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FOURTH ANNUAL REPATRIATION CONFERENCE ADVOCATING FOR OUR ANCESTORS

November 13-15, 2018

Forest County Potawatomi Hotel & Casino, Milwaukee, WI

CALL FOR SESSION PROPOSALS

Submissions due August 3, 2018

The Association on American Indian Affairs invites proposals for sessions that emphasize the theme of the conference **ADVOCATING FOR OUR ANCESTORS**. The key of the Conference will be providing hands-on practical knowledge and understanding to better advocate for repatriation of our ancestors, burial items and sacred and cultural patrimony.

The first day of the Conference (November 13) will be dedicated to issues of domestic repatriation from federal agencies and museums as defined by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and how to implement NAGPRA at the Tribal level. The second day (November 14) will involve domestic repatriation advocacy for items held by private individuals or entities and items that are not covered by NAGPRA. The third day (November 15) will be devoted to current issues of international repatriation, progress made and tools for advocacy.

Topics that may be a part of the Fourth Annual Repatriation Conference include:

- Developing Practical Tools to Implement NAGPRA
- Improving Negotiation Strategies for the Return of Cultural Items from Private Hands
- Learning Approaches for Successful International Repatriation
- Exploring Tribal Custom and Culture to Develop Tribal Laws and Processes for Repatriation
- Interactive Work Sessions to Explore Technology and Databases
- Toolkits and Precedents from Other Successful Repatriations

All sessions should strive to interact with the audience and help the audience develop skills, strategies and toolkits for successful implementation of repatriation programs. Lecture-type sessions will be limited to luncheon key-note speakers. All sessions should be active and engaging.

A typical session will be 1.5 hours and allow for a 20-minute question and answer period or open discussion. However, shorter or longer sessions may also be proposed.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals for sessions should include at least the following information:

- The title of the session;
- The name, affiliation, mailing address, and email address(es) of the facilitator and session participants;
- A description of the topic of the Session (not to exceed 100 words);
- How the session will provide skills, strategies and toolkits for the audience;
- A list of A/V equipment needed (e.g. projector, microphones, etc.); and
- Request for funding (limited funding is available).

Session proposals must be submitted by August 3, 2018, 5:00pm Eastern by email to general.aaia@indian-affairs.org, with the subject line reading "Session Proposal."

If you are chosen for a session, final presentations, bios, power points or other handouts should be submitted by October 1, 2018 for inclusion in conference materials.

All panel presenters will be required to pay registration of \$150. Some scholarships may be available. Requests for funding are due on August 3, when session proposals are submitted.