

National Intertribal Tax Alliance 20th Annual Tax Conference Agenda

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Pre-Conference Activities - Monday, August 27th

- 1:00pm Golf (Optional)
- 5:30-6:30pm Conference Pre-Registration
- 6:00-7:30pm Welcome Reception

Day 1 – Tuesday, August 28th

7:30-8:00am REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00-8:30am WELCOME AND OPENING ACTIVITIES

Honor Song and Opening Prayer –JR Bluff, Cultural Assistant Director, Kalispel Tribe of Indians

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Mary Mashunkashey, NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission

Welcome Video Greeting, U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)

8:30-9:00am KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Speaker: **Dr. Miriam Jorgensen**, Research Director for the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona and for its sister program, the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development

9:00-10:30am **General Session 1 – TAXATION AS AN EXPRESSION OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY: WASHINGTON TRIBAL LEADERS PANEL**

Moderator: **Kelly Croman**, General Counsel, Marine View Ventures, Inc. (Puyallup Tribe)

Panelists: **Chairman W. Ron Allen**, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; **Chairman Brian Cladoosby**, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; **Chairman Bill Iyall**, Cowlitz Indian Tribe; **President Fawn Sharp**, Quinault Indian Nation

10:30-10:45am BREAK

10:45-11:45am *General Session 2 – LITIGATION UPDATE*

Moderator: **Bruce Zimmerman**, Tax Administrator, Umatilla Indian Reservation

Speaker: **Rachel Saimons**, Associate, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP

12:00-1:15pm **CATERED LUNCH**

Signing Ceremony: Partnership Agreements between NITA and the First Nations Tax Commission and the Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics: Mary Mashunkashey, NITA Chair; **Clarence T. (Manny) Jules**, Chief Commissioner First Nations Tax Commission; **Dr. Andre Le Dressay**, Director, Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics or **Chief Michael Lebourdais**, Chair, Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics.

1:15-2:30pm *General Session 3 – IRS UPDATE*

Moderator: **Wendy Pearson**, Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

Panelists: **Christie Jacobs**, Director, IRS Indian Tribal Governments/Tax Exempt Bonds Division; **Dave Horton**, Acting Division Commissioner, IRS Tax Exempt & Government Entities Division

2:30-3:15pm *General Session 4 – TRIBAL TREASURY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TTAC) UPDATE*

Moderator: **Wendy Pearson**, Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

Panelists: **W. Ron Allen**, Chairman, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; **Lynn Malerba**, Chief, Mohegan Tribe; **Patricia King**, Treasurer, Oneida Nation (invited)

3:15-3:30pm **BREAK**

3:30-5:00pm *Breakout Sessions Day 1 – A, B or C*

Breakout Session A – TERO FOR TAX COMMISSIONERS

Moderator: **Mary Mashunkashey**, NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission

Panelists: **Charles Foote**, TERO Director, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; **Kelcey Packineau**, TERO Special Projects & Commission Liaison, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation

Breakout Session B – TAX & TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRIBES

Moderator: **Bruce Zimmerman**, Tax Administrator, Umatilla Indian Reservation

Panelists: **Brandon Haugen**, General Manager, Kalispel Development Company; **Robert Odawi Porter**, Principal, Capitol Hill Policy Group LLC; **Russ Brien**, Brien Law, LLC

Breakout Session C – GENERAL WELFARE AFTER THE MICCOSUKEE DECISION

Moderator: **Ken Parsons**, Senior Counsel, Holland & Knight

Panelists: **Christie Jacobs**, Director, IRS Indian Tribal Governments/Tax Exempt Bonds Division; **Dave Horton**, Acting Division Commissioner, IRS Tax Exempt & Government Entities Division; **Wendy Pearson**, Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

Day 2 – Wednesday, August 29th

7:30-8:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00-8:30am OPENING REMARKS

Speaker: **Mary Mashunkashey**, NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission

8:30-9:30am **General Session 5 – QUIL CEDA VILLAGE (TULALIP TRIBES) LITIGATION UPDATE**

Moderator: **Kelly Croman**, General Counsel, Marine View Ventures, Inc. (Puyallup Tribe)

Panelists: **Cory Albright**, Member, Kanji & Katzen PLLC; **Lisa Koop Gunn**, Attorney, Tulalip Tribes

9:30-10:30am **General Session 6 – FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE, TAX REFORM & NCAI UPDATE**

Moderator: **Nicole Elliott**, Partner, Holland & Knight

Panelists: **John Dossett**, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians; **Ken Parsons**, Senior Counsel, Holland & Knight

10:30-10:45am BREAK

10:45am-Noon **General Session 7 – WAYFAIR LITIGATION AND STRATEGIES FOR TRIBAL SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS AND REVENUES**

Moderator: **Kelly Croman**, General Counsel, Marine View Ventures, Inc. (Puyallup Tribe)

Panelists: **Chairman Arlan Melendez**, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony; **John Dossett**, General Counsel, National Congress of American Indians; **Sam Hirsch**, Partner, Jenner & Block; **Kelly Croman**, General Counsel, Marine View Ventures, Inc. (Puyallup Tribe)

12:15-1:30pm CATERED LUNCH

Special Guest Speaker:

Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission

1:45-2:45pm **General Session 8 – TRIBAL TAX COMMISSIONER PERSPECTIVES ON STATE-TRIBAL TAX ISSUES**

Moderator: **Brenda Bellonger**, Tax Director, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe

Panelists: **Shana Barehand**, Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue; **Greg Carpenter**, Tax Commission Director, Osage Nation; **Tim Brown**, Legal Counsel, Seminole Nation Business & Corporate Regulatory Commission

2:45-3:00pm BREAK

3:00-4:30pm

Breakout Sessions Day 2 – D, E or F

Breakout Session D – COUGAR DEN CASE & FUEL TAX ISSUES

Moderator: Dale White, General Counsel, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

Panelists: Gabe Galanda, Partner, Galanda Broadman, PLLC; Scott Wheat, Attorney, Wheat Law Offices

Breakout Session E – TRIBAL ENTITY STRUCTURING TO MAXIMIZE TAX EXEMPTIONS

Moderator: F. Michael Willis, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

Panelists: [TBD]

Breakout Session F – FIRST NATION CANNABIS TAX JURISDICTION & RELATED ISSUES FOR TOBACCO TAXES

Moderator: Kelly Croman, General Counsel, Marine View Ventures, Inc. (Puyallup Tribe)

Panelists: Clarence T. (Manny) Jules, Chief Commissioner, First Nations Tax Commission; Dr. Andre Le Dressay, Director, Tulo Centre of Indigenous Economics; Marie Potvin, Marie Potvin Law Corporation & Senior Counsel, First Nations Tax Commission

4:30-6:00pm
BREAK

6:00-8:00pm
NITA 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BANQUET, BOARD RECOGNITION & CULTURAL PERFORMANCE

Day 3 – Thursday, August 30th

7:30-8:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00-8:30am OPENING REMARKS

Speaker: **Mary Mashunkashey**, NITA Chair, Executive Director, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Business Corporate & Regulatory Commission

8:30-9:45am **General Session 9 – NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS & OPPORTUNITY ZONES**

Moderator: **Kathleen Nilles**, NITA Board Member Emeritus

Panelists: **Craig Jacobson**, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP; **Wendy Pearson**, Of Counsel, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker, LLP

9:45-10:45am **General Session 10 – ALCOHOL TAX LITIGATION AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

Moderator: **Aubrey Seffernick**, Partner, Miller Nash Graham & Dunn

Panelists: **Seth Pearman**, Tribal Attorney, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe; **David Burnett**, CEO, Chehalis Tribal Enterprises (invited)

10:45-11:15am CLOSING PRAYER AND WRAP UP

Closing Remarks – NITA Board of Directors

Open Discussion on 21st Annual NITA Tax Conference Venue

Adjournment

Board of Directors Meeting



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