

National Intertribal Tax Alliance 20th Annual Tax Conference Agenda

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; **Chairman JoDe L. Goudy**, Yakama 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 LeDressay**, 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; **Rebecca M. Benally**, County Commissioner, San Juan County, Utah; **Patricia King**, Treasurer, Oneida Nation; **Lacey Horn**, Treasurer, Cherokee Nation

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

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

Breakout Session A – TRIBAL ENTITY STRUCTURING TO MAXIMIZE TAX EXEMPTIONS

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

Panelists: **Wade Pahmahmie**, Treasurer, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation; **Jacob Wamego**, President and CEO, Prairie Band, LLC; **William Norman**, Partner, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker LLP

Breakout Session B – TAX & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRIBES

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

Panelists: **Alvin Not Afraid, Jr.**, Chairman, Crow Tribe; **Brandon Haugen**, General Manager, Kalispel Development Company; **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 – TAX ADMINISTRATION FUNDAMENTALS AND LESSONS LEARNED**

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

Panelists: **Leslie Cushman**, Senior Tax Counsel, Marine View Ventures, Inc. (Puyallup Tribe); **Alicia Neely**, Tax Administrator, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; **Weston LeMay**, Staff Attorney, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; **Jennifer Wilbur**, Tax Committee, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community

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

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

Panelists: **Randy Phelan**, Vice Chairman, Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; **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 Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation

Panelists: **Shana Barehand**, Tax Commissioner, Navajo Nation and Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue; **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 – FUEL TAX & CARBON FEE AND TAX ISSUES

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

Panelists: **Scott Wheat**, Attorney, Wheat Law Offices; **Claire Ross Newman**, Associate, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton, LLP; **Ryan Miller**, Environmental Liaison-Program Manager, Tulalip Tribes Treaty Rights Office (invited)

Breakout Session E – 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; **Lee Adolph**, President, Council for Tribal Employment Rights

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 LeDressay**, 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 – TAX CREDITS AND INCENTIVES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN INDIAN COUNTRY**

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

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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