



NCN 2018 Annual Conference & Advocacy Day

November 28-29, 2018

Holiday Inn Capitol – Washington, DC

Wednesday, November 28th, 2018

**Note those with an asterisk next to their name have NOT been confirmed yet.*

8:00 – 9:00 **Conference Registration and Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Tanya Fiddler, Executive Director, Native CDFI Network

Pete Upton, Executive Director, Native 360, and President of the NCN Board of Directors

9:30 -10:00 **Native CDFIs: The Power of our Past and the Promise of our Future**

The Native CDFI Network (NCN) was launched by visionary leaders committed to increasing the number of Native CDFIs across the country, making sure Native CDFIs had a seat at the table with other policy makers, and promoting future generations of Native community development leaders. Our opening speaker prepares us for a day of NCN education and advocacy by recognizing the strength of our past and the power and promise of our future.

Speaker: Sherry Salway Black

10:00 – 11:15 **Who's Staying? Who's Packing Up? And Who's in Charge? : Results of the 2018 Midterm Elections**

The outcome of the 2018 midterm elections will have an enormous impact on the political landscape. This panel of Native and CDFI advocates will unpack the results of the elections, offer insights on what to expect in the final weeks of the 115th Congress, and what needs to be done to advance the Native CDFI agenda with the new 116th Congress. Will Native CDFIs be facing new opportunities or new challenges or both?

Moderator: Chrystal Cornelius, First Nations Oweesta Corporation

Presenters:

Alison Feighan, Feighan Team

Dante Desiderio, Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA)

Jacob Schellinger, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)

Tony Walters*, National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC)

Mike Andrews*, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

11:15 – 11:45 **Taking the Native CDFI Message to Capitol Hill**

In preparation for NCN's afternoon on Capitol Hill, conference participants will have an opportunity to review Native CDFI briefing materials and fact sheets designed to educate and update Members of Congress and congressional staff on the work of Native CDFIs and NCN's policy and legislative priorities. NCN staff and advocates will be on hand to review briefing materials, field questions and offer last minute assistance before we head to Capitol Hill for the afternoon.

Presenters: Kim Wilson, Feighan Team

12:00 – 1:30 **Brown Bag Lunch on with the Congressional Staff**

This lunch is an opportunity for Native CDFIs to talk about their work, share stories and reflections about their community and an opportunity for congressional staff to learn and ask questions so they can effectively represent the Native CDFIs and communities in their district.

1:30 -5:00 **Congressional Visits** – NCN advocates meet with their congressional delegations on Capitol Hill

5:30-7:00 **Debriefing Reception** - Conference participants will reconvene for a debriefing reception back at the hotel to share information and insights gathered during the afternoon on Capitol Hill.

7:00-9:00 **Capitol Hill Karaoke** – Put down your work and pick up a microphone – friendly competition, prizes and fun.



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- 8:00 - 9:00 **Breakfast and Debrief on Capitol Hill Meetings**
- 9:00 -9:45 **Morning Keynote Speaker**
Raina Thiele, Thiele Strategies, LLC
- 9:45 -10:45 **Regional Approaches to Native Community Development**
Panelists will discuss efforts to enhance collaboration between Native CDFIs, tribes and Native development organizations in an effort to generate sustainable economic development, support businesses and job creation and encourage asset development. Practitioners will share their insights, reflect on best practices, and pass on lessons learned based on their unique experiences.

Moderator: Christianne Lind, Northwest Area Foundation
Presenters:
Rebecca Naragon, United South and Eastern Tribes (USET)
Amber Schultz-Oliver, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI)
Robin Danner, Homestead Loan Fund
Chad Marschand, Native Center for American Indian Enterprise Development
- 10:45 – 11:00 **BREAK**
- 11:00 – 12:00 **Building Sustainable Native Owned Businesses and Entrepreneurs**
How do Native CDFIs effectively encourage and nurture entrepreneurship? How can we make sure small business owners have the financial and technical support they need when they need it? What are the unique challenges Native CDFIs face promoting entrepreneurship in Indian Country? What resources are available to finance, support and grow small businesses in Indian Country? These are some of the questions this panel of seasoned Native CDFI leaders and entrepreneurs will tackle.

Moderator: Dara Duguay, Credit Builders Alliance
Presenters:
Jessica Stago, Native American Business Incubator Network (NABIN)
Sean Winters, Chi Ishobak
Christopher Coburn, Mvskoke Loan Fund
Craig Anderson*, First American Capital Corporation
- 12:00 – 1:30 **Lunch and Keynote Address by Annie Donovan, Director, CDFI Fund, US Department of Treasury**
Introduced by Cindy Logsdon, Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation
- 1:30 – 2:30 **Engaging Financial Institutions in Indian Country**
This panel of bankers, representing traditional financial institutions as well as Native and CDFI Banks, will discuss how and where they work with Native CDFIs and where they see opportunities to bring more banks into Indian Country. Panelist will be asked to comment on efforts to modernize CRA and what that might mean for Indian Country.

Moderator: Nikki Pieratos, Center for Indian Country Development, MN Federal Serve
Presenters:
Cora Gaane, Wells Fargo
Tom Ogaard, Native American Bank
Jeff Bowman*, Bay Bank



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2:30 – 3:30

Rollout of the Native CDFI Blueprint

Last September, with support from Citi Community Development, the Native CDFI Network convened Native community development stakeholders at the South Dakota Regional Community Development Forum to identify and discuss barriers that inhibit sustainable community development within Native communities and craft actionable strategies designed to break down those barriers. This forum engaged a cross-section of Tribal and non-Tribal government and program representatives, community development practitioners, policymakers, financial institutions, researchers, and philanthropic organizations and led to the development of the ***Native Economic Leadership: A Blueprint for Community Development in South Dakota and the Region*** (Blueprint) that we will discuss today.

Presenters and Co-Facilitators:

Tanya Fiddler, Native CDFI Network (NCN)

Ruth Christopherson, Citi Community Development

3:30-3:45

BREAK

3:45 – 5:00

Making Federal Investment Tools Work in Indian Country

The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) and Opportunity Zones (O-Zones) are two federal tax incentives designed to entice private investment in low income communities. This panel of community development practitioners will reflect on their experiences, both good and bad, putting federal investment tools to work in Indian Country. This will be an interactive session with time set aside to discuss some of the barriers that Native CDFIs face trying to access NMTC allocations and/or putting NMTC investment dollars to work in Indian Country. This panel will also spend time discussing where and how Native leaders are engaged with Opportunity Zone plans at the state level and what NCN might do to support those efforts.

Moderator: Dr Arlen Kangas*, White Earth Investment Initiative

Presenters:

Dakota Cole, Chickasaw Nation

Ted Piccolo, Northwest Native Development Fund

Logan Birch*, Alaska Growth Capital BIDCO

5:00 – 5:15

NCN Board Elections (winners will be announced at the Capitol Hill Reception)

6:00

Bus leaves hotel for Capitol Hill Reception

6:30 -8:30

Capitol Hill Reception and NCN Award Ceremony