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**MEETING**  
**NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**  
**3 p.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT**

Join ZoomGov Meeting:

<https://achp.zoomgov.com/j/1600208742?pwd=bkM3OWN0SmNpeFpGSUJDNmZpMDNTdz09>

Meeting ID: 160 020 8742

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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- II. New ONAA Staff Introductions
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**UPDATE ON MAJOR ACTIVITIES**  
**December 2021—March 2022**  
**Office of Native American Affairs**

***Traditional Knowledge Initiative.*** Following publication of the information paper in April 2021, the Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) hosted a series of presentations for ACHP-Office of Federal Agency Programs (OFAP) staff, the Department of Energy, and two in partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Justice as part of their Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples. Most recently, ONAA partnered with the Federal Highway Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and New York State Department of Transportation to host a webinar on March 2, 2022, for Indian tribes, federal and state agencies, and other preservation organizations in the Northeast. Also on March 2, 2022, ONAA had an internal ACHP staff webinar designed to advance the consideration of Traditional Knowledge (TK) in federal decision making. ACHP staff identified hurdles to the incorporation of TK and shared opportunities that guidance could address; this information will be used to support the development of guidance on TK.

***National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) Annual Conference.*** ACHP staff participated in three separate panels during NATHPO's 22nd annual conference in February.

***ACHP Updates and Listening Session.*** This panel provided both OFAP and ONAA staff an opportunity to share a series of topics including staff changes, program alternative updates, and overviews of major initiatives of interest to Indian tribes and Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs). Indian tribes and THPOs expressed gratitude for the ACHP's participation and provided a series of comments and inquiries in the chat that the ACHP intends to address with THPOs in more depth during future meetings.

***A Climate of Change: Indigenous Knowledge, Heritage, Health, and Adaptation Panel.*** Moderated by Pala THPO Shasta Gaughen, this panel included participation from ONAA and OFAP, the Ecological Society of America, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, and the California SHPO. The ACHP presented on its draft *Climate Impacts to Tribal and Native Hawaiian Historic Properties: Plan for ACHP Actions* and received positive verbal feedback and significant actionable input through the chat function. The conversation, including panel participants and audience members, resulted in additional considerations the ACHP intends to build upon in the aforementioned action plan.

***Land Area and Name Directory (LAND): Plans and Opportunities.*** Led by NATHPO Executive Director Valerie Grussing, this presentation explored the purpose and potential of a forthcoming tribally driven contact and area of interest platform. This tool is intended to serve as a resource for Indian tribes and THPOs to input and control data pertaining to their areas of interest and contact information relevant to Section 106 and emergency response needs. Additional panelists included National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, ACHP-ONAA, and NATHPO board members.

***Working Effectively with American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Governments.*** ONAA along with the Department of the Interior's Office of Justice Services and the Department of Justice National Advocacy Center have completed updates to the online course "*Working Effectively with American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Governments.*" This training was initially developed by the Interagency Indian

Affairs Executive Working Group and released in January 2008, as a White House E-Government and Technologies Initiative, with the Office of Personnel Management, but has been offline for several years due to funding constraints and the need to update content. The Native American Affairs Committee discussed the training in-depth during the February 2022 meeting and agreed that widespread utilization of this tool by federal and state government personnel, private entities, contractors, and the public would be beneficial to developing a broad and consistent understanding of the unique status of Indian tribes and their historical relationship with the United States. This training is free of charge and can be found at <https://tribal.USALearning.net>.

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