



Aboriginal Government Employees Network
15th Annual Conference:
"The Perfect Storm"
September 18 - 20, 2007
Saskatoon Inn
DRAFT AGENDA

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

- 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Registration – *Champagnes Room*
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Cocktails (cash bar)
6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. **Evening Program:**
Speed Networking Social – **MC: Chris Belhumeur** (FNMR)
9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Entertainment – **MC: Sheryl Kimbley** for the "Voices of the North"
Featuring: ***Nick Daigneault, Terri-Anne Strongarm, Jansen Corrigan, Dakota Caisse, Krystal Pederson, Samantha McKay, Mo Tourand, Connie Mike, Deanne Janvier, & Ryan Prosper***
Saskatchewan Ballroom B, C

DAY ONE: Wednesday, September 19, 2007

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.** Men's & Women's Pipe Ceremony – ***Elder Isador Pelletier*** (Pasqua First Nation) & ***Rick Favel*** (Kawactoose First Nation)
Executive Suite
- 8:30 a.m.** Grand Entry begins – ***Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C***
Introduction & explanation of drum group and Grand Entry – ***Tyronne Tootoosis***
Honor Song – Drum Group; 2005 World Champions – ***Wild Horse***
Dancers – ***Harvey Thunderchild*** (Traditional dancer) & ***T. J. Warren*** (Chicken Dancer)
Opening Prayer – ***Elder Isador Pelletier*** (Pasqua First Nation)
- 9:00 a.m.** **Day One MC's** – (AGEN representatives: ***Jamie Lerat & Daryl Demerais***)
Welcome attendees
Introduction and welcoming comments from Dignitaries:
Government of Saskatchewan representative
FSIN representative
Representative for the Saskatoon Tribal Council
City of Saskatoon
Representative from the MNS
- 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.** Opening Speaker: ***Calvin Helin*** (Tsimshian Nation, B.C.) Lawyer, Author, Businessman, Karate Instructor and Aboriginal Leader – ***Topic: "Dances with Dependency"***
Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C
- 10:45 a.m. -11:00 a.m.** Nutritional Break - ***Mezzanine***
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Presentation of "***AGEN Review***" by ***BL Kayseas Business Development Consulting & Associates***
Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** ***Lunch*** provided on site

Day One Continued.....

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. SaskPower representative – **Agnes Brass**

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. AGEN general meeting with members: **Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B, & C**

1. Audience participation on key questions – small group discussion & feedback
2. AGEN Steering Committee response to review & recommendations of actions (update)
3. Contributing Partners comments: **Clare Isman** (Chair PSC), **Richard Gladue** (DM of FNMR), **Perry Bellegarde** (VP of CIC) & **Bonita Cairns** (Director, Corporate Services Executive Council)

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Nutritional Break - **Mezzanine**

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. General meeting continued

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Wrap up of general meeting on review - **BL Kayseas Business Development Consulting & Associates**

4:30 p.m. Day One Adjourn

6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Cocktail reception (cash bar) - **Mezzanine**

6:30 p.m. **15th Anniversary Gala & Awards Banquet Begins**
Banquet MC – **Marty Klyne** (Casino Regina)
Blessing of the Food – **Elder Isador Pelletier** (Pasqua First Nation)

6:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Banquet Dinner
Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C

7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Comments from **Honourable Maynard Sonntag**
AGEN Awards

8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Entertainment by: **Shane Yellowbird**

9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. **AGEN Awards** continued

9:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Entertainment continues by: **Shane Yellowbird**

10:30 p.m. Adjourn for the evening

DAY TWO: Thursday, September 20, 2007

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Men's & Women's Pipe Ceremony – **Elder Isador Pelletier** (Pasqua First Nation) & **Rick Favel** (Kawactoose First Nation)
King Suite

8:30 a.m. – 8:45a.m. **Day Two MC's**; (AGEN representatives: **Denine Lacerte & Henry Desjarlais**)
Recap of day one general meeting
Feedback from day one
Housekeeping items
Comments from **Premier Lorne Calvert**
Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C

8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Introduction of **Day Two** opening speaker: **Elder Danny Muskwa**
Topic:
Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Introduction of highlighted speaker **Carol Schick** (U of R)
Topic; "Talking about race and the big white elephant in the middle of the room"
Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. Nutritional Break - **Mezzanine**

Day Two Continued...

10:30 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. Track 1: Breakout Sessions

Workshop	Topic	Presenter
A	Barriers in the Workplace Courtyard Room	Leanne Bellegarde, Warren Weir & Linda Anderson
B	Mentorship Panel Saskatoon Room	Leemai Lafontaine, Kevin McBeth (Sasktel), other panel representatives TBA
C	Traditions & Culture Wig & Pen	Elder Isador Pelletier (Paqua First Nation) & Rick Favel (Kawactoose First Nation)
D	Guiding Circles: Career Planning Tool Manitoba Room	Trina Maher (Director, Skills & Learning Strategies - Aboriginal Human Resource Council, Toronto)
E	Recruitment, Retention & Advancement Saskatchewan Ballroom A	Crystal Kosa (National Director, HR Strategies – Aboriginal Human Resource Council, Edmonton)
F	Cultural Session Canadian Room	Elder Irene Tootoosis (Poundmaker First Nation, Program Director for Battleford T.C.)

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch provided on site

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Track 2: Breakout Sessions

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2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Nutritional Break - **Mezzanine**

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Introduction of Closing Keynote Speaker – **Chief Ovide Mercredi** (Chief of Mispawistik First Nation, Grand Chief of the Swampy Cree Tribal Council & National Spokesperson for Treaties 1 through 11)
Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Grand Prize Draw
Closing Prayer – **Elder Isador Pelletier**
Grand Exit –
Conference Adjourn
Saskatchewan Ballroom A, B & C