

Hosted by the **Ak-Chin Indian Community**
at Harrah's Ak-Chin Hotel & Casino in Maricopa, Arizona

2019 Self-Governance Professionals Workshop & Strategy Session

DRAFT AGENDA

Register at: www.tribalselfgov.org

September 9 - 12, 2019

Hotel Reservations:

Call 1-800-CAESARS to make reservations

Room block code is: S09TSG9



Monday, September 9

1:00 – 5:00: Registration

3:00 – 5:00: Pre-Workshop Session

- History of Self-Governance

Presenter: **Cyndi Ferguson, Self-Governance Specialist, SENSE, Incorporated**

- Introduction to the Self-Governance Advisory Committee, the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee, and the Self-Governance Communication & Education Tribal Consortium

Presenters: **Jennifer McLaughlin, Legislative Associate, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe**
Terra Branson, Director, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Jay Spaan, SGCETC

- General introduction and overview of the Self-Governance Planning & Negotiations Process (when does it take place, who participates, etc.)

Presenter: **Melanie Fourkiller, Senior Policy Analyst, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma**

5:30- 7:00: Welcome Reception / Cultural Reception

- Performance from the Ak-Chin Youth Dance Group
- Oral History Provided by: Ak-Chin Elder **Leona Kaker**, Former Chairman

Tuesday, September 10

SELF-GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONALS WORKSHOP

8:30 – 9:00: Opening of the Workshop

Welcome: Chairman Robert Miguel, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Blessing: Vice-Chairman Gabriel Lopez, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Posting of Colors: Ak-Chin Color Guard with the Ak-Chin Language Program offering the 'National Anthem in O'odham'

9:00 – 10:00: Experiences with Negotiations at DOI and IHS (Panel)

Moderator: Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Panelists: *To Be Announced*

10:00 – 12:00: Enhancing Negotiation Skills: "Win, Not by Defeating the Other Side, but by Winning them Over"

Description: This session will provide participants with an introduction to innovative negotiation strategies and how to improve personal negotiation skills to excel in any interactions that involve bargaining. For instance, the session will cover techniques for evaluating personal tendencies in the face of conflict and learning to manage personal strengths and weaknesses. In addition, participants will learn about the importance of active listening, improving working relationships in resolving seemingly intractable disputes, and identifying emotional triggers that affect your negotiating ability.

Presenter: *To Be Announced*

12:00 – 1:00: Lunch provided, sponsored by:

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

1:00 – 2:30: Implementing Negotiation Strategies into the Self-Governance Process and Other Resources to Aid with the Negotiations Process

Description: An open forum discussion on what information to request in advance of the meeting, questions to ask, the benefits of communicating and sharing information with other Tribal officials, and pitfalls to watch out for during the negotiations process.

Moderator: To Be Announced

2:30 – 4:30: **BUILDING YOUR SELF-GOVERNANCE TOOLBOX**

Description: Come ready to discuss the programs included in your Self-Governance agreements, your Tribe's goals for Self-Governance, and any barriers or challenges you are facing. This interactive session provides an opportunity for you to work with other professionals in the Self-Governance community to (1) assess your current self-governance portfolio, (2) learn about creative approaches and new initiatives implemented by others, and (3) formulate a strategic framework to overcome the barriers and challenges hindering the Tribe from fulfilling its self-government goals.

Moderators: To Be Announced

4:30 – 5:30: How do you demonstrate the effectiveness of Self-Governance programs and unfunded need while also protecting the sovereignty of your data?

Presenter: Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear (Northern Cheyenne), Co-Founder of the US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network (USIDSN) (invited)

Wednesday, September 11
SELF-GOVERNANCE STRATEGY SESSION

8:00 – 8:10: Welcome & General Overview of the Day

8:10 – 9:00: Using Recent Research in Advocacy Efforts

Moderator: *To Be Announced*

Understanding and Using the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' Report, **BROKEN PROMISES: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans to Support Advocacy Efforts**

Panelist: **Chief Lynn Malerba**, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

Understanding and Using Research Findings from the **Reclaiming Native Truth** Project to Support Advocacy Efforts

Panelist: **Crystal Echo Hawk**, Founder and CEO, IllumiNative

9:00 – 10:00: **Leading Practices of Successful Advocacy**

Lessons Learned from Indivisible Tohono's Experience Getting Legislation Passed in Arizona related to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. This session will highlight and focus on the importance of grassroots efforts and coalition building.

Panelist: **April Ignacio**, Founder, Indivisible Tohono

Lessons Learned from the Coordinated Effort of Wisconsin Tribes to Redefine the Tribal/State Relationship with Wisconsin

Panelist: **Lisa Summers**, Councilwoman, Oneida Nation

10:00 – 10:15: Break

**10:15 – 11:00: Developing an Effective Communication Strategy for Change/
Factors to Consider when Developing Your Advocacy Efforts**

Panelists: April Ignacio, Crystal Echo Hawk, and Ricki McCarroll,
Founder, NUNA Consulting

**11:00 – 12:00: Overview of the 2019 – 2021 Self-Governance Strategic Plan and
Discussion of Progress**

Presenter/Moderator: Jay Spaan (Cherokee Nation), Executive Director,
Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium

12:00 – 1:00: Lunch provided

**1:00 – 1:45: Understanding Experiences and Identifying Challenges
Expanding Self-Governance to non-BIA agencies**

Presenters: *To Be Announced*

1:45 – 2:30: Expanding Self-Governance to HHS and SDPI

Presenter: Melanie Fourkiller, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

**2:30 – 3:30: Small Group Discussions to Develop Strategies to Overcome
the Barriers Hindering the Expansion of Self-Governance**

3:30 – 4:30- Small Groups Will Share Potential Strategies Identified

4:30 – 5:00: Planning a Self-Governance Day on the Hill

Presenter: C. Juliet Pittman, President/CEO, SENSE, Incorporated

**6:30 – 8:30: Movie Night – Viewing of **RUMBLE: The Indians Who
Rocked the World****

Thursday, September 12

8:30 – 9:00- Overview of Ak-Chin Indian Community

Presenter: **Delia Carlyle**, Council Member, Ak-Chin Indian Community

9:00 – 12:00: Self-Governance in Action

Sign up for one the Self-Governance in Action tours and learn about the experience of Ak-Chin Indian Community developing and implementing various programs and facilities that serve their citizens and community. All groups will end at Ak-Chin Eco-Museum at 11:30 for a tour.

Multi-Purpose Justice Complex

Water Reclamation Facility

Ak-Chin Farms

Central Chiller Plant

12:00: Bus Departs Museum for Return Trip to Conference Center

12:15: Adjourn the 2019 Self-Governance Professionals Workshop and Strategy Session