

The Self-Governance Tribal Strategy Session



Co-Hosted by
The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Tribe
November 18-19, 2008



Goals of Self-Governance Strategy Session:

- Finalize a Self-Governance Platform and “Transition” Plan for the Next Administration
- Update Self-Governance Legislative and Budget Priorities (Finalize “white” papers)
- Develop a Self-Governance Communication Plan
- Meet with Campaign and Congressional representatives to discuss issues/strategies

Discussions will be structured in a “World Café” round-table format allowing for the maximum participation and interactive discussion among all attendees. Self-Governance Tribal Leaders, Self-Governance Coordinators and other Tribal technical and legal representatives are encouraged to attend. Please come ready to discuss and share your ideas!

DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

- 8:30 – 9:00 A.M. **Invocation -**
Thomas Largo, Council Member and Elder, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
- Welcome Address**
Diane Enos, President, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
- 9:00 – 9:15 A.M. **Opening Remarks - Session Purpose and Goals**
W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman and Chief Executive Office, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe and Chairman, DOI – SGAC
Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation, and Chairman, IHS-TSGAC –
- 9:15 – 9:45 A.M. **Plenary Session – General Discussion**
Tribal Leaders
- 9:45 – 10:15 A.M. **Facilitated “World Café” Round-Table Discussions –** A facilitator will lead round-table discussions on specific Strategic Plan Categories to identify goals and objectives for Self-Governance in the new Administration. Participants will be seated in tables of 8 and will review the various position papers and issues. Participants will be asked to provide their additional input and specific comments on each topic. One person from each table will be responsible for summarizing comments on a flip chart.
- 10:15 – 10:30 A.M. **Break**

10:30 – 11:15 A.M. **Round-Table #1 – Self-Governance Goals/Guiding Principles:**
During this round-table session, participants will review the Self-Governance Vision, Guiding Principles and overall goals to be included in the Self-Governance Platform to be presented to the Administration Transition Team. *[Pitt/Cyndi/Mo – to develop written summary in advance]*

Specifically, participants will be asked:

- How can we best advance Self-Governance within the next Administration?
- How can we improve outreach efforts to increase the number of Self-Governance Tribes?
- What are the barriers and obstacles in advancing Self-Governance?

11:15 A.M. – Noon **Round-Table #2 – Self-Governance Successes & Challenges - at the Tribal Level**
During this round-table session, participants will be asked to share examples of how Self-Governance has worked at the local Tribal level; and what challenges they have experienced due to inadequate funding.

Specifically, participants will be asked:

- What innovative programs and services have been developed under Self-Governance?
- In what ways has the Tribal governing authorities changed or improved?
- What has been the impact of under-funding of BIA and IHS Self-Governance programs?

12:00 Noon **Lunch**

1:00 – 2:15 P.M. **Round-Table #3 – Legislative Priorities: Individual Position Papers on different Legislation.**

During this round-table session, participants will review key legislative initiatives that have been identified. One page summaries on each of the various legislative issues, including background and items for consideration will be developed in advance and reviewed by participants. *[Individuals have been identified to develop 1-page summaries in advance]*

Specifically, participants will be asked:

- Identify additional items should be considered in Title IV legislative amendments – e.g. expansion of Self-Governance in include education?
- What is our strategy and how can we best work with Congress to ensure enactment of our top priorities?
- What are your top legislative priorities; please identify them in order?

2:15 – 3:15 P.M.

Round-Table #4 – Budget Priorities:

During this round-table session, participants will review key budget priorities that have been identified. One page summaries of the key programs will be developed in advance and reviewed by participants. *[Individuals have been identified to develop 1-page summaries in advance]*

Specifically, participants will be asked:

- How can we improve Self-Governance involvement and advancing of budget priorities in the formulation process?
- How can we improve documentation to justify budget increases?
- What are your top budget priorities; please identify them in order?

3:15 – 3:30 P.M.

Break

3:30 – 5:00 P.M.

Return to Plenary Session - Review Findings/Recommendations from Round - Table Discussion

General results and findings from each Session will be discussed. Flip charts from each round-table session will be consolidated and incorporated into an updated Self-Governance Platform and Plan.

5:00 P.M.

Adjourn for the Day

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

- 9:00 – 9:30 A.M. **Invocation**
Merna Lewis, Former Vice-President, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community
- Re-cap Previous Day Activities**
W. Ron Allen, Tribal Chairman and Chief Executive Office, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe and Chairman, DOI – SGAC
Jefferson Keel, Lt. Governor, Chickasaw Nation, and Chairman, IHS-TSGAC
- 9:30 – 10:45 A.M. **Discussion and Meeting with Key Representatives from Obama Transition Team**
Wizipan Garriott, First Americans Outreach Director for President-Elect Barack Obama (Invited)
- 10:45 – 11:00 A.M. **Break**
- 11:00 A.M. – Noon **Discussion on Legislative & Budget Priorities with Congressional Representatives (Tentative)**
Tribal Leaders/Congressional Staff
- 12:00 Noon **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 1:45 P.M. **Joan Huffer, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (Invited)**
- 1:45 - 3:00 P.M. **Finalizing Self-Governance Platform & Strategic Plan**
Discuss Process for Submitting Self-Governance Plan to New Administration:
- Identify Tribal Leadership to Take the Lead
 - Identify Timeline to Deliver Plan to Key Staff in New Administration
 - Identify Process and Timeline for sharing of Self-Governance educational materials and meetings with new Administration staff and Congressional
 - Develop Schedule for Follow-up and Make Assignments
- 3:00 – 3:15 P.M. **Break**
- 3:15 – 4:30 P.M. **Communication & Education Plan: Process for Coordination and Tracking Self-Governance Strategic Plan**
- Identify ways to monitor Congressional appropriations and advocate for legislative priorities and budget increases
 - Identify ways to improve Self-Governance education efforts
 - Identify ways to improve Self-Governance communication efforts
 - Discuss Self-Governance Representation in Washington, DC
- 5:00 P.M. **Closing Prayer and Meeting Adjourn**