



Executive Director Report

Oct. 14, 2025

BUDGET

Indian Commission—2600

Approved Budget = \$8,835,661.00

Balance = \$7,422,838.65

Stewart Indian School Cultural Center—2601

Approved Budget = \$596,201.00

Balance = \$574,546.26

Gift Fund

Balance = \$63,708.86

NOTABLES

- Hosted 77 guests at screening of Remaining Native, Stewart Gym, Oct. 3
Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance, Native Voters Alliance Nevada funded event
- DNAA recognized at Advancing Tribal Healthcare Gala, Aug 6
- Contributed to Las Vegas Paiute Chair Benny Tso, Governor Lombardo meeting, Oct. 1
- Toured PBS Reno with US Senator Jacky Rosen, Aug. 7
- Introductory meeting with Washoe County School District Superintendent, Sept. 5
- Nevada suffered a widespread ransomware cyberattack on Aug. 24
All computer systems shutdown to prevent further compromise for next 5 days
Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum stayed open during the breach
Administrative staff took 2-days, paid leave (3 offered)
Confirmed DNAA server / shared drives will be rebuilt, content recovered, Sept. 24

STAFFING

- Requested more flexibility for future MA station location
- Sarina Nez promoted to Management Analyst, July 21

STANDING MEETINGS

- Governors' Interstate Indian Council (Oct. 8)
- Nevada Tribal Emergency Coordinating Council (Sept. 30)
- All Cabinet Meeting (Aug. 13 & Sept. 9)

STANDING MEETINGS *continued*

- Western Governors' Association State-Tribal Liaison Network (Aug. 20)
- Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) (Sept. 29)
- State of Nevada, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) HCFCP Tribal Consultation - 2nd Quarter Tribal Health Specialist attended / proxy (Oct. 8)
- Weekly Staff Meetings (Oct. 8)
- Bi-Monthly Meeting with DNAA Liaison to Governor's Office, Chase McNamara (Sept. 9)

MEDIA COVERAGE

[Museums at Indian Boarding Schools Are Shining Light on Their Survivors](#)

By Shayla Martin, *Conde' Nast Traveler*, Aug. 15

[Hundreds attend funeral of Arlan Melendez, longtime Reno-Sparks Indian Colony chairman](#)

By Carly Sauvageau, *Reno Gazette Journal*, June 26

[OPINION: Family separation is a form of weaponized trauma:](#)

[The chaos, terror and uncertainty sown by mass deportation aren't side effects — they're all part of the plan in Nevada, we're learning how to fight back](#)

By Marcela Rodriguez-Campo, *The Nevada Indy*, Sept. 23

[Remaining Native](#) discussion about this coming-of-age documentary told from the perspective of Ku Stevens, a 17-year-old Native American runner, struggling to navigate his dream of becoming a collegiate athlete as the memory of his great grandfather's escape from an Indian boarding school begins to connect past, present, and future,

Hosted by Ted Kelly, Cordillera Film Festival's *Martini Take* podcast, Sept. 26

PRESENTATIONS / WELCOMES

- *Tribal Voting* at Secretary of State's Annual Nevada Election Officials Training Conference, Sept. 23
- *Welcome to the Great Basin and the First Culture* at Western Museums Association Conference, Oct. 2
- *Beyond Representation – Authentic Engagement in Museums* at Western Museums Association Conference, co-presented with Melissa Melero-Moose, Great Basin Native Artists Collective, co-founder; Claire Muñoz and Anne Wolf, Nevada Museum of Art; Oct. 3
- *Policy, Permitting and Public Trust* at Elements of Change: Lithium and Strategic Minerals Forum, co-presented with Chase McNamara, Governor's Office; Jon Raby, BLM; Amanda Hilton, Nevada Mining Association; and Dr. Sean McKenna, DRI; Sept. 19

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS / ONGOING PROJECTS

- Connected Western Governors' Association Policy Advisor with Nevada Public Safety Tribal Liaison, David Blackeye, to collaborate on Missing & Murdered Indigenous People policies, procedures and prevention, July 25
- Guest at Nevada Museum of Art Gala Reception & Dinner, Judith Lowry (Mountain Maidu/ Pit River/Washoe) retrospective exhibition highlighted, Aug. 22
- Strategy meeting with Nevada Veterans Services Tribal Liaison, introduced to NDVS staff, brainstormed future Nevada's Native American Summit 2025, Sept. 3
- Orchestrated meeting with Robert Ghiglieri, Nevada Division of Minerals and Dr. Crystal Williams, Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy, to review comments on Nevada's proposed geothermal regulation updates per Administrative Code 534A, Sept. 26; Follow up Oct. 22
- Request for Carson City / Downtown banner re: Stewart Father's Day Powwow submitted
- Powwow fundraiser, Native American Heritage Month Craft Fair, scheduled at Stewart Gym, Nov. 7-8
- Per NRS 236.040, staff successfully drafted *Native American Day in Nevada* proclamation for Governor's signature, Sept. 16
- Per NRS 236.036 staff successfully drafted *Sarah Winnemucca Day in Nevada* proclamation for Governor's signature, Oct. 16
- 7/9 staffers completed required training to work around Nevada Department of Corrections trustees who provide important ground, building maintenance
- Despite federal pauses on *High Speed Nevada*, at the ready to help Office of Science, Innovation and Technology (OSIT) engage in consultation with 16 Tribal governments to secure resolutions accepting identified vendor, plans to deploy and needed land access
- Collected 26 *End of Year Tribal Communication Reports* per NRS 233A.270 which outline interactions, policy implementation, or program which impacts Tribal communities