Agenda

Many Nations, One Goal: Self-Governance

Monday, September 9
Registration & Pre-Workshop Session

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm — Registration

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm — Pre-Workshop Session

History of Self-Governance	**Cyndi Ferguson**, Self-Governance Specialist, SENSE Incorporated
Introduction to the Department of the Interior Self-Governance Advisory Committee (DOI-SGAC), Indian Health Service Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (IHS-TSGAC), and Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium (SGCETC)	**Jennifer McLaughlin**, Legislative Associate, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe **Terra Branson**, Director, Planning, Grants, and Self-Governance, Muscogee (Creek) Nation **Jay Spaan** (Cherokee Nation), Executive Director, SGCETC
Introduction and Overview of the Self-Governance Planning and Negotiations Process	**Melanie Fourkiller**, Senior Policy Analyst, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Board Treasurer, Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm — Welcome / Cultural Reception

Youth Dance Performance	Ak-Chin Youth Dance Group
Oral History of Ak-Chin Indian Community	Ak-Chin Elder **Leona Kaker**, Former Chairman and Former Farm Board Chairman
Artist Demonstrations	

Tuesday, September 10
Self-Governance Professionals Workshop

8:30 am to 9:00 am — Opening of the Self-Governance Professionals Workshop

Posting of Colors	Ak-Chin Color Guard with the Ak-Chin Language Program offering the National Anthem in O'odham
Blessing	Vice-Chairman **Gabriel Lopez**, Ak-Chin Indian Community
Welcome	Chairman **Robert Miguel**, Ak-Chin Indian Community

9:00 am to 9:45 am — Sharing Experiences with Negotiations at the Department of the Interior and the Indian Health Service

Sharing personal experience and engaging in active conversation with the audience, panelists will speak on challenges, tricks and tips that helped them successfully navigate the DOI and IHS Self-Governance negotiations process.

Moderator: Chief **Marilynn "Lynn" Malerba,** Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut and Chair of the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee

Karen Fierro, Self-Governance Director, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Candice Skenandore, Self-Governance Coordinator, Oneida Nation

Linda Austin, Director of Operations, Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo

9:45 am to 12:00 pm

Negotiation Strategies

Effective negotiation strategy starts well before the parties sit down at the bargaining table. This session will help you examine important questions to give you a new perspective on how to enhance outcomes for you, the constituents you represent, and perhaps even the ones with whom you negotiate.

Dennis Teel, Commissioner, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

Moira Caruso, Commissioner, Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Lunch

***Sponsored by:* Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm

Implementing Negotiation Strategies into the Self-Governance Process & Other Resources to Aid with the Negotiations Process

Engage and discuss opportunities to incorporate more effective negotiation strategies into the Self-Governance negotiations process.

Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

1:45 pm to 2:00 pm

Break

***Sponsored by:* Harrah's Ak-Chin Hotel and Casino**

2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Time to Play SELFGOVOPOLY!

Join us for an interactive game of **SELFGOVOPOLY!**

SELFGOVOPOLY provides an opportunity for you to work with other professionals in the Self-Governance community to learn about Self-Governance, to identify creative approaches, and to identify new initiatives implemented by others to overcome challenges hindering Tribal Nations from fulfilling their goals of self-government.

Jennifer McLaughlin, Legislative Associate, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

Karen Fierro, Self-Governance Director, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Tera Branson, Director, Muscogee (Creek) Nation

4:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Data Sovereignty in a Self-Governance Environment

"Data has become a global currency, a valuable asset, and a source of power."
–US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network.

Data sovereignty and Self-Governance go hand in hand. Join us to discuss principles and practices of data sovereignty and to identify obstacles Tribal Nations face protecting and controlling the use of data.

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

Travis Jansen (Rosebud Sioux), Deputy Director, SGCETC

Wednesday, September 11
Self-Governance Strategy Session

8:00 am to 8:15 am — Welcome and Blessing

Delia Carlyle, Council Member, Ak-Chin Indian Community

8:15 am to 8:45 am — Using the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights' Report, "*BROKEN PROMISES: Continuing Federal Funding Shortfall for Native Americans*" to Support Advocacy Efforts

Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

8:45 am to 9:15 am — Understanding and Using Research Findings from the *Reclaiming Native Truth* Project to Support Advocacy Efforts

Crystal Echo Hawk, Founder and CEO, Illumi*Native*

9:15 am to 9:45 am — Lessons Learned from Indivisible Tohono's Experience Getting Legislation Passed in Arizona related to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

April Ignacio, Founder, Indivisible Tohono

9:45 am to 10:00 am — Break

10:00 am to 10:45 am — Developing an Effective Communication Strategy for Change/ Factors to Consider when Developing Your Advocacy Efforts

At the intersection of the leading strategic communication trends and creating change is the use of media and technology in an era of constant information overload. Learn to harness the opportunities afforded by today's digital age through traditional storytelling with a strategic edge to best communicate your advocacy message.

Crystal Echo Hawk, Founder and CEO, Illumi*Native*

April Ignacio, Founder, Indivisible Tohono

Ricki McCarroll, Founder, NUNA Consulting

10:45 am to 11:30 am — Legislative Proposal for "Honoring Promises to Native Nations Act"

An open forum for participants to review, evaluate, and discuss a legislative proposal introduced by Senator Elizabeth Warren and Congresswoman Deb Haaland. During this time, participants will have an opportunity to identify suggestions and additional provisions that should be considered for inclusion in the legislation.

Chief Lynn Malerba, Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut

11:30 am to 11:45 am — The Benefits of Strategic Planning at Both a National and Local Level

Jamie Fullmer, Chairman/CEO, Blue Stone Strategy Group

11:45 am to 1:00 pm — Lunch

Sponsored by: Blue Stone Strategy Group

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm — Overview of the 2019 – 2021 Self-Governance Strategic Plan

Jay Spaan (Cherokee Nation), Executive Director, SGCETC

1:30 pm to 2:15 pm — Success and Challenges Expanding Self-Governance to non-BIA agencies

Several Tribal Nations successfully administer programs or functions from non-BIA agencies through a Self-Governance agreement. However, a number of non-BIA agencies remain reluctant to turn over administration of certain programs and functions to Tribal Nations. These agencies have established roadblocks and obstacles that hinder Tribal Nations from fulfilling their goals of self-government. In this session, we will learn about the successes and discuss the remaining challenges.

Heather Washington, Assistant Self-Governance Director, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

David DeJon, Ph.D., Project Director, Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project, Gila River Indian Community

Video: "A Brief History of the National Basin Range"

2:15 pm to 2:45 pm — Expanding Self-Governance to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Special Diabetes for Indians (SDPI)

Melanie Fourkiller, Senior Policy Analyst, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and Board Treasurer, Self-Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium

2:45 pm to 3:00 pm — Proposal for Forward Funding of BIE's Higher Education Grant Program

Daryl Begay, Legislative Analyst, Navajo Nation

3:00 pm to 3:15 pm — Break

3:15 pm to 4:30 pm — Small Group Workshops: Developing Strategies to Further Tribal Self-Governance and Improve Efficiencies

Participants will gather into small groups to discuss and brainstorm potential approaches and steps to further Self-Governance and to overcome the barriers that are hindering expansion.

4:30 pm to 5:00 pm — Planning a Self-Governance Day on the Hill and Other Resources Available when Advocating for Self-Governance Priorities

C. Juliet Pittman, President/CEO, SENSE Incorporated

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Movie Night! RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World

Sponsored by: Sac and Fox Nation

Join us at the UltraStar Ak-Chin Movie Theater for a free viewing of RUMBLE: The Indian Who Rocked the World. Guests will also receive complimentary popcorn and a drink.

RUMBLE: The Indians Who Rocked the World is an electrifying look at the Native American influence in popular music — despite attempts to ban, censor and erase Indian culture. The film reveals how early pioneers of the blues and jazz had Native American roots, and as the folk-rock era took hold in the '60s and '70s, Native Americans such as Peter La Farge and Buffy Sainte-Marie helped to define its evolution, while Native guitarists and drummers such as Link Wray, Jimi Hendrix, Jesse Ed Davis, and many more forever changed the trajectory of rock and roll.

Thursday, September 12
Self-Governance In Action

8:30 am to 9:00 am

Overview of Ak-Chin Indian Community

Delia Carlyle, Council Member, Ak-Chin Indian Community

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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.

TOUR 1: Ak-Chin Farms

The Ak-Chin Indian Community sits in Arizona's heartland on the southern edge of the greater Phoenix area. The Reservation encompasses an area of approximately 22,000 acres of which about 16,000 acres are devoted to farming. Ak-Chin Farms Enterprise employs 84 employees with cotton as the principal crop. Alfalfa, barley, pecans, potatoes, sorghum and wheat are also grown and cultivated by Ak-Chin Farms.

TOUR 2: Central Chiller Plant

Are you interested to learn more about how Ak-Chin Indian Community keeps its enterprises cool and refreshing in the hot desert climate?

The Central Chiller Plant supplies chilled water to Ak-Chin Enterprises, including Harrah's Ak-Chin Hotel and Casino and the Ultra Star Multi-tainment Center. The facility encompasses three 900-ton Trane chillers with cooling towers, plate and frame heat exchanger. The facility includes 6,000 square feet of an indoor chiller plant, 5,ooo square feet of outdoor cooling towers, and 4,500 square feet of administrative offices.

TOUR 3: Multi-Purpose Justice Complex

The Ak-Chin Indian Community Multi-Purpose Justice Complex is a 56,000 square foot multi-faceted and joins Tribal courts, police, and detention facilities in one single-story building. The detention facility can house 36 adult prisoners and six juveniles in a sectioned off area. Additional components include a booking area, holding cells, kitchen and laundry facilities, classrooms, inmate property storage, and a medical exam room.

Tour 4: Waste Water Reclamation Facility

The Waste Water Reclamation Facility, commissioned in 2012, has a capacity of 2.25 million gallons per day and provides drinking water to Community Members and Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino, UltraStar Multi-tainment Center. It also provides sufficient capacity to meet the needs of existing commercial operations as well as future expansions. The facility provides an advanced water treatment equipment to provide a reliable, safe and secure drinking water supply that met the Ak-Chin Indian Community's current needs and provided critical flexibility to accommodate variable flow and water quality conditions in the future.

12:00 pm	Buses depart the Ak-Chin Eco-Museum for return to Harrah's Ak-Chin
12:15 pm	Adjourn

Thank you for joining us at the Self-Governance Workshop and Strategy Session!

Save the Date for the 2020 Tribal Self-Governance Consultation Conference!