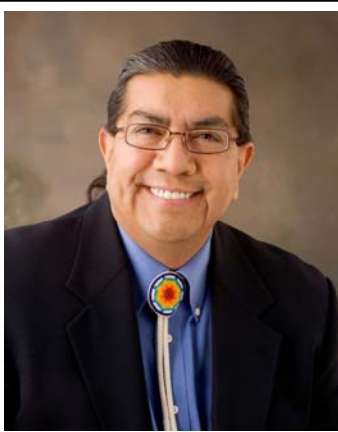




Utah Division of Indian Affairs

Tribal Leaders Newsletter Report

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The primary service provided by UDIA is **Information and Referral.**

This includes:

- General information about Utah's American Indians and tribes
- Presentations to various sectors: public, private, schools
- Publication and distribution of information
- Speaker's Bureau
- Web site: www.indian.utah.gov

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Comments from the Director, Division of Indian Affairs:

It is the busy time of the year for the Utah Division of Indian Affairs. From giving pep talks to the Ute football players to attending out of state conferences, the Division continues to stay busy.

On August 10, I had the pleasure of meeting, visiting, and talking with members of the University of Utah's football team, during their "Utah Experiences" event. It was a great experience for them and me as I told them about the Ute Indian people, their culture, and a brief history. I gave them both some encouragement and a little hell for losing some close games last year.

Sincerely,

James A. Cook

Utah American Indian Housing Council

The Division of Indian affairs is pleased to announce we have received the funding to support the feasibility study that will be conducted by Oweesta in the next year. We want to remind the tribes of their commitment of financial and informational support of this project. It's an important study and much needed to fully address the housing needs our people face.



Native American Summit 2008

As most of you know, our 3rd Annual Native American Summit was conducted September 24-25 at the Western Park Convention Center in Vernal, Utah. Once again approximately 230 tribal and state officials participated in the conference. Governor Huntsman addressed the summit and met with tribal officials during the annual conference sponsored by Governor Huntsman and Lt. Governor Gary Herbert. Lt. Governor Gary Herbert presided over the two day conference which focused on education, health, and economic development. This year the Native American Indian Legislative Liaison Committee scheduled an informational meeting to dialogue with tribal leaders. The Division worked closely with the economic development committee for the NA Summit in developing goals for the Summit. One of the highlights of the Summit was the signing of a *Tribal Consultation agreement* between the State of Utah Department of Human Services and Utah's American Indian tribes.





Economic Development Committee:

At a meeting held October 22, 2008, the economic development committee made the following decisions:

1. We decided to change the name of this committee to "Utah Nation Building Alliance."
2. We want to schedule another Nation Building Institute training session for next year. We are looking at the following dates and would like your recommendation for the best possible date. The proposed dates are:
 - a. April 22-23, 2009
 - b. April 29-30, 2009
 - c. May 6-7, 2009
 - d. May 27-28, 2009



Governors' Interstate Indian Council

This year, I was fortunate to attend the Governor's Interstate Indian Council (GIIC) meeting October 13-15, 2008 in Rapid City, South Dakota. We visited the Crazy Horse and Mount Rushmore Monument. It was incredible, especially Crazy Horse Monument as you can put all of Mt. Rushmore into the head of Crazy Horse. We participated in "Indian Day" events at the Crazy Horse Monument. Former Olympian, Billy Mills, gave a talk to some students that were brought in from surrounding schools. We also visited the Oglala Lakota College, Oglala College Historical/Cultural Center, and the Oglala Tribe's Sky Casino. It was great to reconnect with all of my counterparts from other states throughout the country. There were about 15 other Indian Affairs directors present at this conference.



Education:

The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in the Sciences, Inc. (SACNAS) conference was a huge success. It was reported to us that "We have continued to receive outstanding reports and accolades from new and long time Native American SACNAS members, the Board of Directors and others for the unprecedented and high level of excellence of the Native American programming at our conference this year. Without your help and very tangible support that you offered we could not have done this." Ms. Ismana Carney, Director of Grants, is championing the Native American cause at SACNAS, and she is planning to maintain at least the same level of Native American programming if not more this year and next year (2009) in Dallas, Texas. Ms. Carney is here to present to tribe regarding the SACNAS partnership with the tribes.



2010 U.S. Census:

Census time is rolling around again and hopefully some of you have been contacted by U.S. Census personnel from the Denver Regional Office. I have attended one meeting with the regional representatives and the focus was upon working closely with various ethnic groups in our state. The U.S. Census is once again relying upon cooperation and coordination with Indian tribes in order to make an accurate count in 2010.



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We Shall Remain:

I had the pleasure of accompanying Mary Dickson, KUED, to a one day meeting (Oct. 31, 2008) in Phoenix, Arizona, sponsored by the PBS American Experience Program. Several PBS state affiliates were present at this meeting which was conducted at the Heard Museum. Our local affiliate, KUED, won high regard from the other programs as we appear to have much more going on in comparison with what other states are doing. Only one other state, Arkansas, had an accompanying documentary. As part of my report, we will air the newly released trailer for the national program. Many of you may have seen the local trailer featuring "yours truly."



Repatriation of Human Remains:

On October 27th, 2008 the Native American Remains Review Committee met for the first quarterly meeting as set apart in the new promulgation of Rule 230. It was decided that the Committee will meet on the last Monday of the months of October, January, April, and July. We reported that 4 more cases have been put through the repatriation process. Of those 4 cases, one claim was submitted. The other 3 cases have officially been listed as unclaimed and will be placed in the burial vault as soon as possible. We would like the tribal leaders to submit names of those members of their tribes who could perform blessings when the remains are placed in the burial vault.

Also, we met with representatives from the Utah Division of Transportation (UDOT) who have begun internal talks about creating 2-4 cemeteries throughout various parts of the state for remains found in UDOT projects. They would be willing to allow remains found in other ways to be buried at these places. It is thought that with the amount of land UDOT has access too, and the multitude of sites throughout the state, this might be a way to answer the tribes requests that remains be buried as close as possible to where they were found. If the tribal leaders would like to take back to their councils this request and discuss what areas of the state they would like these 2-4 cemeteries to be, it will make our discussions with UDOT much easier. It has been proposed that a cemetery for ancient American Indian remains be put at This is the Place Heritage park. We feel that UDOT offers better alternatives to this cemetery, and would like your opinion.

Ron Rood, of the Antiquities Section of State History, is currently researching some human remains cases and would like to meet with some of the tribes and possibly some elders. These cases involve possible deaths of tribal members during the Walker War, and while he has managed to find some historical documents, he feels that they are obviously biased. He would like to talk to tribal members who might know more than what the soldiers and Mormon pioneers recorded. If you would be willing to meet with him, he would be more than happy to travel wherever you feel would be the most appropriate place to meet.

We are pleased with the changes made to the law and are happy to report its working. We ask that each tribe support their cultural resource directors and attend the Native American Remains Review Committee meetings when they can. Thank you.