



NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN COURT JUDGES ASSOCIATION

Established in 1969 to Strengthen and Enhance Tribal Justice Systems

NOTICE OF 2014 NAICJA ANNUAL MEETING October 8, 2014 – Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tulsa

In accordance with NAICJA Bylaws, Article V, Sec. 3, you are hereby notified that the **2014 Annual Meeting** of the National American Indian Court Judges Association (“NAICJA”) will be held on **Thursday, October 9, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Sequoyah 1, 2 & 3 rooms** at the Cherokee Hard Rock Hotel and Casino Tulsa, 777 W Cherokee St, Catoosa, OK 74015. The Annual Meeting is being held in conjunction with NAICJA’s 45th Annual National Tribal Judicial and Court Clerks’ Conference, “*Celebrating Tribal Justice Innovations and Success*” which is being held from October 7-10, 2014. The NAICJA Conference will kick off on October 8 at 6:00 pm with a Welcome Reception at the same location.

Please remember to pay your annual dues for 2014 and to register (and submit conference fee) for the conference if you plan to attend. Please visit <http://www.naicja.org/events/2014conference> for more information and details.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER: *Hon. Jill E. Tompkins, NAICJA President*
- ROLL CALL: *Hon. Amanda Rockman, NAICJA Secretary*
- IN MEMORIAM: REMEMBRANCES OF NAICJA MEMBERS
Hon. Elbridge Coochise, Past NAICJA President
Hon. Cheryl Fairbanks, NAICJA Board Director
- NATIONAL SURVEY OF TRIBAL COURT SYSTEMS (2014)
Steven W. Perry, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics, U.S. Department of Justice
- TRIBAL COURT HIGHWAY CASE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
*Justice J. Matthew Martin, (Ret.) American Bar Association/National Highway
Traffic Safety Administration Tribal Courts Fellow*
- CERTIFICATION OF REGIONAL ELECTION RESULTS
Hon. Amanda White Eagle, NAICJA Secretary and
Hon. Kevin Briscoe, NAICJA 2nd Vice-President
- “THE STATE OF NAICJA”: *Hon. Jill E. Tompkins, NAICJA President*
- TREASURER’S REPORT: *Hon. Winona Tanner, NAICJA Treasurer*

10:30 a.m. BREAK

NAICJA AWARDS FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT, JUDICIAL EXCELLENCE,
& COURT SUPPORT EXCELLENCE

Hon. Jill E. Tompkins, NAICJA President

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT-LARGE MEMBER (BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS):

Hon. Susan Wells, NAICJA Board Member, Region 9

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAICJA'S BYLAWS

Hon. Richard A. Blake, NAICJA 1st Vice-President

(Copy of proposed Bylaws amendments accompanies this Notice.)

12:30 p.m. ADJOURN: *Hon. Jill E. Tompkins*

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO NAICJA BY-LAWS
To be considered at NAICJA 2014 Annual Meeting

Article III: Membership

Section 1. There shall be the following categories of membership with the following qualifications, privileges and restrictions:

a) Active Member. Any person who is a duly appointed or elected judge, adjudicator of disputes or peacemaker serving in a justice system established by ~~a~~ federally recognized or a State recognized Indian tribal government or other American Indian government — Nation, Pueblo, etc. — for the purpose of hearing cases involving Indians or Indian matters and who complies with the applicable provisions of these Bylaws upon application for membership and the submission of membership dues shall be an Active Member. A federally recognized tribe is an Indian tribe, band, nation, Alaska Native village, or any organized group or community which is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians. A State recognized tribe is an Indian group that has been formally recognized as an Indian tribe by a State legislature or by a State commission or similar organization legislatively vested with State tribal recognition authority. Active Members, in good standing, shall be fully qualified to vote, hold office and otherwise participate in the affairs of the Association.

This amendment would limit the category of persons eligible for Active Membership to those judges, adjudicators of disputes or peacemakers serving in the justice system of a federally recognized or state recognized tribal government. The definition of “federally recognized tribe” and “State recognized tribe” mirror those set forth in the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act of 2010, 24 U.S.C. § 305(d) and the accompanying federal regulations at 25 C.F.R. Ch. 11, § 309.2.

Original proposed amendment was approved by the NAICJA Board on April 13, 2013 for submission to the 2013 Annual Meeting but no position either for or against the amendment was taken by the Board. This amendment was tabled at the October 19, 2013 Annual Meeting. The proposed amendment subsequently was revised by the Board of Directors and approved at its July 11, 2014 meeting for submission to Membership at the 2014 Annual Meeting with the recommendation to adopt.

Article VI: Board of Directors

Section 6. Meetings of Board

- a) Regular Meetings. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings at such times and places as they may agree upon or the President may direct at least twice annually. Meetings shall take place during the months of January, March and October (just preceding the Annual Meeting) unless circumstances exist to make such dates inadvisable. In such circumstances, the Board meeting shall be rescheduled to the next available month. The Board of Directors may provide, by resolution, the time and place for holding additional regular meetings without other notice than such resolution.

This amendment would give Board members more advance notice of when regular Board meetings will be held each year so that they can schedule to attend. Approved for submission to the Annual Meeting by the NAICJA Board on March 21, 2014 with the recommendation to adopt.

- b) Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or by the Secretary upon request of at least three (3) members of the Board, and shall be held at such times and places as the Board or the President shall determine.

Article IX: Resignations, Removals, Vacancies

[Section 3. Vacancies.] If any vacancy shall occur in the Board of Directors, ~~or~~ in any office of the Association, or in the Steering Committee by reason of death, resignation, or otherwise, the Board of Directors, or remaining members thereof, shall elect a qualified member to fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.

This amendment would empower the Board of Directors to elect a current Active Member to fill a vacancy in the Steering Committee. Approved for submission to the Annual Meeting by the NAICJA Board on March 21, 2014 with the recommendation to adopt.