



United Indian Nations of Oklahoma (UINO) Quarterly Meeting Agenda

March 21, 2023

Indigo Sky Casino Hotel
70220 US-60
Wyandotte, OK

8:00 am to 9:00 am **Registration**

9:00 am – 9:45 am **Welcome and UINO Business**

Opening Prayer – Brett Barnes, Eastern Shawnee Tribe
Tribal Welcome – Chief Glenna Wallace, Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Welcome Chief Ben Barnes -Chairman, UINO
Roll Call- Chief David Hill, Secretary
Approval of Minutes
Treasurer's Report, Bruce Pratt, Treasurer
UINO update – Margo Gray, Executive Director

9:45 am –10:15 am **National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Status and Update**

Larry Wright Jr., Executive Director of the NCAI
Presentation of NCAI updates on Policies and Initiatives for 2023, with recent wins in Indian Country advanced appropriations for the Indian Health Service, increases in appropriations funding from DOI and DHS. NCAI has led with the Policy Area updates such as the Community Development & Infrastructure, Broadband, Indian Housing programs and Environmental Sustainability & Natural Resources.

10:15 am to 10:45 am **Cherokee Nation Delegate Update**

Principal Chief Chuck Hoskins Jr., Cherokee Nation
Update on the Cherokee Nation's efforts to have the U.S. House of Representatives seat Kimberly Teehee as the Cherokee Nation Delegate to the United States based on the Treaty of New Echota and other laws.

10:45 am to 11:15 am **Challenges to Indian Education in Oklahoma**

Alison Black, Past President Oklahoma Council for Indian Education
Indian Education in Oklahoma is being challenged by the State Superintendent in the efforts of refusing federal funding for schools, which will impact native American students, children with disabilities, and Johnson O'Malley funding. In addition, how the critical race theory in Oklahoma history is being viewed and its bearing on our students.

11:15 am to 11:30 am **Federal Update and Planning for a UINO Legislative Summit**

Wilson Pipestem, Pipestem Law
The new Congress is in full swing with new Senators and Representatives, new key committee members, and new control of the House. We will discuss the UINO's upcoming Legislative Summit for input from Tribal leaders.

11:45 am to 1:00 pm **Luncheon with NCAI President Fawn Sharp hosted by Eastern Shawnee Tribe**
"The challenges and opportunities on the horizon for Indian Country"

1:00 p.m.–1:20 p.m. **Indian Boarding Schools Update**

Chief Ben Barnes, Shawnee Tribe

So much is not known about what happened to during the 150 years of federal policy establishing Indian boarding schools. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs is working on bipartisan legislation that would create an Indian Boarding Schools Truth and Healing Commission that would gather information, hear testimony, and make recommendations on how to proceed.

1:20 pm to 1:45 pm **Oklahoma Indian Gaming update**

Matthew Morgan, Chairman, OIGA

From mobile gaming to compacts to sports betting, tribal gaming continues to be a hot topic. OIGA is engaged and will guide us through the latest updates.

1:45 pm to 2:00 pm **Accessing Tribal Broadband**

Mark Kirk, Consultant

Discussion about the current environment and available funding options and other resources for Tribal Nations to start or expand a broadband network system. Discuss the idea of creating a Tribal Technology Focus Group within the UINO structure to function as a resource for Tribes to work together on broadband planning and implementation. The group would also be a valuable resource for Federal Agencies to utilize to help get technology program information to Tribes.

2:00 pm to 2:30 pm **Access to Dental Healthcare Disparity**

Julie Seward, Oral Health Programs Manager, SPTHB

If you're a young adult or adult without medical issues it's almost impossible to be seen at our facilities. As dental health therapy is being pushed at the national level in areas such as Alaska, California, Washington and Oregon. The Tribes in these States already have access within their facilities. Oklahoma is pushing the issue for access and is receiving resistance from the Dental Association. It's going to take Tribal advocacy to get this important issue across the finish line.

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