

NAP CONNECTIONS

JULY 2014 NEWSLETTER



Joint Affinity Groups Unity Summit

Thank you to those who joined us at the [Joint Affinity Groups](#) (JAG) Unity Summit June 6-8 in Washington, DC! [Native Americans in Philanthropy](#)

(NAP) as fiscal sponsor of the event was proud connect our community to the larger JAG network and share in this game-changing conference in the year of Unity. In total, 431 registrants from across the country and across the field – 25 identifying themselves as part of the NAP network – the Summit created a space for shared strategies to advance equity, assess current equity work and focus on developing a new vision and plan for collaboration for building healthy and sustainable communities for all. The group was treated to several special performances, including the [Bele Bele Rhythm Collective](#). Thank you to our JAG partners for a successful event!

Unity.

JAG 20 years Advancing Equity.

The Joint Affinity Groups Unity Summit. Washington, DC, June 6-8, 2014.



NAP Award Videos

NAP announced our award winners prior to the summit during the Annual Member Meeting held via webinar this year. Two of those awards were presented during the ABFE James A. Joseph Lecture on Philanthropy awards. You can watch the presentations of the 2014 Flying Eagle Woman Award and the 2014 Louis T. Delgado Distinguished Grantmaker Award from the JAG Unity Summit below:

- [Native Americans in Philanthropy 2014 Flying Eagle Woman Award – Edgar Villanueva](#)
- [Louis T Delgado Distinguished Grantmaker Award – Richard Williams of American Indian College Fund](#)



Carly Hare presenting Common Counsel Foundation with their 2014 Partner/Ally of the year award

JAG Highlights

[Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy](#) (EPIP) created a beautiful storify of the summit [here](#) and [Women's Funding Network](#) shared their moments [here](#). [ABFE](#) shares more pictures of the summit on their website [here](#).

Annual Membership Survey

This year NAP held its [annual membership meeting](#) online as well as our annual membership survey and here are some of the results.

In the survey, members noted their top three benefits: 1) Our [CausePlanet](#) subscription providing sector tools, tips and better practices, 2) NAP webinars the feature interviews, trainings and more, and 3) the NAP newsletter gives news and information on what's happening at a regional and national level in the field. NAP will bring you more innovative benefits throughout the next nine months.

We were happy to see that most of the participants have found our new website layout easy to navigate and while only a small portion have already included their organization onto our

[Engagement Map](#), 35% have asked to receive more information regarding the map and how it can connect them into our network. We'd like to encourage more of our membership to utilize the map as a benefit to their organization by sharing with our network about your work.

The survey also gave us feedback on our membership [webinars](#), identifying that our previous topics have been useful and we received a lot of great suggestions for future topics including funder collaborations, networking, and corporate philanthropy. We appreciate all the comments and responses we have received from our membership and will look for ways to implement your suggestions and continue to provide you with resources and tools for your work in Indian Country.

NAP Elects Shirley Sneve and Patricia St Onge onto Board of Directors

NAP welcomes Shirley Sneve (Sicangu Lakota) from [Vision Maker Media](#) and Patricia St Onge (Haudenosaune), a [Common Counsel Foundation](#) Trustee as our newest board members! Both Shirley and Patricia have been involved with NAP and the organization's work for several years and we look forward to their leadership and insight. Our officers for 2015 will be:

- Chair-Johnna Walker, Chickasaw Foundation
- Vice-Chair-LaVon Lee, Grotto Foundation
- Treasurer-Daniel Martin, The Cherokee Preservation Foundation
- Secretary-Dana Arviso, Potlatch Fund

We'd also like to recognize Ron Rowell (Common Counsel Foundation) and Philip Sanchez (Time Warner, Inc.) for their past service on our board and on our executive committee.

SAVE THE DATE! 2015 Native Philanthropy Institute

Mark your calendars to join us as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary during the 2015 Native Philanthropy Institute. The conference will be **May 4-6**, 2015 at [Mystic Lake Casino Hotel](#) in Shakopee, Minnesota. An exciting mix of pre-conference sessions, site tours, annual awards dinner, and much more are in the planning stages. We look forward to engaging you as we talk about the past, present, and future of Native philanthropy!

Summit for Native Nonprofits & Tribal Programs

NAP and its partners are honored to host the second in a series of gatherings designed to help leverage resources and collaboration to better serve Native communities. The next convening will be held Tuesday, **July 22**, 2014 (9:30am – 4:00pm), at the [Center for Lifelong Education](#), Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. This meeting will focus on nonprofit fundraising and program evaluation training as well as structured networking opportunities. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

All are welcome! Nonprofits, foundations, tribal giving programs, and community leaders. Bring a friend! Limited travel assistance may be available for those who need it. Contact Robert Sturm at Robert@teoxihuitl.com to register or for more information.

The first event was April 22 in Albuquerque, NM. The room was packed with over 60 attendees and was held at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. NAP and its partners will continue to host similar gatherings in other communities as part of our work to build regional outreach and support. The next event is scheduled for **September 22** in Arizona. We will soon announce events in California.

This event is supported by Native Americans in Philanthropy, the Native American Advised Endowment Fund of the Santa Fe Community Foundation, The WK Kellogg Foundation, the Institute of American Indian Arts and the New Mexico Community AIDS Partnership.



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