

## NCN Conference – DAY 1 – November 28<sup>th</sup>

- 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 the other policy makers, and promoting future generations of Native community development leaders. Our opening speakers prepare us for a day of NCN education and advocacy by recognizing the strength of our past and the power and promise of our future.  
  
**Speakers:** Sherry Salway Black
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Who’s Staying? Who’s Packing Up? And Who’s in Charge? : Results of the 2018 Midterm Elections**  
The results 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 and offer their insights on what we need to do to advance the Native CDFI agenda with the new 116<sup>th</sup> Congress and what to expect in the final weeks of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. Will we be facing new opportunities or new challenges or both? What about the FY 2019 Appropriations and the FY 2020 Budget?  
  
**Panelist include:** Alison Feighan and Kim Wilson, with the Feighan Team; Dante Desidario, NAFOA; Jacob Schellinger, NCAI;
- 11:00 – 11:30 **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 the hill for the afternoon.
- 12:30 – 1:30 **Brown Bag Lunch on with the Congressional Native Caucus**  
NCN will host an informal brown bag lunch with members and staff of the Congressional Native American Caucus. 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.  
  
**Speakers:** TBD- but could include NCN leadership grantees
- 1:30 to 5:00 **Congressional Visits** – Conference participants will 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. Candidates for the board will also be introduced.
- 7:00 – 9:00 **Capitol Hill Karaoke** – Time to put down your work and pick up a microphone – friendly competition, prizes and fun.

## **NCN Conference – DAY 2 – November 29<sup>th</sup>**

- 8:00 – 9:00 **Breakfast and Debrief on Capitol Hill Meetings**
- 9:00 – 9:45 **Morning Keynote Speaker - Raina Thiele** -
- 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 and pass on the lessons learned in their respective communities as we continue to learn about the diversity within our community.
- Panelist include:** Panelists being confirmed.
- 10:45 – 11:45 **Building Sustainable Native Owned Businesses and Entrepreneurs**
- How do we effectively encourage and nurture entrepreneurship? How do we make sure small business owners have the financial and technical support they need when the need it? What are the unique in promoting entrepreneurship and building markets challenges we face These are some of the questions this panel of seasoned Native CDFI leaders and entrepreneurs will tackle.
- Panelist include:** Panelists being confirmed.
- 11:45 – 12:00 Break
- 12:00 – 1:30 **Lunch and Keynote Address by Annie Donovan,**  
Introduced by Shane Jett, Executive Director, CP
- 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.
- Panelist include:** Panelists being confirmed.

2:30 – 3:15

**Rollout of the Native CDFI Blueprint**

Ruth Christopherson, Citi Community Development will share the NCFI Blueprint and open the room for feedback and a discussion on the priority areas presented in the Blueprint. Do they apply? Does anyone want to share an innovation? Next Steps

3:15 – 3:30

Break

3:45 – 4:45

**Making Federal Investment Tools Work in Indian Country**

The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) and Opportunity Zones (OZones) are two federal tax incentives designed to entice private investment in low income communities. This panel will discuss how these tools are working or not working to generate investment and sustainable development in Indian Country. What are the challenges Native CDFIs face accessing NMTC allocations and what can be some to break down those barriers? Are Native CDFIs part of local Opportunity Zone discussions? This panel will focus on efforts being made by practitioners and policy makers to ensure investment in Native Communities.

**Panelist include:** Panelists being confirmed.

4:45 – 5:00

**NCN Board Elections (for NCN MEMBERS ONLY & winners announced at the Capitol Hill reception)**

5:00 – 6:00

Bus from hotel to Hill

6:30 – 8:30

**Closing Reception and Award Ceremony on Capitol Hill**