



# DCI America

"The Premier Native American and First Nation Training Organization in Indian Country"

## APRIL LEADERSHIP SESSION / SAN DIEGO, CA

### AGENDA

### **Tribal Elections: Ordinances & Procedures / \$579**

#### **April 20, 2010**

**Day 1: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Constitutional Principles  
Constitutional Conflicts  
Types of Elections

Definition of Terms  
Conflicts of Interest  
The Election Board  
Voter Qualification & Registration  
Voting  
Absentee Voting  
Methods of Voting  
Ballot  
Hand  
Roll Call  
Voice Vote  
Election Bylaws & Ordinance

#### **April 21, 2010**

**Day 2: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm**

Polling Place Officials  
Locations  
Regulations  
Campaigning  
Electioneering & Loitering at the  
Polling Place  
Poll Watchers  
Counting Ballots, Announcing Results,  
& Challenges  
Legitimate Reasons for Challenges  
Recount Procedures  
Tie Votes  
Certification  
Election Records  
Placement of Successful Candidates  
Electing the Election Board

This workshop will help to clarify how tribal elections are a primary assertion of self governance and self determination. Problems resulting from the conduct of tribal elections are likely more numerous than any other single issue in the exercise of Indian self-government. Election disputes too often bring the entire operation of a tribe to a halt while both sides debate the issue and attempt to involve some outside government entity (e.g., the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the U.S.) to resolve the dilemma. Improperly conducted elections unfortunately, send a reassuring message to critics of tribal governments: there are tribes that routinely place new officials in office, or decide on issues, with little or no questions raised about the fairness of the elections. This workshop will aid your tribe in developing sound election laws and procedures that will project an image of stability and promote both internal and external respect. The session will help to explain how a smooth transition of power is aided by certain provisions in the Tribal Constitution, including an objective Election Board, an adequate set of procedures, and an effective platform for resolution of election disputes.



**\$165**  
+ 10.5% ROOM TAX  
+ 2% TOURISM TAX  
ADDITIONAL  
PER NIGHT

### **CUT-OFF FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS:**

**March 29, 2010**

**REFER TO DCI AMERICA**

**Tribal Elections: Ordinances & Procedures  
& CALL: 800.221.3802**

The Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue, San Diego, California 92101

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**We feature the finest Native American instructors...**

**Instructor:**

**Brenda Brainard**

Brenda is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. She is an attorney and graduated from University of Oregon School of Law in 1981. She has served as a Tribal administrator for the Coos Tribes, the Education Director for the Coos Tribes, and in the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a Tribal Government Services Officer where she worked on Special Projects such as Legislation and Administrative Rules, a Community Services Officer, and Acting Superintendent and Deputy Director of the Office of Indian Gaming. She also taught at Falmouth Institute for approximately 15 years and is an avid weaver. Brenda is an accomplished instructor in such subjects as; Indian Law, Ethics, Tribal Courts, Enrollment, Law for the Tribal Council, Indian Land and the Law, Law for the Board Member, and The Indian Child Welfare Act. She is currently involved in the development of a course on Gangs in Indian country. She looks forward to meeting you . . .



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## **APRIL LEADERSHIP SESSION / SAN DIEGO, CA**

### **VENUE**

The magnificent location, superior accommodation and impeccable service make the Westgate Hotel an ideal lodging choice for romantic getaway or corporate get together events.

#### **Location**

The Westgate Hotel is conveniently located in the heart of San Diego, facing the Horton Plaza Shopping Mall. This charming hotel is within walking distance to the Convention Centre and just a block from the Gaslamp Quarter.

#### **Rooms**

The fashionable property has several comfortable and well-furnished guest rooms that are equipped with all modern amenities to make your stay a unique one.

#### **Restaurant**

Offering an intimate and romantic atmosphere, the Le Fontainebleau offers contemporary French cuisine for its patrons to feast on. In addition, the hotel also offers a cocktail bar, which is an ideal place for you to relax and enjoy with your interesting cocktails.

#### **General**

The Westgate's 17 elegant and exquisite meeting rooms as well as a business centre offer the excellent space and detailed amenities that make any assembly successful. The hotel also offers a state-of-the-art fitness centre to provide relaxation and to restore the body's natural balance.

**\* BE SURE TO ASK FOR YOUR PARKING VOUCHER !**



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## APRIL LEADERSHIP SESSION / SAN DIEGO, CA



- \* Biking trail
- \* Bowling (3 miles)
- \* Fly-fishing (10 miles)
- \* Hiking
- \* Horseback riding (15 miles)
- \* Jet-skiing (5 miles)
- \* Jogging/fitness trail
- \* Kayaking (15 miles)
- \* Miniature golf
- \* Mountain biking, trail (5 miles)
- \* Nature preserve, trail
- \* Rock climbing (10 miles)
- \* Sailing (5 miles)
- \* Scuba diving
- \* Snorkeling (15 miles)
- \* Squash (0.2 miles)
- \* Surfing
- \* Tennis (0.5 miles)
- \* Volleyball
- \* Water-skiing (10 miles)



**SO MUCH TO DO, SO LITTLE TIME**

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