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*The CIMC Movement: Creating Positive Change
for Native Communities*

CIMC 36TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



CIMC Chairman Robert H. Smith led the 36th Annual Membership Meeting held at the Pala Casino Spa Resort in Pala, California, October 31-November 1, 2014. This was an opportunity to bring together the delegates from CIMC's member tribes and organizations to receive crucial information, conduct the business of the Consortium, and review CIMC's accomplishments during the past year. With the passage of the new federal legislation, the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act of 2014, it was even more important to bring our delegates together to provide information and to create strategies on how to implement the changes under this new law.

WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2014

Strengthening the Connection between Education, TANF and the Workforce

WIOA TOWN HALL

The WIOA Town Hall, held on October 31, 2014 during the CIMC 36th Annual Membership Meeting, was a great success with nearly 100 people in attendance. Ms. Athena Brown, Chief of the Division of Indian and Native American Programs, Office of Workforce Investment, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor was present. Ms. Brown provided the attendees with valuable information about the new federal legislation, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014.



Mr. Albert Pooley, President of Native American Fatherhood and Families Association, (far right) posed for photograph with some of the CIMC staff members who attended the 36th Annual Membership Meeting. He is the founder of the Native American Fatherhood/Motherhood Is Sacred program. Mr. Pooley's special presentation, held October 31, 2014, on his work with Native tribes across North America and many urban Indian agencies was very well received by the meeting attendees.

CIMC is pleased to thank Ms. Linda Wenzel from Lone Pine, California, who concluded her term as the Board of Directors Secretary. She was recognized for a total of ten years of service on the CIMC Board of Directors. Ms. Wenzel is commended for her dedication and commitment to CIMC's vision and goals.



CIMC ELECTIONS

Board of Directors elections were held at the 36th Annual Membership Meeting. Congratulations to the newly elected Vice Chairman, Secretary and Chicago representative. The new Board of Directors is as follows:

Chairman: **Robert H. Smith** - Pala, CA

Vice Chairman: **Gary Rickard** - Anderson, CA

Secretary: **Arlene Craft** - Banning, CA

Treasurer: **Benjamin Charley, Jr.** - Bishop, CA

GSA Representatives:

Chicago: **Kim E. Cook** / Alternate: Joe Podlasek

Eastern Sierra: **Joyce Alvey** / Alternate: Debbie Painter

Escondido: **Shelia Smith-Lopez** / Alternate: James Hill

Redding: **Stacy Dixon** / Alternate: Barbara Bird

Sacramento: **Florence Dick** / Alternate: Lee Ann Brown

San Jacinto: **Colleen Garcia** / Alternate: Theresa Villa

Ukiah: **Elizabeth Hansen** / Alternate: Tanya Estrada



OUTSTANDING CIMC GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA - EASTERN SIERRA

Congratulations to the CIMC Eastern Sierra Geographic Service Area for your recognition as the Outstanding Geographic Service Area for Program Year 2013.

- Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
- Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Bridgeport Indian Colony
- Fort Independence Community of Paiute Indians
- Foundation for the Kern Valley Indian Community
- Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Reservation
- Owens Valley Board of Trustees / Owens Valley Career Development Center
- Owens Valley Indian Housing Authority
- Toiyabe Indian Health Project, Inc.

[Click here for a list of all Outstanding Members](#)

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The CIMC *Program Year 2013 Annual Report* was released at the 36th CIMC Annual Membership Meeting.

[Click here to download the full Program Year 2013 Annual Report](#)

ANA WORKIN' SKILLS INTO CAREERS

CIMC is proud to announce the launch of a new three-year project, Workin' Skills into Careers. The project will create a standardized soft skills strategy for all eight CIMC field offices and staff members will be trained in this strategy. This soft skills strategy will be linked to career pathways and used to enhance career opportunities for clients. The project is funded by the Administration for Native Americans, US Department of Health and Human Services.

[Click her for more information.](#)

ELDERS PROGRAM WORKSHOP: MEDICARE INFORMATION BASICS AND MEDICARE PART D



The CIMC Elders Program is hosting a workshop on Medicare Informational Basics and Medicare Part D and a Holiday Luncheon. The event will take place at the Gold Country Hotel, 4020 Olive Highway, Oroville, California on December 7, 2014 at 12:00 - 3:00 pm. For information, contact Charmaine Mix, CIMC Elders Program Coordinator at (916) 920-0285 or charmainem@cimcinc.com.

[Click here for flyer.](#)

Funding provided by USDHHS-Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging



Native Entrepreneur Training Program Update

2014-2015 CIMC Leadership Training for Entrepreneurial / Small Business Economic Development is scheduled to begin on December 10, 2014

Approximately 25 students will begin training on developing a business plan and learning about day-to-day business operations. Native community members are welcome on a walk-in basis but will need to call in advance.

Schedule:

December 10-12, 2014 - Pala, CA

January 7-8, 2015 - Alpine, CA

February 11-13, 2015 - Loleta, CA

March 18-19, 2015 - Tuolumne, CA

For information, contact Teresa Marie Willson, CIMC Native Entrepreneur Training Co-Coordinator at teresaw@cimcinc.com or (916) 920-0285.. Sponsorship opportunities are available. [Click here for Sponsorship form.](#)

UPCOMING CIMC MEETINGS / EVENTS

December 7, 2014 - 12:00 noon: **Elders Program Workshop: Medicare Informational Basics and Medicare Part D and Holiday Luncheon** . Gold Country Hotel, 4020 Olive Highway, Oroville, CA

December 10-12, 2014: **Session I -2014-15 CIMC Leadership Training for Entrepreneurial / Small Business / Economic Development** . Pala Casino Resort Spa, 11154 Highway 76, Pala, CA

January 7-8, 2015: **Session II - 2014-15 CIMC Leadership Training for Entrepreneurial / Small Business / Economic Development** . Viejas Casino & Resort, 5000 Willows Road, Alpine, CA

Save the Date - January 8, 2015: **CIMC Chicago Geographical Service Area Meeting** via Webinar

February 11-13, 2015: **Session III - 2014-15 CIMC Leadership Training for Entrepreneurial / Small Business / Economic Development** . Bear River Casino & Hotel, 11 Bear Paws Way, Loleta, CA

March 18-19, 2015: **Session IV - 2014-15 CIMC Leadership Training for Entrepreneurial / Small Business / Economic Development** . The Hotel at Black Oak Casino, 19388 Tuolumne Road North, Tuolumne, CA



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