



Tribal Leadership Conference
July 15-18, 2024
Morongo Casino, Resort & Spa

Conference Agenda

(As of July 1, 2024)

MONDAY JULY 15, 2024

All White Opening Reception

Time: 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Location: Drum Room

Sponsored by: FS Advisors

TUESDAY JULY 16, 2024

Registration

Time: 7:00 am to 8:45 am

Location: Pre-Function, Conference Center

Breakfast

Time: 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Sponsored by: REDW

Opening Ceremonies

Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Location: Ballroom. Conference Center

Opening Remarks

Andrew "Dru" Alejandre, Vice-Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Justin Barrett, Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Invocation

TBA

Tribal Welcome

James Siva, Vice Chairman – Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Cultural Presentation

TBA

General Session

Current Federal Legislation That Will Impact Indian Country and Looking Ahead to the 119th Congress

Time: 9:00 am to 9:25 am

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Larry Wright Jr., Executive Director – National Congress of American Indians

Indian Gaming Association

Time: 9:25 am to 9:45 am

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Ernie Stevens Jr., Chairman – Indian Gaming Association

Break

Time: 9:45 am to 10:00 am

Breakout Sessions

Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Branding: The Importance of a Tribal Wide Brand and Branding Yourself

Location: Eagle Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Justin Barrett, Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Shannon Holsey, President – Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians
Wendi Long, Marketing Director – Indigo Sky Casino
Michael Michaud, CEO – Leech Lake Gaming
Walter Boyd, Partnership Activation – Red Circle Agency

Indigenous and Servant Leadership

Location: Hawk Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Mauricia Chavarria-Quam, Board of Directors – Santa Clara Pueblo Utility Authority

Speakers: Jon Greendeer, President – Ho-Chunk Nation
Jeff Fife, Chief of Staff – Muscogee Nation
William Lowe, CEO – United American Indian Involvement, Inc

Turn It Up to 11: Driving Tribal Success Through Third Party Brands and Entertainment

Location: Drum Room, Hotel Tower

Moderator: Michael Kim, Managing Partner - GGHM

Speakers: Adam Goldberg, CEO – Rock & Brews
Kara Fox-LaRose, President & General Manager – ilani
Michael Guinan, Principal – 360 Marketing & Events
Robert Livingston, SVP of Development & Tribal West – Caesars Entertainment

Lunch

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Sponsored by: The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

General Session

Tribal Leadership Council: The Purpose, Mission, and Vision of the Organization

Time: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Tino Magnatta, Host – Casino Update

Speakers: Justin Barrett, Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Andrew “Dru” Alejandro, Vice Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

iGaming, Sportsbetting, and Social Casinos

Time: 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Kelli Weaver, VP Relationships – SBC

Speakers: Missy Stanisz, Sr Director of Product Management – Everi Holdings Inc.

Anika Howard, President & CEO – Wondr Nation

Fiona Power, Senior Director | Partner Relations – FanDuel

Bryan Bennett, Director of Business Development – Tangelo Games

Strategic Planning for Growth

Time: 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Michael Kim, Managing Partner – GGHM

Speakers: Miko Hernandez, Partner – Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP

Damon Safranek, CEO – Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians

Alex Wesaw, Treasurer – Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Break

Time: 1:45 pm to 2:00 pm

Breakout Sessions

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Understanding Data for Economic Development Projects Including Expansions

Location: Eagle Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Justin Barrett, Treasurer – Eastern Shawnee Tribe

Speakers: Eric Trevan, President & CEO – aLocal Solutions

Michael Kim, Managing Partner – GGHM

Alex Wesaw, Treasurer – Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

The History of Tribal Gaming

Location: Hawk Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Yonne Tiger, Attorney – Tiger Law

Speakers: Lynn “Nay” Valbuena, Chairwoman – San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Elizabeth Homer, Attorney – Homer Law
Michelle Lee, Attorney – The Circle Law Group

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)

Location: Drum Room, Hotel Tower

Moderator: Geoffrey Blackwell, General Counsel & Chief of Staff – National Congress of American Indians

Speakers: Warren Harjo, CEO Manager – Muscogee Nation
Edith Baker, Partner – Swift Creek LLC
Travis Olson, SVP of Tribal Pursuits & Engagement – Tepa Companies

Break

Time: 3:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Breakout Sessions

Time: 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Managing Your Time for Balance

Location: Eagle Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Justin Barrett, Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Liberty Reyes, Chief of Staff – San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Michele Scott, Tribal Councilor – Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
Dale Merrill, SVP of Human Resources and Administration – Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and Foxwoods Resort Casino

Gaming Associations

Location: Hawk Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: James Siva, Chairman – California Nations Indian Gaming Association

Speakers: Susan Jensen, Executive Director – California Nations Indian Gaming Association
Rebecca George, Executive Director – Washington Indian Gaming Association

Diversifying the Portfolio

Location: Drum Room, Hotel Tower

Moderator: John Hosman, Partner – FS Advisors

Speakers: Andrew “Dru” Alejandre, Chairman – Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians
Ken Perez, President – Pechanga Development Corporation
Lacey Dunne, Investment Committee Member – Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians

Break

Time: 4:15 pm to 4:30 pm

Breakout Sessions

Time: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

8(a) Federal Contracting

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Andrew “Dru” Alejandre, Chairman – Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians

Speakers: Matt Metcalf, CEO – Eastern Shawnee Companies

Tyler Levier, COO – Prairie Band, LLC

Travis Olson, SVP of Tribal Pursuits & Engagement – Tepa Companies

The Importance of Economic Impact Studies

Location: Eagle Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Justin Barrett, Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Victor Flores, Principal – REDW

James Siva, Chairman – California Nations Indian Gaming Association

Eric Trevan, President & CEO – aLocal Solutions

Collaboration with Federal, State, and Local Governments

Location: Hawk Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Larry Wright Jr., Executive Director, National Congress of American Indians

Speakers: Shannon Holsey, President – Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Jacob (Jake) Keyes, Chairman – Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Jeff Fife, Chief of Staff – Muscogee Nation

Networking Event

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Poolside Networking Event

Sponsored by: GGHM / FanDuel / Rock & Brews

WEDNESDAY JULY 17, 2024

Registration

Time: 7:00 am to 8:45 am

Location: Pre-Function, Conference Center

Breakfast

Time: 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Sponsored by: AambeRx

Opening Ceremonies

Time: 8:30 am to 9:00 am

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Opening Remarks

Andrew “Dru” Alejandre, Vice-Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Justin Barrett, Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Sponsor Recognition

General Session

Strategic Relationships in Indian Country

Time: 9:00 am to 9:45 am

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: E. Skye Byrd, Director of Strategic Partnerships – The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

Speakers: Shannon Holsey, President – Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Alex Wesaw, Treasurer – Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Mauricia Chavarria-Quam, Board of Directors – Santa Clara Pueblo Utility Authority

Break

Time: 9:45 am to 10:00 am

Breakout Sessions

Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Food Sovereignty

Location: Eagle Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Kelli Weaver, Treasurer – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Jon Greendeer, President – Ho-Chunk Nation

Richard Driskell, Director of Retail – Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Carly Griffith Hotvedt, Interim Executive Director – Indigenous Food and

Agriculture Initiative, housed at the University of Arkansas College of Law

United Women of Tribal Gaming

Location: Hawk Breakout Room

Speakers: Margo Gray, Interim Chair – United Women of Tribal Gaming
Yonne Tiger, Board Member – United Women of Tribal Gaming

MMIP – A Look at How Different Regions are Handling the Ongoing Crisis

Location: Drum Room, Hotel Tower

Moderator: Jeannie Hovland, Vice Chair – National Indian Gaming Commission
Speakers: Raquel Williams, Vice Chairwoman – Wilton Rancheria
Rachel Fernandez, Executive Director – Maeqtekuahkihkiw Metaemohsak
Karrisa Hodge, President & Founder – Missing & Murdered Indigenous People
– Chahta

Lunch

Time: 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Sponsored by: San Manuel Band of Mission Indians

General Session

Emerging Leaders

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Andrew “Dru” Alejandre, Vice Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Meryl Picard, Chairwoman – Bishop Paiute Tribe
Johnny Hernandez, Vice Chairman – San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
Jacob “Jake” Keyes, Chairman – Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Awards

Time: 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Hosted By: Tribal Leadership Council Board of Directors

Renew Your Success

Time: 1:00 pm to 1:45 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Keynote Speaker: Haydee Antezana

Break

Time: 1:45 pm to 2:00 pm

Breakout Sessions

2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Breaking Down Barriers to Utilize Funding More Efficiently

Location: Eagle Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Shannon Holsey, President – Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Speakers: Kelli Weaver, Treasurer – Tribal Leadership Council

Zechariah Harjo, Secretary of the Nation – Muscogee Nation

Mauricia Chavarria-Quam, Board of Directors – Santa Clara Pueblo Utility Authority

Tribal Development Program

Location: Hawk Breakout Room, Conference Center

Speaker: Thomas Lozano, Treasurer – Enterprise Rancheria

Tribal Banking

Location: Drum Room, Hotel Tower

Moderator: Alex Wesaw, Vice President | Commercial Relationship Manager –
Huntington National Bank

Speakers: James Boggs, President of Community & Tribal Banking, Sovereign Bank

Amber Buker, Founder & CEO – Totem Technologies

Isaiah Vivanco, Chairman – Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians

Geneva Mojado, Chairwoman – Legacy Bancorp

Break

Time: 3:00 pm to 3:15 pm

Breakout Sessions

3:15 pm to 4:15 pm

Tribal Business Structures

Location: Eagle Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Judy Reagan, Chief Operating Officer – Eastern Shawnee Companies

Speakers: Elizabeth Homer, Attorney – Homer Law

Erick Giles, Attorney – Drummond Woodsum

Jamie Fullmer, Chairman – Blue Stone Strategy Partners

Gaming Commissions

Location: Hawk Breakout Room. Conference Center

Moderator: Kelli Weaver, Treasurer – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Jamie Hummingbird, Chairman – National Tribal Gaming Commissioners &
Regulators

Richard Armstrong, General Counsel – National Tribal Gaming

Commissioners & Regulators, Chairman – Picayune Rancheria Tribal Gaming
Commission

Richard Chissoe, Commission Chairperson – Sandia Tribal Gaming
Commission

Kelly Myers, Director | Government Affairs - GLI

Health

Location: Drum Room, Hotel Tower

Moderator: Kate Grismala, Director of Tribal. Health Services – Blue Stone Strategy Partners

Speakers: Jon Reid, Partner – AambeRx
William Lowe, CEO – United American Indian Involvement, Inc
Francine White-Baker, CEO – Thunder Woman Consulting

Break

Time: 4:15 pm to 4:30 pm

AT&T Laptop Distribution

Time: 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Location: Pre-Function, Conference Center

Breakout Sessions

Time: 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

The Difference Between Oversight and Management

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Shannon Holsey, President – Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Speakers: Michele Scott, Tribal Councilor – Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
Chris Floyd, Chairman – Shawnee Development
Matt Metcalf, CEO – Eastern Shawnee Companies

Networking Event

Time: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Location: Drum Room, Hotel Tower

Sponsored by: Ho-Chunk Nation

THURSDAY JULY 18, 2024

Breakfast

Time: 7:30 am to 8:30 am

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Sponsored by: Sovereign Bank

General Session

Energy Sovereignty: A Look at Tribal Energy Projects

Time: 8:00 am to 9:00 am

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Mark Harding, Managing Partner – Sovereign Resiliency Partners

Speakers: Mauricia Chavarria-Quam, Board of Directors – Santa Clara Pueblo Utility Authority
Damon Safranek, CEO – Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians
Kenneth Ahmann, COO – Colusa Indian Energy Corp

Break

Time: 9:00 am to 9:15 am

Breakout Sessions

Time: 9:15 am to 10:15 am

Tribal Justice Systems

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Moderator: Geoffrey Blackwell, General Counsel & Chief of Staff – National Congress of American Indians

Speakers: Elizabeth Homer, Attorney – Homer Law
Geri Wisner, Attorney General – Muscogee Nation

Lessons for New Council Members

Location: Eagle Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Andrew “Dru” Alejandre, Vice Chairman – Tribal Leadership Council

Speakers: Steven Orihuela, Secretary/Treasurer – Bishop Paiute Tribe
William Lowe, CEO – United American Indian Involvement, Inc
Michele Scott, Tribal Councilor – Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation

Civic Engagement

Location: Hawk Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator:

Speakers:

Break

Time: 10:15 am to 10:30 am

Breakout Sessions

Time: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Women in Leadership

Location: Eagle Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: Shannon Holsey, President – Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Speakers: Marcy LaFerr, Board of Directors – Kiowa Casinos
Michele Scott, Tribal Councilor – Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation
Mauricia Chavarria-Quam, Board of Directors – Santa Clara Pueblo Utility Authority

Overcoming Challenges in Leaderships

Location: Hawk Breakout Room, Conference Center

Moderator: James Siva, Vice Chairman – Morongo Band of Mission Indians

Speakers: Meryl Picard, Chairwoman – Bishop Paiute Tribe
Jesus Tarango, Chairman – Wilton Rancheria
William Lowe, CEO – United American Indian Involvement, Inc

Lunch

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center

Sponsored by: Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians

Closing Ceremonies

Time: 12:00 pm to 12:30 pm

Location: Ballroom, Conference Center