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By: Dr. Angela Gonzales, Candace Hamana, Curtis Honanie
Hopi Tutuveni Editorial Board

A fond farewell to Louella Nahsonhoya, Managing Editor of the Hopi Tutuveni

The Hopi Tutuveni is now seeking a new Managing Editor following the retirement of Louella Nahsonhoya, who has worked for the Tutuveni for the last 6 years. Louella has been a dedicated professional and her work has been vital to the continued success of the Tutuveni.

Louella has served as Managing Editor since 2012, and has worked for the Tutuveni for 16 years in various capacities. She has worked closely with the editorial board and has been an integral part of the publication’s success.

Louella is a graduate of Northern Arizona University and has a degree in journalism. She is fluent in the Hopi language and has worked extensively with the Hopi education department to promote Hopi culture and language.

Louella is a highly respected member of the Hopi community and has been a vocal advocate for Hopi education and culture.

The editorial board would like to express their gratitude to Louella for her hard work and dedication over the years. They wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Hopi Tutuveni

As we begin the search for a new Managing Editor, the Tutuveni office will remain open during normal business hours. For help with subscriptions and advertising, please contact Medina Lomatska at (928) 734-3282. Subscription information can be found by sending an email to tutuveni@hopi-nsn.gov. Questions for the editorial board can also be sent via email.
1. Action Item 014-2018 – To approve establishment of a dispute resolution port for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program funding award

2. Action Item 012-2018 – Contract for Legal Representation of Indigent Indian Defendants between the Hopi Tribe and Antol & Hance, P.C. – Author/Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel – APPROVED

3. Action Item 013-2018 – Hopi Tribe’s action to remove an adult from the Hopi Tribal Registry – Author/Mary L. Polaca, Director, Office of Enforcement – APPROVED

4. Action Item 012-2018 – To enter the findings of licensing period for Resolution H-040-2017 – Approved

5. Action Item 009-2018 – To approve the Thor Equine Board to advertise of three (3) Election Board seats – COMPLETE

6. Action Item 007-2018 – To develop the Hopi Tribe’s Economy Development Economic template – COMPLETE

7. Action Item 006-2018 – To address the 4/26/18 – 7/11/18 Timbers’ response from the Election Board in response to the Certified questions – COMPLETE

8. Action Item 005-2018 – To address timeliness of the Bill – COMPLETE

9. Action Item 004-2018 – To address the 2018 General Liability, Property and Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel – APPROVED

10. Action Item 003-2018 – To address the Hopi Tribe’s surcharge Audi – COMPLETE

11. Action Item 002-2018 – To address the 2018 General Liability, Property and Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel – APPROVED

12. Action Item 001-2018 – To address the Hopi Tribal Registry – Author/Mary L. Polaca, Director, Office of Enforcement – APPROVED
February 19, 2018 – Permitting of Livestock on Hopi Land Management District
Beatrice Norton, Director, Office of Aging & Adult Services and Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System – Author/Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel - APPROVED

3. Action Item #018-2018 – To correct the dates of funding payments for Tribal Housing Authority – Week of Feb. 5, 2018 TABLED

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
March 1, 2, 7, 8, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2016

VII. CALENDAR PLANNING

PLLC - Author/Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel - APPROVED

5. Action Item 004-2018 – To approve establishment of Hopi Tribal Education Endowment Fund – APPROVED

FY 2017 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant

1. January 04, 05, 06, 07, 25, 26, 27, 28, 2016– APPROVED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13. Health/Education Committee *
11. Office of Revenue Commission *
10. Law Enforcement Committee *
7. Land Commission *
11. Discussion with Finance on Travel Expense Claims/Travel Reimbursement of a Hopi Tribal Member – Author/Mary L. Polacca, Director, Office of Enrollment. Time Certain Request from the original publisher. The Tutuveni Editorial Board reserves the right not to publish submissions that fit within the editorial calendar or are most relevant to readers.

2. Action Item #017-2018 – To accept a grant from the National Park Service for “Repatriation of Sacred Objects” – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

1. Action Item #015-2018 – To accept and approve the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System’s (AHCCCS) subcontract for the State of Arizona’s Medicaid managed care program – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

44. **Time Certain Request for Discussion – 12/18/17 Letter from Louella Nahson, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi – Re-considered

51. Hearing of Inquiry to determine whether to dis-enroll an adult for dual enrollment from the Hopi Tribal Court – APPROVED


19. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 Meeting – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

18. Deputy Revenue Commissioner - Interviews - 12/8/17 - 4:00 – 5:00 pm - COMPLETE

12. Action Item 010-2018 – To procure 2018 General Liability, Property and Casualty Insurance – Author/Mary L. Polacca, Director, Office of Enrollment – COMPLETE

12. action Item 011-2018 – To procure 2018 General Liability, Property and Casualty Insurance – Author/Mary L. Polacca, Director, Office of Enrollment – COMPLETE

12. action Item 012-2018 – To permit the Tribal Housing Authority to resume the preadowing of Hopi land in the Village of Baccavi – Author/Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel - APPROVED

7. Land Commission *

47. Appointment of Sipaulovi Tribal Council Representatives – Interviews - 12/8/17 @ 1:00 – 4:00 pm – COMPLETE


4. Action Item 002-2018 – To approve the FHWA – MTC project – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered


9. Action Item 003-2018 – To permit the Tribal Housing Authority to resume the preadowing of Hopi land in the Village of Baccavi – Author/Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel - APPROVED

27. Discussion Re: formation of a Task Team that will amend the settlement agreement with Peabody Energy Corporation – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

21. Chief Revenue Commissioner & Deputy Revenue Commissioner - Interviews - 12/8/17 @ 1:00 – 4:00 pm – COMPLETE

32. Update on Land Settlement Disagreement – Crew Amsterdam, Assistant Tribal Council – Re-considered


15. Action Item 010-2018 – To permit the Tribal Housing Authority to resume the preadowing of Hopi land in the Village of Baccavi – Author/Theresa Thin Elk, General Counsel - APPROVED

19. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 Meeting – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

16. Action Item 007-2018 – To approve amendments to the Contract with the National Park Service for “Repatriation of Sacred Objects” – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

17. Action Item 008-2018 – To approve amendments to the Contract with the National Park Service for “Repatriation of Sacred Objects” – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

45. Motion to adjourn the meeting – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

46. **Time Certain Request for Discussion – 12/18/17 Letter from Louella Nahson, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Bacavi – Re-considered

1. Action Item #009-2018 – To approve completed Enrolled Member Applications – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

10. Action Item 009-2018 – To approve completed Enrolled Member Applications – Author/Thomas Hinano, Tribal Council Representative, Village of Baccavi – Re-considered

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Cataracts

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In older adults, the eye’s crystalline lens yellows and begins to harden, resulting in blurry vision, dull color perception, and difficulty seeing at night. Cataracts worsen over time, so it’s important to understand the stages of cataract progression in order to treat symptoms early and slow or even stop the progression of cataracts.

An ophthalmologist can provide you with an accurate cataract diagnosis and help you plan an appropriate course of treatment.

Early Cataract Warning Signs

Cataracts range in terms of severity, and the correct treatment depends on the degree of progression and type of cataracts you have. Early cataract detection signs include:

- **Cloudy Vision** – One of the most obvious signs of early-stage cataracts is the appearance of noticeable fuzzy spots in your field of vision. These spots typically start out as fairly small aberrations, but over time they will worsen, making daily activities harder than they were before. If you experience sudden and persistent cloudy vision, see an eye doctor as soon as possible before your vision gets any worse.

- **Difficulty Seeing at Night** – Patients with early-stage cataracts also report gradual worsening of nighttime vision. Cataracts often cause sufferer’s vision to darken or dim, and may also lead to slight tinges of brown or yellow. These early changes may not be noticeable during the day, but they will be extremely noticeable at night.

- **Increased Light Sensitivity** – For people with emerging cataracts issues, discomfort with bright lights will become increasingly noticeable and problematic. Consult your eye doctor if bright lights cause you to squint or close your eyes, or if you develop sudden headaches from flashes of bright light.

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- **Eye Examination Results** – In the earliest stages of cataracts, a person may have difficulty noticing changes to their vision. That’s why regular eye examinations are strongly recommended for older adults. Ophthalmologists can detect the presence of cataracts before sufferers report any noticeable vision problems.

How to Slow Down Cataract Progression

Small cataracts do not always develop quickly, so patients and their families usually have plenty of time to consider options and discuss treatment and or prevention with an ophthalmologist. Some may stop progressing altogether after a certain point, but cataracts never go away on their own, and if they continue to grow they can cause blindness if left untreated.

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Learn More About Cataract Surgery

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The Hopi School to Receive $35,000 Grant from National Endowment for the Arts

By: Robert Rhodes
The Hopi School

Hopi, Arizona—National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Jane Chu has approved more than $25 million in grants as part of the NEA’s first major funding announcement for fiscal year 2018. Included in this announcement is an Art Works grant of $35,000 to The Hopi School to support learning opportunities for Hopi students in arts, culture, and language. The Arts Works category is the NEA’s largest category and supports projects that focus on the creation of art that meets the highest standards of excellence, public engagement with diverse and excellent art, lifelong learning in the arts, and/or the strengthening of communities through the arts.

“Art connects people and helps us to see the impact that the arts are making throughout the United States. These NEA-supported projects, such as this one The Hopi School, are good examples of how the arts build stronger and more vibrant communities, improve well-being, prepare our children to succeed, and increase the quality of life,” said NEA Chairman Jane Chu. “At the National Endowment for the Arts, we believe that all people should have access to the joy, opportunities, and connections the arts bring.”

For more information on how The Hopi School is implementing learning opportunities for Hopi students, please visit the school website at www.hopischool.org. The 2018 list of classes and workshops is available there.

For more information on projects included in the NEA grant announcement, visit arts.gov/news.
Hopi Tribal Council approves 31 new tribal membership applications

Mary L. Polacca
Director of Enrollment

On January 22, 2018, the Hopi Tribal Council approved a total of 31 enrollment applications for membership into the Hopi Tribe, and that the following named relatives or their spouses have authorized to publish their names in the Hopi Tutuveni newspaper.

Based on Tribal Council’s action the total Hopi Tribal Membership as of January 2018 is 12,441. Please note that the Tribal Council meeting was increased throughout the year as Hopi Tribal Council work is increased and duties are changed when death or resignations occur.

Barat Village Affiliation:
Cory Lynn Waconda

Hotevilla Village Affiliation:
Kai Dusty
Mishongnovi Village Monongye
Dontrel Willard Mowa
Nelson Hunter Monongye
Kai Duffy
Corey Lynn Waconda

Bacavi Village Affiliation:

Tayon Corey Pequequaptewa

Nakashone Village Affiliation:
Mikhal Mateo Garcia

Moenkopi Village Affiliation:
Alainah Dana Abigail Yongosona

Tewa Village Affiliation:
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Mishongnovi Village Affiliation:

Victoria Anthony Ramirez
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REQUIREMENTS:
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Native American Settlement Fund Established

This past summer the Arizona Legislature extended the Native American Settlement of 1924 to include Arizona Native American veterans domiciled on their reservations while on active duty in the years 1977 through 2005. The new deadline to apply has been extended to December 31, 2019. This Fund was passed by the Arizona State Legislature last year.

Claymore: Who may make an NASF claim? Arizona Native veterans who had Arizona income tax withheld from their active duty military pay while domiciled on their reservation. If the veteran is deceased the surviving spouse or personal representative may make a claim. If anyone is the surviving spouse or personal representative (e.g. child of the veterans) makes a claim they must show the value of deceased estate’s net was less than $30,000.

Duration: What is the time window for NASF claims? The Arizona Department of Revenue to obtain on your behalf. Additionally, if Veterans do not have a DD 214 or DD Form 14, military discharge document, fill out the SF Form 180 that is included with the application form. Your military records will be mailed directly to ADVS.

Claim Process: How does the NASF claim process work? The claimant sends their completed forms along with any relevant paperwork to the Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services (ADVS). ADVS has 310 days to accept or reject the claim. The VA is responsible for processing the claim received. If the VA denies the claim they send it to the ADVS. ADVS will issue written notice to applicants claiming they have denied the claim. A claim may be rejected for a variety of reasons.

There are a few ways Native American veterans can obtain the NASF application:
1. For those with internet access, go to www.dvs.az.gov website and look for the NASF information.

2. For local Veterans on/near the Hopi Reservation, they can stop by the Hopi Veterans Services office located in Kykotsmovi, AZ. Our business hours are Monday through Friday (excluding tribal declared holidays) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (MST).

3. For those Veterans who do not have their W-2s for the years claimed (1977-2005), there is a box to check on the NASF application to request ADOR to determine if a refund is available. The veteran must sign the section. Your military records will be mailed directly to ADVS.

4. Finally, there is a section on the NASF application form requiring a Tribal official to attest that the veteran is domiciled on a tribal land. For Hopi Veterans, the Hopi Veteran Services office in the Hopi Tribal delegate to sign the application. For non-Hopi Veterans, you will need to contact their respective Tribal governor, president or designee to determine who signs the home of record section.

For more information call (928) 734-3461 or e-mail Etalas@hopi.nsn.us

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The Hopi Tutuveni
The Hopi Tribal Council was set up as a confederation to serve the common good and its members. The experiment did not work, according to Oliver Bacavi in his Certified Question of Law in the Hopi Appellate Court.

The Hopi Head Start/Early Intervention Program

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• Screenings celebrate your child's development.
• Screenings provide information to support your child's development.
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For more information about this project or to apply, contact Stewart Koyiyumptewa at stewartkoyiyumptewa@hopi.nsn.us, 928-734-3361 or joelnicholas@hopi.nsn.us.
President’s proposed $2.4 billion FY19 Indian Affairs Budget includes legislation to establish infrastructure fund to improve schools

Budget prioritizes tribal self-determination, economic development, infrastructure projects and law enforcement across Indian Country

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump today proposed a $2.4 billion budget for the Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Indian Affairs, which includes the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, which the President delivered to Congress today. This mark was led by the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs. The budget request includes legislation to establish a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund that would take revenue from federal energy leasing and development to provide up to $18 billion to help pay for repairs and improvements at Bureau of Indian Education funded schools, national wildlife refuges and national parks.

“President Trump is absolutely right to call for a robust infrastructure plan that rebuilds the nation’s roads, railways, and Indian schools, and I look forward to helping to work with our colleagues in Congress and all Americans,” U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. “Our Parks and Refuges are being loved to death, but the real heart break to any American family can be found in our Indian schools, and can and must do better for these young students. This is not a Republican or Democratic issue, this is an American issue, and the President and I are ready to work with everyone to address the national infrastructure work done.”

Your Indian schools are in desperate need of repair, it is reassuring that the President’s budget calls for a real way to fix them through the proposed Public Lands Infrastructure Fund that will provide up to $18 billion to focus on our service population of nearly two million American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, which have, in trust, the land-based responsibility to provide up to $18 billion to address needed repairs and modernization of 10 tribal colleges and two tribal technical colleges. A service population of nearly two million American Indian tribes, tribal members, or for profit and not-for-profits in 23 States, and 23 states and peripheral dormitories serving over 47,000 students.

President’s proposed $2.4 billion FY19 Indian Affairs Budget

– The FY 2019 budget requests $350.1 million for Public Lands Infrastructure Fund that would take revenue from federal energy leasing and development to provide up to $18 billion to help pay for repairs and improvements at Bureau of Indian Education funded schools, national wildlife refuges and national parks.

The FY 2019 budget continues the Administration’s priority for domestic energy dominance and economic development, including $56.4 billion for the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), national parks and national wildlife refuges. The FY 2019 budget prioritizes tribal self-determination, economic development, and traditional resources. Many of the infrastructure projects supported in these agreements improve the health and well-being of tribal members and preserve existing economies and, over the long term, bring the potential for jobs and economic growth to the communities where they are located. The FY 2019 budget includes $856 million, including sufficient funding to complete payments for the Nurpotsut-Fauq and the Ningali-Walrus Water Supply Project, both of which have infeasibility dates in 2019.

Operation of Indian Programs – The FY 2019 budget requests $291.5 million for programs that support Tribal Government Activities. Within this total, the budget includes: $326.7 million supports 190 law enforcement programs, each of which the request would receive $100,000 to begin establishing a Tribal School Safety and Security Program, $3 million for BIA Forestry programs to support land and water resources use, education, and conservation of resources, providing benefits such as biodiversity, recreation, and cultural, spiritual and traditional values. The FY 2019 budget requests $135.4 million for natural resource management programs which includes agriculture, fisheries, and range management; planting and grazing; energy; and historic preservation.

Support Economic Opportunities – The FY 2019 budget requests $310.6 million for Federal programs to provide up to $18 billion to help pay for repairs and improvements at Bureau of Indian Education funded schools, national wildlife refuges and national parks.

Tribal Priority Allocations – The President’s proposed $2.4 billion FY19 Indian Affairs Budget establishes a Tribal Priority Allocations funding of $578.7 million. The FY 2019 budget requests $741.9 million for BIE programs. This level will support 100 percent of the estimated costs.

- Funding to provide initial Federal support for six Virginia Tribes (federally recognized by a 2018 Act of Congress); $60.0 million for BIA Forestry programs to support land and water resources use, education, and conservation of resources, providing benefits such as biodiversity, recreation, and cultural, spiritual and traditional values.
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- $157.8 million for self-governance compact activities for self-governance tribes. This level will support 100 percent of the estimated costs.
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Contract Support Costs – The FY 2019 budget recognizes the significant economic impact on Indian communities and operations in Indian Country including the upgrade and modernization of Indian Country trust lands. The FY 2019 budget fully supports the estimated cost for Contract Support costs. The FY 2019 budget reflects the Administration’s priority for domestic energy dominance and economic development.

Support Indian Communities – Sustaining families is critical to fostering thriving Indian communities. The FY 2019 budget prioritizes law enforcement and court services to support tribal communities, including $326.7 million supports 190 law enforcement programs, each of which the request would receive $100,000 to begin establishing a Tribal School Safety and Security Program.

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