



EQUALITY AT THE BALLOT BOX ALL ACROSS INDIAN COUNTRY

Wisconsin Native Vote Forum

Potawatomi Casino Hotel

October 17 - October 20, 2024

AGENDA IN BRIEF

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Tribal Leader Welcome Reception, Location is TBD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer and Honor Guard

- Indigenous Language Students

9:20 a.m. Welcoming - Opening Remarks

- OJ Semans, Sr., Four Directions Native Vote)
- Bryan Bainbridge, Chief Executive Officer
- Hon. James Crawford, Chairman, Forest County Potawatomi Community
- Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) & Coalition of Large Tribes COLT & Call Meeting to Order

9:40 a.m. Keynote Speaker: Hon. Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

10:40 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Special Speaker: Margaret Gutierrez, Acting Division Chief, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

11:30 a.m. Special Speaker: Heidi Todacheene, Senior Advisor to Secretary Haaland & Executive Director, Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee



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12:00 p.m. LUNCH

- **Special Speaker: Kevin Allis, Thunderbird Strategies: “Update on the 118th Congress”**

1:00 p.m. Keynote Speaker: Hon. Chief Lynn Malerba, Treasurer of the United States

- Introduction by Hon. Lisa White Pipe, Treasurer, Coalition of Large Tribes and Vice President, Rosebud Sioux Tribe

2:00 p.m. Special Speaker: Del Laverdure, “Indians Not Taxed and Our Return to the Constitutional Doctrinal Trail Under Treasury’s Proposed Rules on GWE and Tax-Exempt Status of Wholly-Owned Tribal Entities”

3:00 p.m. Panel Two: Indigenous Bison and Land Management Restoration

- Moderator: OJ Semans, Sr.; Panelists:
 - Wizipan Little Elk Garriott (Personal Appearance)
 - Katrina Fuller (Sicangu Co)
 - Ernest House, Jr. (The Nature Conservancy-Colorado)
 - Del Laverdure (COLT Counsel)
 - Madonna Sitting Bear (Sicangu Co)
 - Jennifer Weddle (COLT Counsel)
 - Cetan Wanbli Williams (Consultant for COLT)

4:00 p.m. Panel Three: Securing the Future - Young Voters Leading the Way, Moderated by TBD

Panel Donna Brandis - TBA

4:30 p.m. CANDIDATE HOLD

5:00 p.m. Session Closes



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer and Honor Guard

- Indigenous Language Students

9:20 a.m. Opening Keynote: Hon. Peggy Flanagan, Minnesota Lieutenant Governor

9:45 a.m. Four Directions Setting the Stage

10:00 a.m. CANDIDATE HOLD x 2

10:30 a.m. COFFEE BREAK / CANDIDATE HOLD

10:45 a.m. Panel Four: Wisconsin/Michigan Tribal Leaders Panel

- Moderator: by Michelle Hirst; Panelists:
 - Hon. Brandon Stevens, Vice Chair, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. LUNCH

12:45 p.m. CANDIDATE HOLD x 4

1:45 p.m. Panel Five: Indian Boarding Schools Healing and Land Back Initiatives

- Moderator: OJ Semans, Sr.; Panelists:
 - Hon. Tracy “Ching” King, Vice Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes
 - Del Laverdure
 - Hon. Bryan Newland
 - Jennifer Weddle

2:30 p.m. AFTERNOON BREAK

3:00 p.m. Panel Six: A Race to Equity

- Moderator: Don Ragona, Native American Rights Fund; Panelists:
 - Jeannie Abrams McLean (Fair Count Georgia)



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- Donna Semans (Four Directions)
- Bret Healy (Four Directions)

4:00 p.m. Panel Seven: Public Safety and Justice for Our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

- Moderator: Wendy Helgemo (Tribal Women for Indigenous Nations);
Panelists:
 - Hon. Shannon Holsey, President, Stockbridge-Munsee Community Band of Mohican Indians
 - Jennifer Weddle

5:00 p.m. Closing

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

9:00 a.m. Opening Prayer and Honor Guard (Indigenous Language Students)

9:20 a.m. Opening Remarks

9:30 a.m. CANDIDATE HOLD x 2

10:00 a.m. Special Speaker: Burton Warrington, President of Menomini yoU, Indigenous Language Restoration and Immersion

10:30 a.m. Panel Eight: Veterans' Panel Tribal Leaders

- Moderator: TBA Panelists: TBA

11:00 a.m. CANDIDATE HOLD x 2

11:30 a.m. An Academic Study on Indian Country - the importance of expert witnesses - felon disenfranchisement - conflicts between state laws and administration - litigating in state courts, using state laws and state constitutions



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- Moderator: OJ Semans Sr (Four Directions); Honorary Doctorate, Claremont Graduate University
- Panelists:
 - Dr. Joseph Dietrich, Assistant Professor, Towson University
 - Tessa Provins, Assistant Professor, University of Arizona
 - Edward Headington, PhD Student in Political Science, Claremont Graduate University
 - Professor Emeritus Jean.Schroedel, Claremont Graduate University

12:30 p.m. Retrieval of Colors - Final Blessing (Indigenous Language Students)