



Tribal Leader Orientation: A Seminar on Nation Building Strategies

Blandin Foundation, Grand Rapids, MN • January 17 & 18, 2019

DAY 1: THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019

7:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:00 a.m. Welcome and Participant Introductions
Wayne Ducheneaux II, Native Governance Center

8:45 a.m. Session 1: The Case of the Hay & Feed Store (A Decision-Making Exercise)
Danielle Hiraldo, Native Nations Institute

9:15 a.m. Session 2: Why Are Some Native Nations More Successful than Others?
Joan Timeche, Native Nations Institute

- Two Stories
- Introduction: The Revolution in Indian Country
- The standard approach to Native community and economic development
- The nation-building approach to Native community and economic development
- The results of each

10:00 a.m. Health Break

10:15 a.m. Session 3: Strengthening Indigenous Governance: Assessment
Danielle Hiraldo, Native Nations Institute

- “Reclaiming and Remaking Governance at Akwesasne (Part 1)” with former Grand Chief Michael Mitchell
- What are your strategic goals?
- Do you have the governance tools you need to achieve those goals?
- What governments do
- Assessing your governance situation
- Discussion

11:00 a.m. Exercise: Where does your nation stand on the Nation Building Continuum?
Danielle Hiraldo, Native Nations Institute

11:15 a.m. Session 4: Strengthening Indigenous Governance: Solutions
Joan Timeche, Native Nations Institute

- “Reclaiming and Remaking Governance at Akwesasne (Part 2)” with former Grand Chief Michael Mitchell
- Finding solutions to governance challenges
- The key choices: governmental scope and governmental form
- The two tests: cultural match and effectiveness
- Discussion

12:00 p.m. Lunch

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- 1:00 p.m. Group Discussion on the Nation Building Continuum Exercise Results**
- 1:15 p.m. Session 5: Strengthening Indigenous Governance: What Leaders Do**
Karen Diver, Native Governance Consultant and Educator
- The incredible challenges that leaders of Native nations face
 - What nation-building leaders do
 - Clarifying roles as a key to effective governance
 - Taking the “long look, steady pressure” approach to governance and leadership
 - Discussion
- 2:00 p.m. Session 6: Strengthening Indigenous Governance: Implementation and Sustainability**
Danielle Hiraldo, Native Nations Institute
- “Reclaiming and Remaking Governance at Akwesasne (Part 3)” with former Grand Chief Michael Mitchell
 - How do you change paths from the standard approach to the nation-building one?
 - Changing the conversation
 - Changing the organization
 - Educating the community
 - Discussion
- 2:30 p.m. Health Break**
- 2:45 p.m. Tribal Nations Breakout Session**
Joan Timeche and Danielle Hiraldo, Native Nations Institute
- Nation-building – what do you think?
 - What nation-building challenges does your nation face?
 - What are some solutions that could address these challenges?
 - What do you plan to do when you return home (individual action plan)?
 - How does fit with your fellow council members’ plans?
- 3:15 p.m. Reports from Small Groups and Discussion**
- 3:45 p.m. Complete Day 1 evaluation sections**
- 4:00 p.m. End of Day 1 Session**

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DAY 2: FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019

7:30 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. **Prayer and Reflections from Day 1**

Jayme Davis, Program Director, Native Governance Center

9:00 a.m. **Update on Washington, D.C. and Working with Federal Officials**

Denise Desiderio, Senior Policy Advisor-American Indian Law & Policy Practice Akin Gump

10:00 a.m. **Health Break**

10:15 a.m. **Tribal Leaders Panel**

Moderator: Wayne Ducheneaux II, Executive Director, Native Governance Center

- What they have learned about nation-building and governance as leaders of their nations

11:30 a.m. **Useful Nation-Rebuilding Tools**

Joan Timeche and Danielle Hiraldo, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute

- Overview of nation-rebuilding resources that you can use to move your nation forward
- The NNI Indigenous Governance Database
- The NNI Constitutions Resource Center
- The “Rebuilding Native Nations: Strategies for Governance and Development” online courses
- The NNI/IPLP January in Tucson professional development courses

12:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 p.m. **One Step Ahead: An Effective Social Media Strategy for Tribal Leaders**

Mark Trahant, Editor, Indian Country Today
Jaynie Parrish, Founder, Parrish Digital

2:30 p.m. **What’s Next?**

Jayme Davis, Program Director, Native Governance Center
Joan Timeche, Executive Director, Native Nations Institute

- Open discussion about steps participants will take when they return to their community
- Ways to partner with the Native Governance Center and the Native Nations Institute

2:45 p.m. **Complete Day 2 evaluations**

3:00 p.m. **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**