on the Ground for Indian Country in Oklahoma</i> - Carol Crouch, NRCS; Butch Garner and Trent Holland, Cherokee Nation	Deer Room
Indian Country	<i>Working In Indian Country: Building Successful Business Relationships with Tribal Governments (2 back-to-back sessions) Part I</i> -Larry Keown, LDK Associates	Sky Room
Break	30 minutes	Sequoyah III & IV
3:15 – 4:30 Indian Country	<i>Shadow Wolves: Drug Trafficking on the Border</i> – Kevin Carlos, Carol Yazzie; Department of Homeland Security, Border Patrol	Sequoyah I
EEO & HR	<i>Veterans Preference</i> – OR – <i>Making your Resume Stand Out</i> – Doris Brown, AVUE Technologies	Sequoyah II
Indian Country	<i>Indian Trust Fundamentals</i> – Thomas Bird Bear, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians	Sequoyah V
Culture & Diversity	<i>How to make your agency a model of Diversity</i> – John Burden, Chief Diversity Officer, Department of the Interior	Sequoyah VI
Natural Resources	<i>Effective Conservation Partnerships in Indian Country-</i> Carol Crouch, NRCS; Jack Hicks and Doyle Bacon, Choctaw Nation	Deer Room
Indian Country	<i>Working In Indian Country: Building Successful Business Relationships with Tribal Governments (2 back-to-back sessions) Part II-</i> Larry Keown, LDK Associates	Sky Room

Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30	Evening Run	Meet Up location TBD
5:30 – 7:00	<i>Department of Defense Military Awards Reception</i>	Sequoyah II
6:00 – 7:30	<i>Boarding School Class Gathering, Talking Circle – (for those attending the Healing from Boarding School class)</i>	Wolf Room
7:30 – 9:30	<i>Native Socializing and Music</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Dance Songs, Beading, Handgames <i>Youth Track Presentation</i> Book signing – Walter Echo Hawk Announcement of Silent Auction Winners	The Joint

Thursday Morning – June 16

Time	Subject	Location
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Sequoyah III & IV
8:00 - 10:00	Registration	
7:30 – 5:00	Exhibit Hall Open	Sequoyah III & IV
9:00 – 11:30	Concurrent Youth Track Session	Wolf Room
8:00 – 4:00	Concurrent Veterans' Track – See separate Agenda below	Sky Room
June 16	MORNING CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
Time/Track	Subject	Location
8:15 – 9:30 Wellness	<i>The De-Colonization Diet</i> – Martin Reinhart, University of Northern Michigan	Sequoyah I
Culture & Diversity	<i>Cherokee Cultural Presentation</i> – Joseph Erb – Cherokee Nation Language Preservation Program, Cherokee language app on the I-phone	Sequoyah II
Natural Resources	<i>Energy Development in Indian Country</i> – David Lester, Executive Director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes (invited)	Sequoyah V
EEO & HR	<i>Leadership in MD-715</i> – JoLinda Johnson, EEOC (or Veronica Vasquez, DoN)	Sequoyah VI
Professional Development	<i>Senior Executive Service Panel</i> – Hankie Ortiz, Indian Health Service; Noller Herbert, USDA; Nancy Berryhill, SSA	Deer Room
9:30 - 9:45	Break – 15 Minutes	Sequoyah III & IV
Time/Track	Subject	Location
9:45 -11:00 Culture & Diversity	<i>Muscogee Creek Cultural Presentation</i> – Edwin Marshall	Sequoyah I
Indian Country	<i>Working government to government: Going beyond Consultation</i> - Hankie Ortiz, IHS; Deb Gee, Chickasaw Deputy General Counsel; Todd Endow, Cherokee Nation Enterprises (invited) - Shana Barehand, Moderator, Senior Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue	Sequoyah II
Professional Development	<i>Wisdom Keepers Mentoring Roundtable: Senior & New Native Managers</i> – Cheryle Zwang, BLM, Deputy State Director,	Sequoyah V

	Communications, Idaho State Office; Fredericka Joseph, BIA, Youth Program Coordinator; Noller Herbert, Director, Conservation Engineering, USDA NRCS	
Indian Country	<i>Let's Move! In Indian Country</i> – Brandi Sweet, DOI,(invited) and Janie Hipp, USDA (invited)	Sequoyah VI
EEO & HR	<i>Qualifying for the Senior Executive Service</i> – Laura De Simone, Dept. of the Navy (invited)	Deer Room
11:00 – 1:00	Lunch and Networking – On your own	
	SAIGE Planning Committee Luncheon	Starlight Private Dining Room
June 16	AFTERNOON CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
Time/Track	Subject	Location
1:30 – 2:45 Culture & Diversity	<i>USACE Cultural Immersion Programs</i> - Eugene Goff, USACE, Osage Immersion	Sequoyah I
Indian Country	<i>State and Tribal Relations</i> –Shana Barehand, Senior Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue; Karen Wilde, Cultural Liaison, Sand Creek Massacre Site, NPS, former Exec. Sec. CO Commission of Indian Affairs	Sequoyah II
EEO & HR	<i>Building Relationships with Native Communities to Increase STEM Exposure</i> - Steve Grey, LLL, DOE; Suzann Van Cooten, Meteorologist, NOAA; Maria Montour, USGS; Georgia Madrid, NOAA, OAR, Moderator	Sequoyah V
Professional Development	<i>Federal Contracting with Native Businesses</i> – Dee St. Cyr, Director of Business Development, CADD0 Solutions	Sequoyah VI
Natural Resources	<i>Working with Tribes in Land Management</i> - Cheryle Zwang, BLM, Deputy State Director, Communications, Idaho State Office	Deer Room
Break	30 minutes	Sequoyah III & IV
3:15 – 4:30 EEO & HR	<i>Disability Etiquette</i> – Becky Lewis, EEO, IRS	Sequoyah I
Culture & Diversity	<i>Starting a SAIGE Chapter</i> , Veronica Vasquez, DON	Sequoyah II
Professional Development	<i>Grant Writing</i> – Administration on Native Americans (invited)	Sequoyah V
Professional Development	<i>Developing Leadership Skills</i> – The Graduate School (proposed)	Sequoyah VI
Thursday June 16 Concurrent Veterans' Track Sky Room		
8:00- 8:30	Welcome by SAIGE Board Chairman Danny Garceau Posting of colors, tribal flags Opening Prayer-Welcome Song	
8:30-9:00	Keynote Address Stephanie Birdwell/VA (facilitator Chuck Dassance)	
9:00-9:15	SAIGE VA/MOU SAIGE Board Chair D. Garceau/Veterans Track Co-Chair Chuck Dassance	
9:15-10:15	Wounded Warriors Panel -SSA Nancy Berryhill -VA Buck Richardson -AVUE Doris Brown	
10:15-10:30	Break	
10:30-11:00	VA Best Practice in VISN 20 Update-Cedric De Cory	
11:00-11:30	US Census Bureau Veterans Data Curtis Zunigha	
11:30-12:00	National Guard	
12:00-1:15pm	Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Heidi Kraft	

1:15-1:30	Break
1:30- 2:15	VA Agency Panel (Facilitator Chuck Dassance) Juanita Mullens, Buck Richardson
2:15-2:45	VA Minority Affairs Advisory Council Appointee Pedro Molina/CA DVS
2:45-3:15	VISN James Floyd
3:15-4:15	National American Indian Veterans Inc. National Commander Don Loudner, Colonel Joey Strickland
4:15-4:45	AI Citizenship Act/American Indian Veterans—Wesley Westphal, REM, DAF
4:45	adjourn/Danny /Chuck

Thursday Evening Activities

5:30	Evening Run	Meet Up location TBD
4:30 5:00 – 7:00	Community Feed Hiring Heroes Expo	Sequoyah III & IV
5:00 7:00 10:00	“Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow” Gourd Dance Grand Entry End	Sequoyah I,IIV & VI

Friday June 17

Time	Subject	Location
7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast	Sequoyah III & IV
9:00 – 12:00	Exhibit Hall breakdown (Native Vendors may stay until 2:00 pm)	Sequoyah III & IV
8:30 – 11:00	Closeout General Session Speaker - Cara Cowan Watts – Deputy Speaker, Cherokee Nation Tribal Council, Elected Representative, District 7 Will Rogers Speaker - TBD Wrap-up - Danny Garceau Closing Prayer	Sequoyah I,II,V & VI
Noon	Lunch on your own	
12:00 – 1:30 2:00 - 4:30	<i>SAIGE Board Luncheon</i> <i>SAIGE Board Meeting</i>	Amber Private Dining Room 7 th Floor Boardroom
All Day	Local Tours (self service)	