

NAP CONNECTIONS

JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER



Unity Summit Recap to come!

Thank you to those who joined us at the Join Affinity Groups (JAG) Unity Summit this year! Watch for the recap of our time at the Unity Summit in our next newsletter. We'll be sharing highlights, reflections and pictures from the event.

Congratulations to our 2014 Native Americans in Philanthropy Award Winners

2014 Louis T. Delgado Distinguished Grantmakers Award for recipient was Richard "Rick" Williams. Nominator Michael E. Roberts from [First Nations](#) stated, "Through his engagement with mainstream philanthropy, Rick has educated the broader philanthropic community (some say preached from the top of, and moved mountains) about the reward and payoff for investing in Indian Country, all while demonstrating that cultural determination fuels tribal community success." In 2007, Rick received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from Roger Williams University in Rhode Island for his work in Native education. The award was presented at the Joint Affinity Groups (JAG) Unity Summit in earlier this month. His niece Jodi Gillette, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs in the White House, was there to accept the award on his behalf.

The 2014 Flying Eagle Woman Award for Community-Based Philanthropy recipient is Edgar Villanueva. Nominator William B. Cordery of the [Marguerite Casey Foundation](#) shared Edgar completed philanthropic fellowships and leadership training programs with Native Americans in Philanthropy, Grantmakers in Health, and Southeastern Council on Foundations. Edgar is a thought leader in philanthropy. National Urban Indian Family Coalition's Janeen Comenote highlighted, "He is a tireless champion of Native people and ensuring that Native people have a presence in philanthropy. He fearlessly advocates for our interests in an arena where we are often relegated to the category of 'other'." Dana Arviso from Potlatch Fund shared, "He is always willing to take time out of his busy schedule to provide a keen perspective of the field, provide sound advice on how to navigate philanthropic institutions, and how to build authentic relationships." Edgar was presented with the award at the JAG Unity Summit.

The NAP Member of the Year Award was established to honor an individual or organizational member of Native Americans in Philanthropy who models a commitment to the vision of healthy sustainable communities. [Blandin Foundation](#) is our NAP Member of the Year. Blandin Foundation's mission is to strengthen rural Minnesota communities, especially the Grand Rapids area. Their vision is to be the premier partner for building healthy rural Minnesota communities, grounded in strong economies, where burdens and benefits are widely shared.



The Partner & Ally Award honors an organization actively partners or collaborates towards advancing the vision of healthy sustainable communities. The NAP Partner Award was established to recognize partners & allies that actively respect and exhibit NAP's organizational values: Learning, Partnerships, Respect, Responsibility, Reciprocity, Relationships and Quality & Effectiveness. 2014's Partner/Ally is [Common Counsel Foundation](#). Founded in 1988, Common Counsel Foundation partners with families and individual donors to expand philanthropic resources for progressive social movements. Common Counsel Foundation partnered with NAP in 2013 to launch the [Native Voices Rising](#) project.



The Tribal Philanthropy Award was established to honor the exceptional work of Native communities through acts of philanthropy. The award recognizes Tribal giving programs that practice philanthropic giving grounded in traditional values and traditions. The essence of Native cultures is manifested through acts of giving. As an expression of their cultures and in honoring the principle of generosity, Native peoples give to honor, celebrate, and show their responsibility towards family members, friends and community. The recipients for the Tribal Philanthropy Award fulfill the criteria of understanding and advancing the role of philanthropy between Native communities and mainstream philanthropy. 2014's Tribal Philanthropy recipient is [The Ciri Foundation](#). The mission is to promote individual self-development and economic self-sufficiency through education and to maintain pride in culture and heritage among Alaska Natives who are original enrollees of Cook Inlet Region and their descendants.



Congratulations to all our award recipients!

Give us your feedback!

NAP would love to hear from our membership in our Annual Membership Survey.

Please take the time to complete our [membership survey here!](#)

Call for 2015 NPI Planning Committee Members: Deadline June 25th!

We are accepting nominations to support the planning of our 2015 Native Philanthropy Institute! It will be held May 4-6, 2015 in the Minneapolis/Saint Paul, MN area. The 2015 Native Philanthropy Institute (NPI) is in part a celebration of our 25th anniversary as an organization. Pre and post conference sessions, site/learning tours, annual awards dinner, silent auction, and several other activities are envisioned to provide for valuable informational and networking opportunities – join us to help make them a reality! Planning committee members are expected to participate in four committee conference calls and one in-person meeting at the conference venue. Dates and times of meetings will be determined once the planning committee is formed. Most of the planning committee work will be done at the subcommittee level. For participation on the committee, one full conference registration fee will be waived. Self-nominations are welcomed. Please send a brief letter of interest to NAP Director of Programs and Finance, Daniel Lemm, via e-mail at dlemm@nativephilanthropy.org and include a response to the following:

- *What is one key takeaway for conference attendees of the 2015 NPI? Please be specific.*

If you have any questions please contact Daniel. We look forward to engaging you at a deeper level in what promises to be an eventful 2015 Native Philanthropy Institute!

CausePlanet webinar Content Marketing download for members!

CausePlanet presented NAP members with a lively discussion about practical and successful content marketing strategies with author Kivi Leroux Miller. If you missed the live webinar and would like the link to download the recording, please contact the Membership Associate Jennifer Fairbanks at jfairbanks@nativephilanthropy.org.



MEMBER NEWS

NAP member and former board director Susan Jenkins joins First Nations board of directors

Dr. Susan Jenkins (Choctaw) has been elected to the Board of Directors of First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) for a one-year term.

Jenkins lives in rural western North Carolina, where she moved to help the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians start the Cherokee Preservation Foundation. For over 10 years, she served as executive director of the foundation. Currently, she serves on the Native Arts and Culture Foundation Board of Trustees, Community Foundation of Western North Carolina Board of Directors, Western Carolina University's Foundation Board of Directors, Lake Junaluska Assembly Board of Trustees, WCU College of Business Advisory Council and several other local nonprofit boards and committees. [Read more here.](#)

First Nations Development Institute & AARP Foundation Publish Project Report on Programs Supporting Senior Health & Wellness in Native American Communities

First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) in Longmont and AARP Foundation in Washington today jointly released a new report that details the successes of and lessons learned from a project aimed at improving the availability, security and quality of food for rural and reservation-based Native American seniors and elders. The report is the culmination of a First Nations project that was funded in 2012 by AARP Foundation and which ended during 2013. [Read more here.](#)



PHILANTHROPY NEWS

Community Foundations across New Mexico to explore new models of working together that may include merger

Five major community foundations in New Mexico announced that they are entering into discussions to explore new models of cooperation that may include a potential merger and/or a consolidation of operations at a later time, according to the leaders of all the organizations. Find out more here: <http://www.nmcf.org/news/>



EVENTS

Celebrating our Leaders – Joint Affinity Groups Happy Hour

Date: 06/16/2014

Time: 04:00 PM – 06:00 PM

Location: Northwest Area Foundation, 60 Plato Boulevard East, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN 55107

Please register for this free event through the [Joint Affinity Group webpage](#).

Kick off your summer with a celebration of philanthropic leaders working for equity in Minnesota! The Minnesota Joint Affinity Groups (JAGs) and Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy (EPIP) invite you to celebrate any and all leadership transitions happening throughout our communities. This casual happy hour will be a chance to connect and get reacquainted with philanthropic leaders who are working for equity in Minnesota. During this event we will recognize and honor leaders from all of our affinity groups that have made a transition in the field of philanthropy. When you register you'll have a chance to provide names of individuals you'd like to recognize.

Appetizers, wine and soft drinks will be provided.

This event is hosted by the Minnesota Chapters of Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP), Emerging Practitioners in Philanthropy (EPIP), Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP), Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP), Minnesota Blacks in Philanthropy (MN-BIP) and the LGBT Funders Network of MCF.

Honoring recent American Indian Family Empowerment Program Fund grantees

When: Thursday June 19, 2014 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM CDT

Where:

Division of Indian Work

1001 East Lake Street

Minneapolis, MN 55407

You're invited to join us in honoring our recent [Tiwahe Foundation](#) American Indian Family Empowerment Program Fund Grantees.

We will be honoring our 15 selected grantees, their work and partnership with the Tiwahe Foundation. We hope you will join us in meeting the grantees, hearing about their work and how they are giving back to the community. [Register here](#).

[Find more events here!](#)



RESOURCES

Grantmakers in the Arts (GIA) Deputy Director Tommer Peterson to Retire

Tommer Peterson, GIA's deputy director and director of programs has announced he will retire at the end of 2014. GIA looks forward to celebrating Tommer's contributions throughout the year and to seeking a replacement who will build on the solid foundation of service to the field that he has created at Grantmakers in the Arts.

In the hopes to have someone to fill this position before this fall, GIA will begin a national search immediately. Please circulate the information about the search process and job description that can be found [here](#).

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Fundraising the SMART Way™: Predictable, Consistent Income Growth for Your Charity + Website by Ellen Bristol

- Apply a revolutionary fundraising methodology that not only fixes problems but also opens up opportunities.
- Utilize your scarce fundraising time more efficiently by implementing the author's Scorecard practice.
- Upgrade your cultivation pipeline by adopting a short, predictable series of milestones that provide effective performance indicators.
- Diagnose where and how your fundraising process is breaking down.

Find out what's missing in your funder conversations By Erica McGeachy Crenshaw

Words can inform our mind, thrill our spirit or destroy our self-confidence. Some call language a "tool of transformation." No matter the intent... [more here!](#)

Brand management: sector trends shape new practices

"You have a brand whether you like it or not. Really the only choice you have is how actively you want to shape and manage that brand,"...[more here!](#)

For more resources, check out our [resources page here!](#)



If you would like to contribute a resource, job posting, or article to our newsletter or website, email the Membership Associate at jfairbanks@nativephilanthropy.org.

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