



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

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On behalf of the board of directors and members of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO), we are honored to invite you to attend and participate in the 11th Annual NATHPO Meeting. For the week of August 10, 2009, the **Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma** will host our annual meeting, as well as related events and training sessions. The Tribe's **Choctaw Casino-Resort-Hotel** in Durant, Oklahoma, will be the main meeting location, and they have graciously offered a discounted room rate for NATHPO participants.

This year's meeting theme is, "**Tribal Historic Preservation and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).**" Job creation and protecting traditional ways of life and sacred sites may at times be at odds in the current economic climate. NATHPO is encouraging tribal representatives and federal and state officials to attend and discuss their experiences, concerns, and practices as the country responds to competing needs. We are currently accepting proposals for presentations and we encourage you to submit ideas and panels that illustrate the needs and concerns for your constituency. In addition to ARRA sessions and speakers, there will be presenters on a variety of other topics, such as current events in tribal historic preservation, tribal museums and cultural centers, tribal consultation, and information and updates on other timely tribal historic preservation issues.

11th Annual NATHPO Meeting Training Session:

One training session will be offered this year and is NAGPRA related, "*Using the Culturally Unidentifiable Native American Inventories Database.*" This important database includes listings and information for over 118,000 individual Native Americans, out of an estimated 100,000-200,000 minimum number of individuals (determined by the Congressional Budget Office when the law was being drafted in 1989). Participants will receive a copy of the database, both CD and hard copy, and will be led in an overview and discussion of the information contained in the database and how to request additional information in an effort to achieve cultural affiliation. This will be the first organized opportunity for tribal representatives to come together to review and discuss the important information contained in the database. Because of the limited number of spaces available for the training, we encourage tribal representatives to register right away.

An overview of the week's meetings and training session may be found at the end of this registration packet in the agenda-at-a-glance.

Other panels and speakers will be announced as confirmed. Please check the NATHPO website www.nathpo.org for regular Annual Meeting updates. We encourage you to take a moment and read through this year's agenda at a glance and pre-register today. Thank you for your interest and support of NATHPO over the years and we look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma in August.

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NATHPO General Chairman

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11th Annual NATHPO Meeting Host