

NAP CONNECTIONS

DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



Year End Giving: Media resources for donor concerns and considerations

As we enter the holiday and year-end giving season, Native Americans in Philanthropy encourages our members, partners and allies to continue power reciprocity and make investments in to Native communities. Whether making grants from your foundation or writing personal checks, we advise you to be mindful of your gifts and in your research. To this end, Native Americans in Philanthropy is committed to setting context and building resource networked.

In November, two media stories highlighted donor concerns and considerations:

- [*Unethical Fundraising Practices: A deeper dive with Mike Roberts, President of First Nations Development Institute and NAP Member, on the CNN's 'U.S. Indian school's fundraising letters sent to millions signed by fictitious kids'.*](#)
- [*Evaluating Charities: Carly Hare, NAP Executive Director, provides context and considerations on Native American Calling show.*](#)
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Upcoming NAP Native Nonprofit Summits!

Join us for lunch, networking and conversation on leveraging resources in Native communities. ALL are welcome (tribal programs, funders, community leaders, tribal councils, nonprofits, etc.) and encouraged to invite others into this circle of conversation and sharing.

Tentative Dates:

- Minneapolis, MN – Early January 2015

- Duluth, MN – January 27, 2015
- Bemidji, MN – January 29, 2015
- Morton, MN – February 9, 2015

Chicago has always been Indian Country

This short video presents both historical and contemporary information about Chicago's Native community. For specific information about the Funders Briefing go to the November issue of NAP Connections and read the following article: [Funders Briefing: The Current State of the Native American Community in Chicagoland](#). [Watch the video here](#).

SAVE THE DATE! Early Bird Registration open soon for 2015 Native Philanthropy Institute (NPI)

The planning committee is currently in the early stages of their work for our 25th Anniversary and 2015 NPI. Look for plenty of updates to come as we continue to plan for an exciting mix of pre-conference sessions, site tours, annual awards dinner, and much more! The conference will be **May 4-6**, 2015 at [Mystic Lake Casino Hotel](#) in Shakopee, Minnesota. We look forward to engaging you as we talk about the past, present, and future of Native philanthropy!



MEMBER NEWS

Native Hawaiian Artist Fellowships

Native Hawaiian artists active in the fields of dance, music, traditional and visual arts are invited to apply for a new fellowship from the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) by Jan. 15. "This opportunity will support the creation of new works by Native Hawaiian artists nationwide," said NACF Program Officer Andre Bouchard.



"Panels will review online submissions this winter and in Spring 2015, we'll announce the awardees." Apply here: <http://your.culturegrants.org/>



Celebrating 10 Years! The Hopi Foundation's Natwani Coalition

For the past 10 years, the Natwani Coalition has been making strides in strengthening our Hopi farming and food traditions through community outreach, hands-on learning, through the radio waves, hosting symposiums, grant making, and the farming youth curriculum. We would like to thank all of our partners and the community, as we reflect and celebrate entering into the next year of the Natwani Coalition. Learn more here:

natwanicoalition.org.



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

Taking the Time to Learn in Transition: How the Ford Foundation Board Revamped the Traditional CEO Search

GEO recently convened a diverse group of foundation trustees and CEOs at the Ford Foundation in New York. This meeting was constructed as an opportunity for peers to share what matters and what is hard when it comes to leading productive change in philanthropy. Read the full article [here](#).

The state of American Indian Employment in Minnesota

by Mitzi Hobot for American Indian OIC

Over the last six months, the American Indian OIC has been working to better understand the prevalence of unemployment among Minnesota's Native people. As a community-based nonprofit focused on workforce development, we frequently hear of economic disparities

between American Indians and other populations. However, only recently were we able to gain firm data from the State's Department of Employment and Economic Development (MN DEED) validating the seriousness of the issue. Read more [here](#).

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians

The following video identifies examples of Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) member Tribes' environmental and natural resource issues and to share and promote examples of best management practices of ATNI member Tribes. The video also promotes the ATNI Natural Resource & Land Committee as a forum to coordinate policy-level attention and regional support for member Tribes' environmental and natural resource issues. Watch the full video [here](#).

Mott Foundation launches microsite to share key lessons and insights

As we continue to celebrate 100 years of community foundations in 2014, I encourage you to visit the recently launched Charles Stewart Mott Foundation micro website at <http://cf100.mott.org/>. The goal of this microsite is to share what the Mott Foundation has learned in more than 35 years of supporting the community foundation field.



EVENTS

Webinar: Embracing Leadership: Cultivating Relationships for Social Change

Date and time: Tuesday, December 9, 2014 2:30 pm EST

Duration: 1 hour

A discussion of how relationship cultivation is necessary from the perspective of the grantmaker and the grantee alike. [Register here](#).

Save the Date! Philanthropy Week in Washington

Philanthropy Week in Washington informs our policymakers of the vital importance of the work philanthropy does for communities across the country.

Join us March 16 through 20 in our nation's capital for a variety of programs that highlight both philanthropy's role and some of the challenges and opportunities in the 114th Congress, in our federal agencies, and with the Administration. Learn more [here](#).

Find more events on our website [here!](#)



RESOURCES

The National Equity Atlas

The National Equity Atlas is a first-of-its-kind data and policy tool for organizers, advocates, and policymakers who are working to build an economy that is equitable, sustainable, and prosperous. It provides indicators of demographic change and equity (wage inequality, workforce readiness, car access, and much more) for all 50 states, the 150 largest regions in the country, and nationwide. Beyond data, charts, and maps, the Atlas also shares policy ideas, examples of how communities are using equity data to drive policy change, and much more. You can access it at www.nationalequityatlas.org.

Honoring Nations 2015

Honoring Nations is a national awards program that shines a light on success in tribal governance. We are looking for efforts across a broad range of subject areas, including:

- Cultural Affairs
- Education
- Government Performance
- Intergovernmental Relations
- Economic and Community Development
- Environment and Natural Resources
- Health and Social Services
- Justice

The 2015 Honoring Nations awardees will receive a monetary grant to share their stories of success: \$2,000 for honors and \$5,000 for high honors. Awardees will also be featured in case profiles and nation-building curriculum, on the Google Cultural Institute platform, and through world-class exhibits that will be showcased at the Smithsonian Institution. Apply [here](#). Due January 28, 2015.

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Current Page to Practice™ book summary feature: NAP members, staff and board can download this for free! Simply visit www.CausePlanet.org and sign in with your email address and "NAP" for the password. Questions? Email us at mail@CausePlanet.org.

[Let's Stop Meeting Like This: Tools to Save Time and Get More Done](#) by **Dick and Emily**

Axelrod

- Transform meetings into productive work experiences.
- Identify the habits that work for and against energy-producing, time-valued meetings.
- Learn how to make critical choices that meeting designers, leaders and contributors need to transform meetings into productive gatherings.
- Create meetings where everyone engages in the collaborative process.



[Get back to basics with the first principle of strategy development](#)

By Lester Olmstead-Rose

This article is Part 1 of 2. The second article continues with the next two principles after Know Thyself: building on your strengths and making decision-making criteria...

[Using Real-Time Strategic Planning to evaluate nonprofit partnerships](#)

By Robert Harrington

Many nonprofits are considering the spectrum of strategic restructuring options, such as partnerships and mergers, as potential strategies to enhance financial...



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