



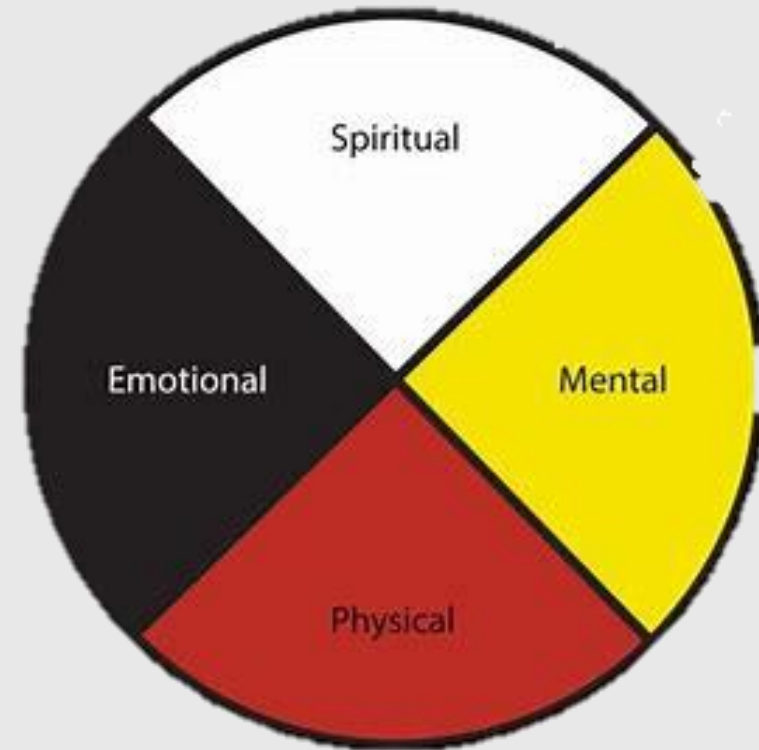
Minnesota Indian Affairs Council

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Agenda

- Background – History
- The Uniqueness of MIAC
- Statutory Duties
- Outcomes





Mission

To protect the sovereignty of the eleven Minnesota tribes
and ensure the well being of all American Indian citizens
throughout the state of Minnesota.

MIAC History

- Codified in 1963 (62 years) Minn. Stat. §3.922
- Originally started out of necessity following the Indian Relocation Act (1956)
- Early services advocated for better representation in state government
- MIAC Board meetings are a three-day affair with all state agencies

Uniqueness of the Indian Affairs Council

- First Liaison between the State and eleven Tribal Nations
- Board Composition
- NAGPRA/MN Graves Protection Act
- Language Revitalization (Anishinaabe and Dakota)

First Liaison between the State and eleven Tribal Nations

- Balance the interests of Tribal Nations and the State of Minnesota
 - Technical Assistance and Recommendations for –
 - Agency Tribal Liaison(s)
 - State Agencies
 - Tribal Nations
 - Multi-agency and Multi-Tribal Nation coordination
- Analyze and recommend data, programs, and legislation for both the State and Tribal Nations.
- Education and Training for all entities that engage with Tribal Nations and Tribal Populations

Board Composition

- Unique to Minnesota
- Balance of Sovereignty, treaty rights, and jurisdiction
- Government to Government coordination
- Tribal Leaders with State agency employees

Executive Board



Board Chair
Robert L. Larsen
President of Cansa'yapi
(Lower Sioux Indian Community)



Board Vice Chair
Robert Deschampe
Chairman of Gichi Onigaming
(Grand Portage Band of
Lake Superior Chippewa)



Cathy Chavers
Chairwoman of
Zagaakwaandagowininiwag
(Bois Forte Band of Chippewa)



Bruce Savage
Chairman of Nahgahchiwanong
(Fond du Lac Band of
Lake Superior Chippewa)



Faron Jackson
Chairman of
Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag
(Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe)



Virgil Wind
Chief Executive of
Misi-zaaga'iganiing
(Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe)



Johnny Johnson
President of Tinta Wita
(Prairie Island Indian
Community)



Sam Strong
Secretary of
Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing
(Red Lake Nation)



Michael Fairbanks
Chairman of
Gaa-waabaabiganikaag
(White Earth Nation)



INDIAN AFFAIRS COUNCIL

Non-Voting Board Members

Governors Office

- One representative

MN Senate

- Two representatives

MN House

- Two representatives

Commissioners

- Administration
- Corrections
- Education

- Employment and Economic Development

- Health

- Human Rights

- Human Services

- Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation

- Housing Finance

- Natural Resources

- Transportation

- Veterans Affairs

Invited Commissioners

- Agriculture

- Commerce

- Labor and Industry

- Management and Budget

- Mediation Services

- Metropolitan Council

- Military Affairs

- MN.IT Services

- Higher Education

- Pollution Control

- Public Safety

- Revenue

Cultural Resources

- Minn. Stat. §307.08 – Graves Protection Act
- Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act



Statutory Duties

In accordance with Minn. Stat. §3.922 Subd. 6. there are eleven statutory duties:

- (1) analyze and make recommendations to tribal elected leaders and to members of the legislature and the governor on legislation and information on programs, proposals, and projects of importance to tribal governments and nontribal Indian organizations;
- (2) assist in establishing Indian advisory councils in cooperation with state agencies that deliver services to the federally recognized tribes in Minnesota and the urban Indian communities;
- (4) assist in ensuring the provision of resources and the delivery of services to the federally recognized tribes in Minnesota and the urban Indian communities;
- (7) provide, for the benefit of all levels of state government, a continuing liaison between state governmental bodies and elected tribal leaders;
- (8) interact with private organizations involved with Indian people that develop and implement programs to assist Indian people, when such programs may affect state agencies and departments;
- (9) develop educational programs, community organization programs, leadership development programs, motivational programs, and business development programs for Indian persons who have been, are, or may be subject to prejudice and discrimination;

Outcomes



QUESTIONS



Thank You!

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