

NAP CONNECTIONS

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Join us for our 25th Anniversary Celebration & Annual Conference

MAY 4-6, 2015

Mystic Lake Casino Hotel, Prior Lake, MN

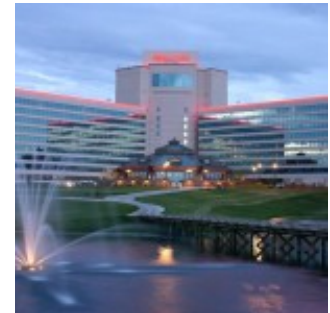
Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) is celebrating our 25th Anniversary at our 2015 Native Philanthropy Institute (NPI). This year's conference theme is The Next 25 Years of Giving with Dr. Kathleen Annette, President/CEO of [Blandin Foundation](#) and Brian Cladoosby, President of the [National Congress of American Indians](#) as our co-keynote speakers. Dr. Annette and Brian will be engaging the NAP network to talk about the past, present, and future of Native philanthropy!



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

[Register here today](#)

Book your rooms at Mystic Lake Casino Hotel in Prior Lake, Minnesota. Hotel rooms are still available for discounted price. [Click here to book today!](#)



Native Americans in Philanthropy hosts:

Funders of Minnesota's Native American Communities Strategy Dialogue

Native American in Philanthropy (NAP) invites you to join your philanthropic community members that also fund Native American communities in Minnesota. This strategy dialogue will focus on opportunities for strategic and collective action, exploring what we could do better, together. Read more about the upcoming event and register [here](#).



MEMBER NEWS

Open Call Closes Soon: 2015 NACF Artist Fellowships

The Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) seeks to recognize innovative American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian artists and culture makers across the country through the 2015 NACF Artist Fellowship.

[Apply now.](#)



Learning to Simplify: Foundant Technologies

With each new career pursued in a lifetime, there is usually a steep learning curve. Last September, I was hired as the first Foundation Manager of the Bozeman Area Community Foundation (BACF). The BACF was formed in 2003 to serve both donors and nonprofits in the Bozeman area. BACF strives to nurture a culture of philanthropy by building and stewarding permanent community assets, educating area donors about creative ways to give of themselves and their resources, and supporting the area's nonprofits through grantmaking and capacity building. We could not do our work as effectively in the Bozeman area without Foundant Technologies. Read the full blog article [here](#).



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association and National Indian Gaming Association Announce MOU for Sustainable Tribal Tourism Development

Unprecedented partnership Announced at Annual Indian Gaming 2015 Tradeshow and Convention.

The American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) announced its Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) for Sustainable Tribal Tourism Development. Learn more about the MOU [here](#).

Indiana and Anti-LGBT Discrimination

What Does it Mean for Foundations?

This past week, the eyes of the nation have turned to Indiana, where Governor Mike Pence recently signed a bill purportedly intended to protect religious freedom. In reality, **the bill was crafted and advanced by individuals who want to pull back our recent progress toward equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people.** The language of "religious freedom" is a smokescreen to allow people and businesses to discriminate against LGBT people. Read the full statement from our JAG partner [here](#).



EVENTS

APIP Celebrating 25 Years

Sat, April 25, 2015 (All day) San Francisco, CA

AAPIP is turning 25! Join us on April 25th for an action-packed schedule of events and a celebration of all we've accomplished together. Don't miss this chance to strengthen your connections with other AAPIP members, have impactful and provocative conversations with leaders, and continue building influence in your local region. Plus, help us honor Peggy Saika for her 13 years of service, and meet our incoming Executive Director. Register [here](#).

Council on Foundations 2015 Annual Meeting

The philanthropic community is coming together to address some of today's toughest challenges. The Council on Foundations' Annual Meeting brings together global leaders from across philanthropy to develop the ideas and strategies that will shape the future. Learn more [here](#).

ABFE's 2015 Annual Conference: Empower Philanthropy

Embassy Suites Napa Valley 1075 California Blvd, Napa, CA 94559

ABFE's vision for 2015 places us at the center of a movement that inspires grantmaking entities, philanthropic individuals and nonprofits in the US to work collectively towards a brighter future for Black communities and the country as a whole. Register for the conference [here](#).

[More events here!](#)



RESOURCES

An exclusive training fellowship for philanthropy's next generation

[Apply now](#) to be a 2015 Next Gen Fellow. Space is limited and interest is high!

The Next Gen Fellows Program is an exclusive 6-month training fellowship for individuals roughly 18–35 years old who are involved in all types of foundations as trustees or staff. The program is designed for deep learning and peer networking to prepare the next generation for leadership roles. Apply [here](#).

Astraea 2014 Annual Report

Astraea has been making grants for thirty-seven years. In 2014 we not only had our largest grantmaking cycle ever, but also awarded over 40% of our grants to first-time grantees! This year we supported 81 grantee

partners, in 35 countries, making over \$3.1 million in grants. We're leaning into our expertise to reach more folks, support more work, and remain nimble and relevant. Download [here](#).

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Fail Better: Design Smart Mistakes and Succeed Sooner by Anjali Sastry and Kara Penn

- Launch every innovation project with the right groundwork so you can optimize end results.
- Build and refine ideas, products and services through iterative action.
- Support efficient, productive habits that link action and reflection.
- Identify and embed the learning so you can succeed sooner.



Build your leadership capacity with development programs and learning communities By David La Piana
In recent years, forward-thinking capacity builders have learned that they could build the leadership capacity of the nonprofit sector not just through direct individual consulting...



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