

**Executive Director’s Report for the Period
November 26, 2015 – March 18, 2016
Submitted by Sherry L. Rupert to Nevada Indian Commission Board
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Administrative

- I attended the February and March 2016 Cabinet Team Meetings.
- The budget building process has begun. The following are important dates to note:
 - CIP requests due: April 4, 2016
 - CIP presentations August 25, 2016
 - Non-budgetary BDR’s
 - Concepts due: April 15, 2016 (approved by May 16, 2016)
 - Final due: June 1, 2016
 - Budget Enhancement Concepts Due: May 16, 2016 (approved by June 17, 2016)
 - Budgets and budgetary bills Due in NEBS: September 1, 2016
 - New position requests: Museum Attendant II, Tourism Development Position (Program Officer?)
 - Have met with both our Budget Analysts and Legislative Analysts for this Session
 - Legislative Session begins February 6, 2017 and ends June 5, 2017
- Inter-Agency Veterans Commission Goals submitted for the NIC:

SHERRY RUPERT - NV INDIAN COMMISSION	Identify American Indian veterans and veteran’s organizations in an effort to improve access to benefits and services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve outreach to American Indian veterans in collaboration with the Nevada Department of Veterans Services.• Complete training of a Veterans Advocate to be housed within the Nevada Indian Commission to assist American Indian veterans with information and resources on benefits and services available to them.
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- I will be on annual leave from March 30-April 1, 2016.

Projects

- A full report on Stewart-related items will be given under Agenda Item XIII.
- The NIC partnered with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in applying for Positive Train Control (PTC) Cultural Resource Funds to support the master planning effort at the Stewart Indian School. These funds are to be used to complete an Interpretive Plan for the Stewart Indian School. The Interpretive Plan is a component of the overall Stewart Indian School Master Plan and will outline the best methods and strategies to tell the story of the school and support the Living Legacy project. The PTC grant strongly encourages the SHPO to partner with a Tribe or Tribes on their proposed projects, but does not prevent Tribes on the PTC grant eligible list from applying on their own. SHPO's and Tribes have separate funding tracks and are NOT in competition for awards. The NIC coordinated this effort by appealing to Nevada's Tribes and asking them to partner with the Nevada Indian Commission and the SHPO to make the Stewart Indian School Living Legacy a reality; a legacy that will live on for generations and tell the story of the over 30,000 American Indian students that were profoundly impacted by the Stewart Indian School. Through this partnership we have asked that they provide a letter of partnership for the Interpretive Plan that would be included in the application packet. We also invited each tribe, along with the other Nevada tribes, to participate in the development of the themes that would eventually interpret the history of the Stewart Indian School. If awarded, this work would be accomplished between July-March 2017.

We haven't heard anything from the Cultural Resource Fund folks about the application, but it has been received. When SHPO was in Washington D.C. the other week they heard that 24 SHPO's applied for Round 2 funding. We are expecting award announcements to be made in May

- The Nevada Indian Commission is the lead for the Tribal Traditional Ecological Knowledge Bi-State Summit planning committee, that includes representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Nevada Agency; Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; Nevada BLM, US Fish and Wildlife Service; Inyo National Forest; Bishop BLM; Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Tubape Numu Group; and the National Resources Conservation Service (NCRS). The Summit has been **postponed to June 28-30, 2016** to secure more California Tribal participation.
- The NIC was contacted by UNLV and was asked to host this year's Alternative Break Trip. UNLV is bringing some students (11) to the Stewart Indian School Campus the week of March 21-25, 2016 as their Alternative Break Trip. They do 75% Service Learning and 25% Recreation on these trips. The Nevada Indian Commission has coordinated the trip activities and have 3 service projects lined up for them while at the school and 2 learning presentations (see attached schedule). We have partnered with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California, the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, the Tahoe Indian Parish, Ben Rupert, Nevada Buildings and Grounds Division and the Nevada Department of Transportation on this project.
- This is the ninth year that the Nevada Indian Commission has partnered with the Nevada Department of Education and UNR to share best practices and American Indian cultural resources and information with Nevada's educators. And, the second year the planning committee included

a mobile workshop on the first day to take educators to Pyramid Lake to learn about the Numu culture. They will be accompanied by Tribal Tour Guide (Mr. Ben Rupert) and are scheduled to visit the Pyramid Lake Fisheries, Pyramid Lake Museum and the site of the 1860 War. The mobile workshop will provide a one on one learning opportunity that will better assist our state's educators with teaching about the Numu people; learning about the Numu people directly from the Numu.

- We are working in partnership with the Carson City Chamber of Commerce and the Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA) on the Chamber's annual membership meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the Stewart Indian School the evening of Monday, June 27, 2016. A portion of the proceeds will go to SISPA.

Presentations/Meetings/Miscellaneous

- Stewart Indian School Presentations and Tours Provided:

February 8, 2016

- ✓ Tahoe Expedition Academy (15 attendees)

March 15, 2016

- ✓ Northern Nevada International Center, India Delegation - History and Walking Tour of Stewart Indian School (8 attendees)

- Southern Nevada Veterans Advocacy Training, Sunday, February 21, 2016 – I participated on a panel for the training and represented American Indian veterans and their needs.
- House Subcommittee Testimony in support of the Native American Tourism and Improving Visitor Experience (NATIVE) Act – I testified Wednesday, February 24, 2016 before the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee in support of H.R. 3477 NATIVE Act.
- Showcase USA-Italy and ITB Berlin – I traveled with the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association to the two shows. Showcase USA-Italy took place in Torino Italy and was a full day of appointments with Italian tour operators and travel agents.

ITB Berlin as the Leading Travel Trade Show celebrated its 50th anniversary this year and the Maldives had the honour to be this year's partner country. The ITB Berlin 2016 was the most successful ITB so far and pulled the largest number of trade visitors since it was launched in 1966. Between the 9th and the 13th of March the fair attracted 180,000 visitors (2015: 175,000). These can be subdivided into 120,000 trade visitors (2015: 115,000) and 60,000 members of the public. 10,000 exhibiting companies from 187 countries and regions met with trade visitors in 26 exhibition halls. 200 events at the ITB Convention were attended by over 26,000 visitors (2015: 23,000). More than 5,000 accredited journalists from 80 countries, as well as around 380 bloggers from 30 countries, reported from the ITB Berlin 2016. 124 delegations visited the ITB



Berlin this year, including members of four royal houses, 48 ministers, and 87 ambassadors from all over the world. This presence of decision power also led to an increase in business conduction during the trade show, from last year's 6.7 billion Euros to around seven billion this year. No wonder that the exhibitor satisfaction was more than 90%.

Upcoming Events

- Nevada American Indian Alaska Native Education Summit, March 20-22, 2016 – University of Nevada, Reno
- Nevada Tribal Tourism Conference, April 27-28, 2016 – Governor's Mansion, Carson City, NV
- Stewart Indian School Preservation Alliance (SISPA) *Under the Stewart Stars Fundraiser*, May 21, 2016 - Carson City, NV
- Stewart Princess Pageant and Alumni Reception, June 16, 2016 – Stewart Indian School Gym
- Stewart Father's Day Powwow, June 17-19, 2016 – Stewart Indian School
- Carson City Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Meeting, June 27, 2016 – Stewart Indian School
- Tribal Traditional Ecological Knowledge Summit, June 28-30, 2016 – Stewart Indian School Gym

