"From All Four Directions, Nations Working Together To Balance Tradition and Technology In Indian Agriculture"

Conference Program

SOUTHWEST INDIAN AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

SWIAA 19TH Annual Conference Program
January 23 – 25, 2007
Aquarius Casino Resort
Laughlin, Nevada
Tuesday - January 23, 2007

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration  (Convention Center Foyer)

1:00 pm  “Conference Opening” Ballroom “B”

“Opening Remarks”  Mr. Spencer D. Thomas, President
“Invocation”
“Posting of Colors”  SWIAA Armed Service Veterans
“National Anthem”  Miss Cissimarie Juan, Miss Indian Arizona
“Welcome”  Mr. Raphael Bear, President
Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (Invited)

1:30 pm  “NRCS Update - 2007 Farm Bill

Speaker:  Mr. David McKay, Arizona State Conservationist, NRCS
Question & Answer

2:30 pm  “Drought Management Lower Colorado River - Update”

Speaker:  Mr. Robert Johnson, Regional Director
Lower Colorado, Bureau of Reclamation

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 1 – “Tohono O’odham Basket”
Donated by – Agnes & Mike

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 2 – “Star Quilt”
Donated by – Spencer Thomas
Tuesday (continued)  Ballroom “B”

3:00 PM
◆ ◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK *(TOUCAN ROOM)* ◆ ◆
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3:15 pm  “SWIAA Annual Membership Meeting”

President’s Report
Treasurer’s Report
Old Business
New Business
Election of New Board Members
Establish New Committees

4:15 pm  “Diversified Farm Bill Discussion”

Speaker: Mr. Ross Racine, Executive Director,
Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC)

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 3 – “Hunting Knife”
Donated by – Sonny Nieto

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 4 – “Rope Basket”
Donated by – Gary Parker

5:00 – 7:00 PM
◆ ◆ SOCIAL – GET TOGETHER *(TOUCAN ROOM)* ◆ ◆
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS *(NO HOST BAR)*

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Wednesday – January 24, 2007

8:00 am – 12:00  Registration  (Convention Center Foyer)

(Ballroom “B”)

9:00 am  “Call to Order”  Mr. Homer Marks, Sr. Vice-President

“Invocation”  Mr. Gerald Brown, Gila River Indian Community

9:15 am  “Animal ID and Premise ID Programs”

Moderator – Mr. Philip Bravo, Jr.

Tribal Perspective: Priscilla Pavatea, Hopi Tribe

State/Federal Requirements:  Dr. Hortentia D. Harris, AVIC – APHIS (Invited)
Dr. Richard Willer, State Veterinarian (Invited)

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 5 – “Pendleton Blanket”  
Donated by – Jicarilla Apache Nation

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 6 – “Pee Posh Pottery”  
Donated by – Jonathan Thomas

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 7 – “Tohono O’odham Basket”  
Donated by – Tim Garcia

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 8 – “Tohono O’odham Basket”  
Donated by – Frances Conde
Wednesday (continued)  Ballroom “B”

10:15 AM

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SPONSORED BY – CROPPER CHEVROLET-CHRYSLER CENTER

11:00 am  “CENSUS OF AGRICULTURE 2007”
Speaker: Mr. Marty Owens, Director, Nevada Agricultural Statistics, NASS/USDA

11:30 am  “Organic Certification for Crops and Livestock”
Speaker: Ms. Linda Coffey, Agricultural Specialist National Center for Appropriate Technology

12:00 NOON

◆ ◆ LUNCHEON *(BALLROOM “A”)* ◆ ◆

MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES – FRANCES CONDE

Dr. Roe B. Lewis Scholarship Awards:
Ms. Jennifer Hill – Navajo Nation
Ms. Rachel K. Owens – Navajo Nation

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 9 – “Hualapai Doll”
Donated by – Hualapai Nation

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 10 – “Tohono O’odham Basket”
Donated by – Tohono O’odham Nation Legislative Council
Wednesday (continued)  Ballroom “B”

1:30 pm  “My Role in Agriculture”
Speaker:  Ms. Jennifer Hill – Navajo Nation
          Ms. Rachel K. Owens – Navajo Nation

2:00 pm  “BioEnergy and Bioproducts – Sugarcane Production in the Southwest”
Speaker:  Dr. Paul G. Sebesta, Center Director, USDA, ARS, KSARC

2:45 PM
◆ ◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK (TOUCAN ROOM) ◆ ◆
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3:00 pm  “Natural Resource Management”
Speaker:  Mr. Joe Muniz, Director, Jicarilla Apache Tribe, Natural Resources Division

4:00 pm  "Early Stages of Commercializing Lesquerella"
Speaker:  Dr. Dave Dierig, Research Geneticist
          USDA-ARS, U.S. Arid-Land Agricultural Research Center
Thursday – January 25, 2007
(Ballroom “B”)

9:00 am  “Call to Order”  Mr. Spencer D. Thomas, President
  “Invocation”

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 11 – “Native American Art/Craft”
  Donated by – Marks Family

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 12 – “Native American Art/Craft”
  Donated by – Marks Family

9:15 am - Concurrent Workshops

Ballroom “B”

  “Natural Resource Conservation Service Workshop”
    Moderator: Ms. Millie Titla, Tribal Liaison

  “EQIP Application – Forms #1200 and #1245”
    Speaker: Mr. Felix Nez

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  “Future of Indian Land Ownership”
    Speaker: Mr. Cris Stainbrook, Executive Director
    Indian Land Tenure Foundation

10:15 AM

  ◆◆ REFRESHMENT BREAK (TOUCAN ROOM) ◆◆

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10:30 am “Concurrent Workshops - Repeated”

Ballroom “B”

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◆◆ Lunch (on your own) ◆◆

1:30 pm Concurrent Workshops

Ballroom “B”

“Small Farm/Specialty Crop Marketing Strategies”

Speaker: Dr. Russell Tronstad, University of Arizona

Macaw I

“Increase Your Opportunity For Success, Farm Loans and Youth Loans”, USDA – Farm Service Agency

Speakers: Shawneen Stevenson and Cam Andersson
2:30 pm  Concurrent Workshops

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3:15 pm  Concurrent Workshops

Macaw I  “Tribal and Individual Farms – Open Forum Working Session”

Panel:  Avi Kwa’ Ame Farms; Gila River Farms; Button Bohnee Partnership, L.L.C.; Ft. McDowell Tribal Farms; Alcaida Farms

- Cooperative Marketing
- Specialty Crops
- Integrated Agriculture
Ballroom “B”  “Tribal Herd and Livestock Association Managers – Open Forum Working Session”

Panel: Gu Achi Livestock Association, San Carlos All Cattle Association, Hualapai Livestock Associations, 26 Bar Ranch (Hopi Tribe), Delbert Francisco – Tohono O’odham Tribal Herd

- Ranch Tourism/Supplemental Income/Rough Stock
- Cooperative/Specialty Marketing
- Cooperative Calving Areas
- Cooperative Feed Lots
- Single Brand
- Tribal Herds
- Management Plans
- Animal ID and Premise Program

Ballroom “A”

6:00 pm  Dinner & Annual Awards

Master of Ceremonies: Spencer Thomas

Annual Awards:

Special Recognition Awards:

Sponsored by AMS Finance and AMS Insurance
Raffle Prize Drawing No. 13 – “Native American Art/Craft”
  Donated by – Tohono O’odham Legislative

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 14 – “Pen and Ink Sketch”
  Donated by – Homer Marks, Sr.

Raffle Prize Drawing No. 15 – “Framed Edward S. Curtis Print of a Photograph Entitled “Pima Ki” taken in 1907 - 08”
  Donated by – Indian Resource Development Program - NMSU

8:00 – 12:00 pm
Dance to the Music of the “Chaka and Friends”

Friday – January 26, 2007
9:00 am
Executive Board Session – Swan Room

The SWIAA Board would like to recognize and thank the following individuals for all of their time and effort to make this year’s conference so successful:

Spencer Thomas, Chairman       Agnes Joaquin, Coordinator
Kelley Berry                   Gerald F. Brown       Frances Conde
Tim Garcia                     Howard Jones          Mike Lejero
Venita Lopez                   Homer Marks, Sr.      Jay Martinez
Sonny Nieto                    Gary Parker           Joel J. Querta
Robert Sotomayor               Jonathan Thomas       Arnold Vigil