



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### [NATHPO Board of Directors Elections! Nominations & Informational Webinar June 27](#)

It's election season at NATHPO too! Please join us for an informational webinar about the NATHPO Board of Directors on **June 27 at 1:00pm ET/10:00am PT**. This free webinar is open to all NPS approved THPOs regardless of NATHPO membership status. Tune in to chat with current Board members and learn more about NATHPO and the Board, including our efforts in service of the community of THPOs, and how you can play an active role.

This is a free webinar and we ask that you [please register here](#). You will receive the Zoom link in the registration confirmation email.

Please consider nominating yourself or another outstanding member THPO from within your region. Further info about regions, terms, responsibilities, and more, can be found in the attached brief letter. **\*\*Please note: only members in good standing can nominate, be nominees, and vote BUT you can join NATHPO at any time!\*\***

The nomination period opens Monday, June 10, 2024, and closes Monday, July 8, 2024. Voting will occur via email from July 15-26, 2024. If you are interested in volunteering your time and service to the Board or if you would like to nominate another NATHPO member, please complete the nomination form and submit by email to [valerie@nathpo.org](mailto:valerie@nathpo.org).

The Board of Directors plays a vital role in NATHPO's success. Serving on the Board provides the opportunity to have a direct voice in how NATHPO carries out its mission. We are looking for nominees who are willing to actively participate in advancing NATHPO's goals.

[NATHPO Board Nomination Letter 2024.pdf \(194 KB\)](#)

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## [HAPPENING THURSDAY: NATHPO BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION WEBINAR](#)

**NATHPO will conduct elections for our Board of Directors from July 15-26, 2024, via email.**

We are asking NATHPO members to consider nominating yourselves or another member from within your region to serve your fellow THPOs for the next three years as a member of our Board. We can answer any questions about membership, and you can join at any time!

Per our bylaws, the Board is comprised of one Director from each Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) region (Alaska and Northwest regions are combined). For more information on BIA regions [click here](#). For a map of regions [click here](#).

If you are interested in learning more about NATHPO and the Board (whether or not you plan to throw your hat in the ring!), please join us for a webinar via [Zoom June 27, 1:00 pm ET](#).

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# NEWSLETTER

## UPCOMING COMMENT DEADLINES

**NPS LCWF Section 106 Alternative - Comments Due TODAY, June 28, 2024:** The NPS is soliciting feedback on its process for satisfying responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) related to its Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) financial assistance programs. In previous consultation meetings, NPS has discussed the current process and whether a program alternative can best assist the NPS in improving the Section 106 process for these undertakings. NPS requests comments TODAY, June 28, 2024. Please upload your comments via the Park Service website [HERE](#), or you may send to [lwcf\\_compliance@nps.gov](mailto:lwcf_compliance@nps.gov). NATHPO has finalized its comment letter, which is attached to this email and can be found on our website [HERE](#).

**Draft DHS Environmental Justice Strategic Plan - Tribal Consultations, July 8 & 10, 2024:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is revising its Environmental Justice (EJ) Strategy (Fiscal Year 2021-2025). DHS is inviting Tribal Nations to consult at one of two consultation meetings on July 8 and 10, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. You can find more details about DHS's announcement and the consultation meetings (including how to register) on NATHPO's Events Page [HERE](#). DHS is also accepting written comments by July 22, 2024. Those comments can be sent to [DHSEnvironmentalJustice@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:DHSEnvironmentalJustice@hq.dhs.gov). NATHPO will also be providing comment, and once it is finalized, we will make that comment available on our website [HERE](#).

*NATHPO regularly submits comment letters to federal agencies advocating on behalf of Tribal communities and their THPOs. You can find several of our most recent letters [HERE](#), and if you know of an upcoming deadline and want NATHPO to consider submitting comment, please contact Melissa Madrigal at [melissa@nathpo.org](mailto:melissa@nathpo.org).*

## DON'T FORGET! NATHPO'S CONFERENCE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

In just a few short weeks we'll kick off the 24th Annual NATHPO Conference and Sacred Places Summit August 12-16, 2024, at the Ho-Chunk Gaming Resort on the Wisconsin Dells.

If you haven't registered yet, head on over to our [website and sign up today!](#) Rates go up on August 1, so be sure to get your reservations in soon!

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***We can't wait to see you!***

## THPOs AT WORK: NEWSLETTER EDITION

For several weeks in May and June, the Prairie Island Indian Community's THPO and Minnesota State University, Mankato, conducted their 5th annual summer archaeological field school. You can check out

our Facebook post on the field school [HERE](#).

*Thanks so much to Prairie Island Indian Community Compliance Officer Franky Jackson for letting us share this important work. If you or your Tribe have a story you'd like NATHPO to share, please feel free to reach out to [Media@NATHPO.org](mailto:Media@NATHPO.org).*

## **WHAT NATHPO'S BEEN DOING**

The month since we sent our last newsletter has been busy for Team NATHPO! Here are just a few examples of what we've been up to.

**Preservation Week Congressional Briefing:** NATHPO Executive Director Dr. Valerie Grussing participated in a congressional briefing hosted by Preservation Action and joined by representatives from the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and others. Valerie stressed the need to ensure consultation with Tribes and THPOs is meaningful and not merely an exercise in “checking the box,” as well as the need to give THPOs the financial support they need to adequately review all the projects being proposed and developed on their trust land or within their ancestral homelands.

**Cal THPO/SHPO Summit:** NATHPO Indigenization Director Stacy Larvie (Ponca) and Operations Director Melissa Madrigal presented to the 2024 California THPO/SHPO Summit. They gave the California THPOs an update on what NATHPO has been doing and solicited feedback from them on ways we can better serve the THPO community.

**Cultural Protection Resource Summit:** NATHPO Executive Director Dr. Valerie Grussing and Senior Attorney for the Native American Rights Fund Wesley Furlong presented at the 17th Annual Cultural Protection Resource Summit. They discussed a wide range of issues important to Tribes and THPOs, including their work with the Biden Administration to help ensure that the rapid expansion of clean energy and infrastructure projects does not conflict with their stated support for protecting sacred places and preserving cultural heritage.

**NPS NAGPRA Review Committee:** NATHPO Indigenization Director Stacy Larvie (Ponca) delivered comments to the NPS NAGPRA Review Committee. Stacy spoke to NATHPO's priorities around NAGPRA, including the need for Tribes and THPOs to receive adequate financial support for repatriation work and the need to ensure there is adequate oversight over NAGPRA implementation and real accountability for failure to comply.

**ACHP Panel:** Pala Band of Mission Indians THPO and NATHPO Board Chair Dr. Shasta Gaughen participated in an ACHP panel discussion entitled "Disappearing Indigenous Heritage; Climate Change and Community Displacement. If you want to watch the video you can find it [HERE](#).

*To get news about what Team NATHPO's been doing, as well as news about and important to THPOs, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

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