

SAIGE 14th Annual National Training Program
Standing Together
 We Ko Pa Resort & Conference Center,
 Scottsdale, AZ
 June 5 – 8, 2017

PRE-TRAINING ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 4

Time	Remaining Board, Planning Committee, Youth Arrive	Location
8:30-9:30 pm	<i>Student Youth Program Private Reception</i> – Introduction of SAIGE Board, and Sponsors of the Youth Track	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115

Monday, June 5

Time	Topic	Location
8:30 AM- 12:00 PM	Exhibits Setup	Wassaja 109, 110
8:30 AM-5:00 PM	Youth Program Gathering and Leadership Training Sessions JoAnn Brant, Youth Program Director, & Youth Program participants	Wassaja 108
8:30– 10:00 AM	Planning Committee Meeting	101
10:00- 10:30 AM	Registration Volunteers Meeting	Office Area
10:30- 11:00 AM	Moderators’ Review Meeting	101
12:30- 5:00 PM	Pre-Registered Attendee Bag Pick-up Open	Registration Area
1:00– 5:00 PM	USDA Pre-Training Forum Frederick Cheng, USDA Diversity and Inclusion Program Manager	102
1:00– 5:00 PM	Pre-Training Agency Forums/ Affiliate Group meetings Break: 2:30 - 3:30	103
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Break - Coffee Available	Wassaja 109, 110
3:30- 4:15 PM	Introduction to SAIGE –A Short Informal Session by SAIGE Board Members	104
4:30- 6:00 PM	On-site Registration - for those who have not registered online	Registration Area
7:00– 8:30 PM	Cultural Reception - <i>Yellow Bird Dance Group</i>	TBD



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Tuesday, June 6

National Training Program – Plenary Session		
Time	Topic	Location
7:30AM	Smudging Ceremony – all are invited	TBD
7:00- 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Wassaja 109, 110
7:30AM-5:00PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Wassaja 109, 110
8:00 - 10:30 AM	Registration	Registration Area
8:00- 8:30AM	GENERAL PLENARY SESSION: Opening of the National Training Program Presentation of Colors –Color Guard Veterans Honoring Song –Drum	Wassaja Ballroom 111
8:30- 8:45 AM	Opening Remarks – Fredericka Joseph, Chair, SAIGE	
8:45- 9:00 AM	Welcome and Tribal Overview Mr. Raphael Bear, Representative of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	
9:00- 9:30 AM	Update from the Department of the Interior Honorable Ryan Zinke, Secretary of the Interior (INVITED)	
9:30– 10:15 AM	Future Leader Introductions/ Panel JoAnn Brant, SAIGE Youth Program Director, Environmental Protection Agency, & Youth Program Participants	
10:15– 10:30 AM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
10:30- 11:00 AM	White House National Ocean Council & Tribal Participation Update Don Chapman, President, Midnight Sun Technologies	Wassaja Ballroom 111
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Update on the White House Council on Native American Affairs Morgan Rodman, Executive Director	
11:30 AM-12:00 PM	Working Together to Address Healthcare Challenges Honorable William Bear Shield, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Councilman	
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Luncheon Speaker: “My Mission with Integrity and Culture” Patricia Michaels, CEO Waterlily, Fashion Designer, Project Runway	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115

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Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
Time/Track	Topic	Location
1:45 – 3:00 PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	American Indians/Alaska Natives 101: Understanding the Basics Lisa White Pipe, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council Representative; Jay Spaan, Senior Analyst, Government Accountability Office	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/ Culture	Tribal Colleges and Universities: Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Science Dr. Daniel Wildcat, Director of the Haskell Environmental Research Studies Center, Haskell Indian Nations University	103
Professional Development	Crucial Conversations Christina Navarrete-Wasson, Director, Submission Processing, Fresno Internal Revenue Service	104
EEO & HR	Moving from an Administrative Series to a Technical Series Cynthia Dunn, IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	105
3:00 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
Time/Track	Topic	Location
3:15 - 4:30		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Overview of Recent Legislative and Judicial Actions and the Effects for Indian Country Michael McBride, Chair, Indian Law & Gaming Practice Group, Crowe & Dunlevy	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/ Culture	Fort McDowell Environment Department Projects Mark Frank, Environmental Manager, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	103
Professional Development	Leadership and SES Panel Jerry Gidner, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, DOI Nancy Berryhill, Acting Commissioner for Social Security, SSA Christina Navarrete-Wasson, Fresno Area Director, IRS	104
Indian Country	Tribal Emergency Management Milo Booth, National Tribal Affairs Advisor, FEMA	105
Evening Events		
6:00- 7:30 PM	Traditional Crafts Demonstrations – Beading and Shawl Fringing; Learn how to bead and fringe, materials provided	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115
7:30- 9:00 PM	Film Showing and QA Session <i>“100 Years: One Woman’s Fight for Justice” Documentary on Eloise Cobell</i> Melinda Janko, Film Director	Wassaja Ballroom 111

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Wednesday, June 7

National Training Program – Plenary Session		
Time	Topic	Location
7:00- 8:15 AM	Breakfast	Wassaja 109, 110
9:00- 10:00AM	Registration	Registration Area
7:30 AM - 5:00PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Wassaja 109, 110
8:30 - 8:45 AM	GENERAL PLENARY SESSION Welcome- Updates & announcements - Fredericka	Wassaja Ballroom 111
8:45 – 9:15 AM	Bears Ears National Monument: An Innovative Approach to Federal-Tribal Collaborative Management Honorable Eric Descheenie, Arizona State Legislator	
9:15 – 10:00 AM	Tribes, Inter Tribal Organizations and Our Collaborative Role in Fulfilling the Federal Government’s Trust Responsibility Maria Dadgar, Executive Director, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Dr. Michael Weahkee, Director, Phoenix Indian Medical Center	
10:00– 10:15 AM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
10:15-10:45 AM	Moving Forward Together – Indian Economic Development Chris James, President and CEO, The National Center for American Indian Economic Development	Wassaja Ballroom 111
10:45 – 11:30 AM	Treaty Rights, the Trust Responsibility, and Tribal Consultation Steven Pevar, Senior Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union	
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Updates from the Office of Personnel Management Michael Murray, Deputy Director – Senior Advisor, Office of Diversity and Inclusion	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Luncheon Speaker: “Journey of an American Indian Veteran” Dan King, President, Wisconsin Indian Veterans’ Assoc., NCAI Veterans Committee Co-Chair	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115
1:30 – 4:30 PM	Career Fair and Community Outreach – Free and open to the public	Wassaja 109, 110
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Authors’ Book signing event: Stephen Pevar	

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Time/Track	Topic	Location
1:30 - 2:45 PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Opportunities for Tribal/Federal Collaboration Stephanie Carroll Rainie, DrPH, MPH Associate Director and Manager, Tribal Health Program, Native Nations Institute Andrew Martinez, Research Specialist, Native Nations Institute	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Energy Sovereignty Through Solar Initiatives Henry Red Cloud, President, Lakota Solar Enterprises	103
Professional Development	The Government as a Model Employer: Understanding Changes to Section 501 of the Rehabilitation Act Anupa Lyer, Esq. Policy Advisor, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	104
EEO & HR	Micro-behaviors: Understanding, Harnessing, and Leveraging the Power of the Unconscious Mind Michael Murray, Deputy Director, Senior Advisor, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Office of Personnel Management	105
2:45 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
Time/Track	Topic	Location
3:15 - 4:30PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Helping Tribes Develop Their Economies Stephen Manydeeds, Division Chief, Division of Energy and Mineral Development, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development Duane Matt, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Working Together on Tohono O’Odham Nation Gilbert Two-Two, USDA-NRCS District Conservationist	103
Professional Development	How to Use USA Jobs Karlos DelToro, Human Resources Manager, U.S. Office of Personnel Management	104
Professional Development	How We Improved Our Employee Engagement Kevin Bearquiver, Deputy Director for Trust Services, BIA	105
Evening Event		Location
7:30- 9:00 PM	SAIGE Achievement Awards and Partnership Recognition Reception Entertainment provided by: Keith Secola, Native American musician, singer and songwriter All attendees are welcome	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115

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7:00- 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Wassaja 109, 110
9:30- 10:30 AM	Registration	Registration Area
7:30 AM-5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Wassaja 109, 110
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Veterans' Track – Concurrent Session- See separate Agenda	Wassaja Ballroom 114, 115
Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
Time/Track	Topic	Location
8:30 – 9:45 AM		
Indian Country	Improving Tracking and Management of Tribal Data Mary Iannone-Walker and Jhon Goes-In-Center, Face To Face Integrated Technologies	102
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Wild horses, Bald Eagles and Other Resources of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Brian Gewecke , Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Range Management Program ; Regina Leverette, Senior Environmental Engineer ,Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	103
Professional Development	Mentoring and Coaching/ Speed Mentoring Sessions Cynthia Dunn, IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Christina Navarrete-Wasson, Fresno Area Director, IRS Jerry Gidner, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, DOI Nancy Berryhill, Acting Commissioner for Social Security, SSA	104
Federal Indian Law	Tribal Corporations and Federal Agencies: Opportunities to Work Together Through Indian Preference Authority for Federal Contracting & Procurement Michael Anderson, Executive Director, Native American Contractors' Association	105
9:45 - 10:15 AM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
Time/Track	Topic	Location
10:15–11:30 AM		
Indian Country	Building Effective Federal-Tribal Relationships: Critical for Success -Travis Jansen, Legislative Director, Rosebud Sioux Tribe Sarah Olson, Grants Management Specialist, Southwest Office of Native American Programs, HUD	102
Indigenous Natural Resources	Soil Health: Importance to All Life Rudy Garcia, NRCS Regional Soil Health Specialist	103
Federal Indian Law	IRS' Role and Ties with Native Americans Christie Jacobs, Director, Indian Tribal Governments Office, Internal Revenue Service	104
EEO & HR	Role of the Special Emphasis Program Manager Cynthia Dunn, IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	105

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11:30 – 12:00	BREAK	
12:00 - 1:00PM	Lunch on your Own	
Time/Track	Topic	Location
1:00- 2:15PM		
Indigenous Natural Resources	Natural Resources Coordination & Planning for Successful Conservation with the San Carlos Apache Millie Titla, District Conservationist, USDA NRCS	103
Professional Development	Creating a SAIGE Chapter at the IRS IRS SAIGE Chapter President, Ogden, UT Christina Navarrete-Wasson, Fresno Area Director, IRS	104
EEO & HR	Rebooting Harassment Prevention: Report of the Co-Chairs of the Select Task Force on the Study of Harassment in the Workplace Krista Watson, Outreach and Education Coordinator, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	105
2:15– 2:30 PM	BREAK	Wassaja 109, 110
2:30– 4:30 PM		Location
2:30– 2:45 PM	Plenary Session Closing Remarks: Fredericka Joseph, SAIGE Chair	Wassaja Ballroom 111
2:45– 4:00 PM	Youth Presentation: SAIGE Student Youth Program Participants	
4:00– 4:15 PM	SAIGE 2018 Presentation: Danny Garceau	
4:15– 4:30 PM	Closing Prayer- Retreat of Colors: SAIGE Warrior Society	
5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Breakdown	Wassaja 109, 110
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Open Mic Night	TBD

Friday, June 9

7:00 - 8:30AM	Breakfast on Your Own- Attendees
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Planning Committee Breakfast – Invitation only
10:00 AM - 4:30PM	SAIGE Annual Board Meeting & Working Lunch

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Safe Travels - We'll See you in 2018!

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FEB or Agency in the fall
when the Campaign begins.

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government workplace, educating
government employees about Native issues
and fostering a professional network.



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