



Society of American Indian
Government Employees

SAIGE Fifth Annual Training Conference

**"Blessed By Tradition: Honoring Our
Ancestors Through Government Service"**

June 2nd – 6th, 2008
Acme, MI

AGENDA

Monday, June 2

		Location
9:00 am – Noon	Exhibits Setup	Gov EF
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Planning Committee	Peninsula A
10:00 am - 11:00am	Registration Volunteers Meeting	Peninsula A
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Pre-Conference Agency Forums: DOD, DOI, EPA, USDA	Tower Rms
8:30 am – 5:00 pm	Youth Track Gathering	Council Rm
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Registration Open	Tower Desk
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Cultural Reception and Evening Networking	Pavillion

Tuesday June 3

7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast	Gov CDEF
7:30 - 10:00 am	Registration	Tower Desk
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibit Room Open	Gov EF
8:00 – 9:15 am	Opening Ceremonies Welcome and Introductions Opening Remarks and SAIGE Update	Gov AB
9:15 – 9:45 am	<i>Break</i>	Gov CDEF
9:45 - 11:00am	Plenary Session: Speaker: <i>Jerry Gidner, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Dept. of the Interior</i> MOU Signing Ceremony Youth Track Introduction	Gov AB
11:30 am – 1:00pm	Luncheon Speaker: <i>D.J. Vanas, Native Discovery: "Natural Wisdom for a Digital World"</i>	Gov CD
1:30 – 2:45 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Location
Cultural & Diversity	Indians 101 - <i>Luke Jones (Region 5 EPA)</i>	Tower B
EEO & Federal Processes	10 Deadly Sins of Managers – <i>Jomoya Mobutu (Office of Surface Mining Reclamation)</i>	Peninsula A
Environmental	Renewable Energy 101- <i>Jonny BearCub Stiffarm (NativeEnergy)</i>	Tower C
Health & Wellness	Understanding the Impact of Long Term Care – <i>Beth O'Brian (FLTCP)</i>	Mackinac A
Personal/Professional Development	Financial Literacy – <i>Clinton Waara (Wells Fargo Tribal Programs)</i>	Tower A
3:00 – 4:15 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Location
Cultural & Diversity	Great Lakes Indian Culture and History - <i>Kenn Pitawanakwat, (Northern Michigan University)</i>	Tower B
EEO & Federal Processes	Understanding Federal Sector EEO – <i>Dexter Brooks (EEOC)</i>	Peninsula A
Environmental	Conservation in the Great Lakes – <i>H.James St. Arnold (Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission)</i>	Tower C
Health & Wellness	Methamphetamine Epidemic in Indian Country – <i>Brian Gilliam (BIA)</i>	Mackinac A
Personal/Professional Development	Federal Indian Trust Responsibility – <i>Stephen Pevar (ACLU)</i>	Tower A
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Evening Run – <i>Elfrieda Barton (Native Fitness Council)</i>	Meet in Lobby
6:30 - 8:00 pm	Military Banquet – Hosted by the Department of Defense	Gov ABCD

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Wednesday June 4

7:00 - 8:00 am	Breakfast	Gov CDEF
8:00 - 10:00 am	Registration	Tower Desk
8:00 – 8:30 am	Plenary Session: <i>Kevin Skenadore , Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Education</i>	Gov AB
8:30 – 9:15 am	Executive Addresses: DOD, EPA, USDA	
9:15 – 9:45 am	<i>Break</i>	
9:45 -10:45 am	Plenary Session: <i>Dr. Daniel Wildcat, Haskell Indian Nations University, “Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Change”</i>	
10:45 - 11:30 am	Plenary Session: <i>Dr. Verna Fowler, President, College of the Menominee Nation, “Sustainable Development in Indian Country”</i>	
11:30am - Noon	SAIGE Awards; Introduction to Career Fair	
Noon - 1:15 pm	Luncheon – Entertainment	Michigan EFG
1:30 – 4:15 pm	Career Fair Exhibit Room Open	Gov EF
1:30 – 2:45 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Location
Cultural & Diversity	NCEPS Town Hall Meeting: <i>FEW, BIG, FAPAC, SAIGE, Image</i>	Peninsula B
EEO & Federal Processes	Computer Accommodation Program ((CAP)– <i>Jerome Lyons (Dept. of Defense)</i>	Peninsula A
Environmental	Listening to the Living Land – <i>Herb Webb (USDA, NRCS)</i>	Tower C
Health & Wellness	NOAA's Oceans and Human Health Initiative - <i>Dr. Tracy Collier (NOAA)</i>	Mackinac A
Personal/Professional Development	Leadership: The Tip of the Spear – <i>D.J. Vanas (Native Discovery)</i>	Tower A
3:00 – 4:15 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Location
Cultural & Diversity	Two Spirit Traditions – <i>David Young (Atekwatzin)</i>	Mackinac C
EEO & Federal Processes	Hiring the Disabled – <i>Eddie Paulsgrove (US Army Corps of Engineers)</i>	Tower C
Health & Wellness	Adult Fitness Workout – <i>Elfrieda Barton (Native Fitness Council)</i>	Mackinac B
Personal/Professional Development	Inherent Tribal Sovereignty – <i>Stephen Pevar (ACLU)</i>	Tower A
Personal/Professional Development	Interviewing Techniques: Putting Your Best Foot Forward – <i>Doris Brown (AVUE Technology)</i>	Peninsula A
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Evening Run – <i>Elfrieda Barton (Native Fitness Council)</i>	Meet in Lobby
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Entertainment – <i>Jetta Rae, Singer</i>	Pavillion

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Thursday June 5

7:30 - 8:30 am	Breakfast	Gov CDEF
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Exhibits Open	Gov EF
8:30 - 10:00 am	Plenary: Opening Song and Blessing 2009 Conference – San Diego, CA Youth Track Presentation	Gov AB
10:00 - 10:30 am	<i>Break</i>	
10:30 - 11:45 am	Morning Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Location
EEO & Federal Processes	Developing Effective Special Emphasis Programs - <i>Veronica Vasquez (Dept. of the Navy)</i>	Peninsula B
EEO & Federal Processes Environmental	MD-715 Analysis – <i>Dexter Brooks (EEOC)</i>	Mackinac B
	American Indian Renewable Energy Projects – <i>Jonny BearCub Stiffarm (Native Energy)</i>	Tower C
Health & Wellness	Diabetes Prevention and Treatment – <i>Gail Diaz, RN (Grand Traverse Band of Indians)</i>	Mackinac A
Personal/Professional Development	Strengthening Tribal Governments Through Federal Service – <i>Jamie Marie Dolan (Native Nations Institute)</i>	Peninsula A
Noon - 1:30 pm	Lunch: Box Lunch with Movie	Gov ABCD
	NCEPS Luncheon (by invitation)	Directors Rm.
1:30 – 2:45 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Location
EEO & Federal Processes	Historic Trauma and Impact on Mediation Processes Involving Native Americans, Part I – <i>Carolyna Smiley-Marquez (Smiley and Company)</i>	Tower C
Environmental	Sacred Places Issues on Federal Lands – <i>Dorothy Firecloud (National Park Service) & Manuel Pino (Pueblo of Acoma)</i>	Peninsula A
Health & Wellness	Suicide Awareness and Prevention – <i>William Moulton (Bureau of Prisons)</i>	Mackinac A
Health & Wellness	Innovative Treatments for PTSD – <i>David Gaffney Saginaw VA Medical Center</i>	Peninsula B
Personal/Professional Development	Improving Relations Between Tribes & Non-Tribal Governments - <i>Luke Jones (Region 5 EPA)</i>	Mackinac B/C
3:00 – 4:15 pm	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	Location
Cultural & Diversity	Native Language Preservation – <i>George Trudeau (Grand Traverse Bay Indians Education Office)</i>	Peninsula A
Cultural & Diversity	SAIGE Chapter Development – <i>Veronica Vasquez (Dept. of the Navy)</i>	Peninsula B
EEO & Federal Processes	Historic Trauma and Impact on Mediation Processes Involving Native Americans, Part II - <i>Carolyna Smiley-Marquez (Smiley and Company)</i>	Tower C
EEO & Federal Processes Health & Wellness	New Performance Standards Initiative - TBA	Mackinac A
	AI/AN Health Disparities – <i>Dean Seneca (Center for Disease Control)</i>	Mackinac B/C
7:00 – 9:30 pm	Sponsor's Recognition Reception (all invited) Evening Entertainment <i>Hotel Shuttles to provide transportation every 15 minutes</i>	Shoreside

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Friday June 6

		Location
8:00 - 9:00 am	Breakfast	Gov Hall CD
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Conference Closeout Session	Gov AB
9:00 am – Noon	Exhibit Room Open	Gov EF
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	SAIGE Board Training Session w/ working lunch	Directors Rm.
2:30 pm– 4:00 pm	SAIGE Annual Board Meeting	Directors Rm.
10:00am – All Day	Local Tours (on your own)	