



# NAP CONNECTIONS

Native Americans in Philanthropy's Monthly Newsletter

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## NAP NEWS

### ***Native Nonprofit Summits***

*Leveraging Resources to Serve Our Communities: A summit for Native non-profits and tribal programs.*

Attend one of our upcoming summits at the following locations:

- Bemidji, MN - August 11th
- Detroit Lakes, MN - August 13th
- Minneapolis, MN - August 27th

[Registration is here!](#)



### ***Native Americans in Philanthropy welcomes four new Board Members***

Thank you to our membership who voted in the following new board members. Read about them [here](#).

### ***NAP at National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)***

In June, NAP representatives were selected to present at the National Congress of American Indians Policy and Research Center 9th Annual Tribal Leader Scholar Forum. Read more about the presentation [here](#).



***Native Americans in Philanthropy Announces new Communications Associate and Program Manager.*** Read the full press releases [here](#).

### ***Building an Organizational Culture That Supports Philanthropy in Indian Country: A Funder's Story***

*Foundation Review:*

This article examines one philanthropic organization's project to overcome challenges around its work in Indian Country and to build support for that work among its leadership. Download the article [here](#).

### ***2015 Native Philanthropy Institute (NPI) Reflections***

Hear from several NPI attendees about their experience at the conference and learn where NAP will be next [here](#).



## MEMBER NEWS

*John D. Jones Named Southwestern Association for Indian Arts Chief Development Officer*

Find out more about the new edition to SWAIA [here](#).



*The McKnight Foundation Approves Over \$12.1 Million in 2nd-quarter 2015 Grantmaking*

The McKnight Foundation awarded 65 grants totaling \$12,161,000 to 60 organizations in its second-quarter 2015 grantmaking. Learn more [here](#).

THE MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

*First Nations Development Institute Awards \$460,000 to Support 26 Native Youth Programs*

First Nations Development Institute (First Nations) today announced the selection of 26 American Indian and Native Hawaiian organizations to receive grants through its Native Youth and Culture Fund (NYCF) for the 2015-16 funding cycle. Read more about the grants [here](#).



*The Indigenous Rituals That Heal Us*

*By Patricia St. Onge (NAP member & Board Director)*

To transform our communities that have suffered from racial injustice, work in all four quadrants of the Medicine Wheel is important. Read the full post [here](#).

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## PHILANTHROPY NEWS

*Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum*

Find the proceedings from the forum [here](#).

*Obama Announces Broadband 'Game-Changer' While Visiting Choctaw Nation*

Read about the President's visit [here](#).

*Surdna Foundation Grant Awarded to Northwest Artist Matika Wilbur*

Learn about the Seattle-area photographer [here](#).

*Infrastructure Matters, But Funding Hasn't Kept Pace*

*By Lindsay Louie, The Hewlett Foundation Blog*

Read more from the blog post [here](#).

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## EVENTS

*Advancing Racial Equity in Grantmaking:  
A Long Table Discussion*

*September 10, 2015*

*St Paul, MN*

To learn more about this discussion, click [here](#).

*The 17th Annual Tourism Conference:  
Introducing America's Native Nations to the World*

*September 13-17, 2015*

*Ignacio, CO*

For more information, please click [here](#). To register for this event, click [here](#).

*Tiwahe Foundation Circle of Giving: Renewing Community Event featuring Dr. Anton Treuer*

*November 5, 2015*

*Minneapolis, MN*

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## RESOURCES

### CAUSEPLANET CORNER

[The Fundraiser's Guide to Irresistible Communications: Real-World Field-Tested Strategies for Raising More Money](#) by Jeff Brooks

- Discover different ways to enhance your writing style to capture the attention of donors.
- Master the mental game of fundraising with three things you should know about donors, three deadly fundraising myths and more.
- Learn why the content of your story, a focus on the donor, a balance between good and bad news, and the call to action are essential ingredients for money-raising content.
- Uncover effective strategies to design simple, direct communication; find complementary images; and choose points to emphasize.



Featured CausePlanet articles:

[Understanding philanthropic capital: How to invest in social causes and gain financial returns](#)

By Cindy Willard

Being an optimist and a pessimist at the same time may seem contradictory. But, I believe we can make real progress on some of the big issues that face us today including poverty, the environment...

[Understanding philanthropic capital: How to invest in social causes and gain financial returns \(Part 2\)](#)

By Cindy Willard

In my first installment on this topic, I discussed why investors are combining financial and social goals and three social investment tools they could use to accomplish this union of interests: Pay for Success

[Collaborative Capitalism: Positive social outcomes and competitive financial returns](#)

As Millennials move into new leadership roles, they are demanding the opportunity to align every facet of their lives with making a positive difference in the world. A new capitalism, what the authors of...



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