

# NAP CONNECTIONS

## NOVEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER



### ***Native American Education Series for Philanthropy Survey***

Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) would like to get your feedback on the Native Education Series for Philanthropy webinars in partnership with Casey Family Programs, Center for Native American Youth, Philanthropy Northwest and Philanthropy Southwest. Please take 3 minutes and follow the link provided below to take the survey. Responses from all are appreciated!

If you attended one or all of the webinars,

please take a moment to complete our survey. Your opinion is greatly appreciated! Click [here](#) to take the survey.

You can find all the webinars on our website at [www.nativephilanthropy.org/webinars](http://www.nativephilanthropy.org/webinars).



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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.

**November 7th, 2014 FRIDAY**

Los Angeles, CA from 9:00-6:00pm

[Register here.](#)

**NATIVE  
NONPROFIT  
SUMMIT:**  
**Leveraging Resources to Serve  
Our Communities**

**December 2nd, 2014**

Detroit Lakes, Minnesota from 9:30am – 4:30pm

[Register here.](#)

### ***Native Nonprofit Summits – SW and Minnesota***

*Southwest by Robert Sturm, NAP Southwest Weaver*

ARIZONA: In September, Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) held two summits for Native nonprofits and tribal programs in Arizona. On September 16, we hosted an event in Phoenix that brought together Native organizations based in Phoenix and Tucson as well as representatives of a few tribal programs. On September 18 at an event in Moenkopi on the border between the Navajo Nation and Hopi Reservation, we brought together representatives of Hopi and Navajo nonprofits and tribal programs. Both events included training on program evaluation and Native perspectives on fundraising as well as opportunities for networking and discussions of what kinds of support NAP can provide to help local programs expand their capacity to serve their communities. We plan to return to Arizona with another series of gatherings in late Spring, 2015.

NEW MEXICO: NAP held a gathering for Native nonprofits and tribal programs in Santa Fe on October 22. The event was co-hosted by the [Institute of American Indian Arts](#) (IAIA) and included training on indigenous approaches to fundraising and program evaluation as well as opportunities for networking and sharing. The meeting brought together representatives from a range of programs that are run by and for Native people in New Mexico and was the second event of this kind held by NAP in New Mexico in 2014.

We are planning a series of similar gatherings for 2015 and plan to announce the dates and topics of these events by the end of the year. All events in the series are offered free of charge to participants and are designed to develop the capacity of participating organizations and provide opportunities for inter-agency dialogue and coalition building. If you are interested in receiving information about future gatherings as it becomes available, please send an e-mail to Robert Sturm, NAP's Weaver for the Southwest Regional Action Network at [Robert@teoxihuitl.com](mailto:Robert@teoxihuitl.com).

*By Pamela Johns, NAP consultant*

MINNESOTA: Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) held a welcoming reception Wednesday, October 8, 2014 which was an informal "meet and greet" where community members networked with one another, and created new relationships. The *Native Nonprofit Summit: Leveraging Resources to Serve Our Communities* opened on Thursday, October 9, 2014, which was an all day symposium dedicated to sharing resources, networking, strengthening relationships, and building stronger Nations within Indian Country. [Headwaters Foundation for Justice](#) Program Director- Monica Bryand

presented on three specific grant opportunities; Social Change; Fund of the Sacred Circle; and the Community Innovation Grants in partnership with the Bush Foundation. In attendance were foundations, nonprofits, and tribal representatives from the tribal Nations of Red Lake, Leech Lake, and White Earth.

The Summit wrapped up on Friday, October 10, 2014 with a workshop on digital storytelling. This *Native Nonprofit Summit: Leveraging Resources to Serve our Communities* was successful in bringing northern Minnesota community members together to collaborate and discover the intersection of shared initiatives within Indian Country. Everyone that attended (including NAP staff) learned something, met someone new. And found resources of grants or projects to help fund.

### ***Funders Briefing: The Current State of the Native American Community in Chicagoland***

*By Louis Delgado, NAP Board Member Emeritus*

On October 23rd the [Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative](#) (CAICC) provided a briefing to 25 Chicago-area funders from 15 foundations and corporations on the struggles, needs and vitality of the Chicago Native community. Held at Resolute Consulting in downtown Chicago, the session started with a short video presentation developed specifically for this event entitled, Chicago Has Always Been Indian Country. Following the video, Native community leaders provided presentations on such topics as Native citizenship, urban tribal diversity, community services and programs, funding disparities, and CAICC's goals and accomplishments. The Woods Fund of Chicago and the Marguerite Casey Foundation sponsored this event.



During the program and the reception, funders had an opportunity to ask questions, share their thoughts, and meet with representatives from all seventeen Native organizations and programs that participate in the CAICC. The video will be made publicly available in the near future. In addition, a directory of organizations participating in CAICC was distributed. This event was offered as one of several programmatic activities designed by CAICC to increase financial support from foundations and other sources to Native organizations in Chicago.

### ***Congratulations to Daniel Lemm!***

Native Americans in Philanthropy is happy to share that Daniel Lemm, our former Director of Programs and Finance has taken on a new position at the McKnight Foundation! We wish him

success in his new role and future endeavors. Be on the lookout for future job opportunities within the organization.

***SAVE THE DATE! 2015 Native Philanthropy Institute (NPI)***

The planning committee is currently in the early stages of their work for our 25<sup>th</sup> 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

***NACF Expands Programs Department***

Native Arts and Cultures Foundation (NACF) welcomes Program Officer Andre Bouchard (of Kootenai and Chippewa descent), a new position within the nonprofit's programs team and has begun a national search for a Director of Programs to refill an open position. To learn more about NACF and position openings within the organization, [click here](#).



***Tiwahe Foundation Announces American Indian Family Empowerment Grant Recipients***

The Tiwahe Foundation is honored to announce that at their Board meeting October 14, 2014 fourteen grants were awarded to Native American individuals in the Twin Cities seven county metro area through its American Indian Family Empowerment Program (AIFEP). Read the full press release from Tiwahe [here](#).





## PHILANTHROPY NEWS

### ***MIGIZI Communications Receives \$1.2 Million Federal “Asset Building” Grant***

MIGIZI Communications, Inc. has received a \$1.2 million federal grant to launch Native Youth Financially Independent (NYFI). This five-year demonstration project is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Community Services (OCS) and the Administration for Native Americans (ANA). Learn more about the MIGIZI Communications project [here](#).



## EVENTS

### ***Healthy Native Communities Partnership National Gathering***

*November 11, 12, and 13 in San Diego, California*

All across North America, more than 2000 Healthy Native Communities Partners are working to create a healthy future for the next generations of our Indigenous Nations. Register online [here](#).

### ***Give to the Max Day Minnesota***

November 13, 2014. Visit [GiveMN.org](http://GiveMN.org) for more information.

### ***Funding Forward 2015***

*March 18-20, 2015 in Atlanta, GA*

Registration is now open for Funding Forward 2015! Save the date for our annual gathering of grantmakers committed to LGBTQ issues in Atlanta. Register now to join us in Atlanta. Click here for more information.

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



## RESOURCES

### ***The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now inviting applications for three new Grand Challenges***

- Putting Women and Girls at the Center of Development

- Creating and Measuring Integrated Solutions for Healthy Birth, Growth, and Development (part of the All Children Thriving platform)
- New Interventions for Global Health

Applications for these new challenges will be accepted beginning on November 4, 2014. Please also note that we are still accepting applications for six Grand Challenges Explorations topics. For links to more information on these challenges, please visit the grant opportunity page at [www.grandchallenges.org](http://www.grandchallenges.org).

### ***Charles Stewart Mott Foundation Chair on Community Foundations***

The Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (LFSOP), located at IUPUI, seeks to fill an endowed chair in the area of community philanthropy. Apply [here](#).

### ***Harpo Foundation Accepting Applications for Native American Artists Fellowships***

Deadline: February 15, 2015

The Chicago-based Harpo Foundation was established in 2006 to support artists who are under-recognized by the field. The foundation seeks to stimulate creative inquiry to encourage new modes of thinking about art. Apply [here](#).

## ***CAUSEPLANET CORNER: where nonprofit leaders get smarter faster.***

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

### **The Ask: How to Ask for Support for Your Nonprofit Cause, Creative Project or Business Venture by Laura Fredricks**

- Enlighten your fundraising efforts with the author's analysis of our society's views on money.
- Learn how to formulate an effective case statement and business plan.
- Determine how to select the right people at the right time and in the right location to make the Ask.
- Gather solutions to a myriad of responses to the Ask through sample dialogs and apply the author's guidance on the crucial business of follow-up.

[Five staff responses to change you can't afford to overlook](#) By **Bernard Ross**

As a nonprofit leader, chances are at some point you've been involved in either instituting or supporting change in your organization.

[Is your membership dropping? Explore the reasons.](#)

No matter how successful or strained the economy is, prospects always scrutinize the value of membership and what you're offering.



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