



# Safety in Our Native Community

Restoring Ancestral Winds Inc. Annual Conference



November 2, 2023

8 AM - 5PM

S.J Quinney College of Law

383 South S University St, Salt Lake City, UT 84112



# Mission

## PRAYERS, POWER, PEACE & PROTECTION TO ALL OUR RELATIONS

Restoring Ancestral Winds mission is to support healing in our Indigenous communities. We will: advocate for healthy relationships; educate our communities on issues surrounding stalking, domestic, sexual, dating and family violence; collaborate with Great Basin community members and stakeholders; honor and strengthen traditional values of all our relations. We are always striving to make a difference, and invite you to learn more and lend your support.

<https://restoringawcoalition.org>



Restoring Ancestral Winds Inc.



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# Restoring Ancestral Winds, Inc

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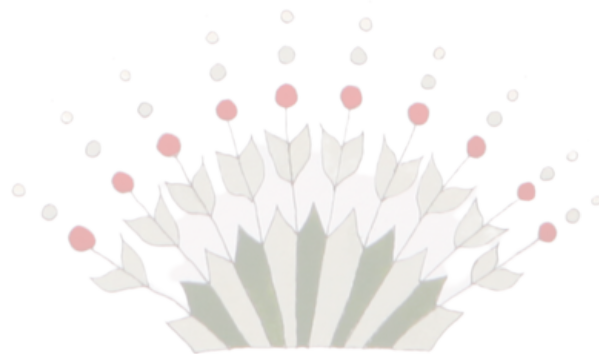
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# AGENDA

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- 8:00 AM **WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
Dena Ned, RAW Board of Directors President
- 8:05AM **Prayer** by Carl Moore, Co-founder of People Advocating for Native Dialogue and Organizing Support
- Hand drum song** by Secadio Sanchez
- 8.30 -9:15 AM **Public Safety and Justice on the Navajo Nation** by Eugenia Charles-Newton, Navajo Nation Delegate  
Chair of the Navajo Nation Council Law and Order Committee
- BREAK 15 MIN **Take Evaluations**
- 9:30-10:15 AM **Confidentiality Provisions and Ethical Considerations for Victim Services Programs** by Samantha Candland, Technical Assistance Specialist  
Utah Domestic Violence Coalition
- BREAK 15 MIN **Take Evaluations**
- 10:30 -11:15 AM **MMIW+: Utah's Community Taking Action** by Michelle Brown  
Board Chair of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Utah  
People Advocating for Native Dialogue and Organizing Support
- BREAK 15 MIN **Take Evaluations**
- 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM **Power of Awareness and Sex Trafficking Recognition and Response** by Heidi Chance, Special Agent  
Arizona Department of Gaming
- 12:15-12:25 PM **RAW Advocacy and Healing Award** by Yolanda Francisco
- 12:25-1:25 PM **Take Evaluations**  
LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
- 1:30-2:15 PM **Sharing Ways of Knowing: How Safety Will Mean Many Things** by Dena Ned, Board Associate Professor/Lecturer,  
College of Social Work, University of Utah President,  
Restoring Ancestral Winds Board of Directors
- BREAK 15 MIN **Take Evaluations**
- 2:30-3:15 PM **Cultivating Safe Spaces for Victims of Crime: A Closer Look at Environment, Gender, Race and Power Dynamics** by Lillian Ankrah, ATR-BC, LCAT Owner of Creative Counseling Concepts: A Creative Arts Therapy PLLC
- BREAK 15 MIN **Take Evaluations**
- 3:30-4:15 PM **How Colonial Criminal Law Endangers Native People** by Elizabeth Kronk Warner, Dean of S.J Quinney College of Law  
University of Utah
- 4:15-4:30 **Mindfulness Exercise** by Hope Browning, RAW Training and Education Specialist  
**Closing Remarks** by Yolanda Francisco, RAW Executive Director  
**Smudging** available on terrace

# Lillian Ankrah

ATR-BC, LCAT Owner of Creative Counseling Concepts: A Creative Arts Therapy



## **Cultivating Safe Spaces for Victims of Crime: A Closer Look at Environment, Gender, Race and Power Dynamics**

This presentation walks the participant through visualizations of safety and concrete examples of how to create a safe, secure, warm and welcoming environment for clients of any age. This presentation emphasizes the need to implement a trauma-informed and trauma aware perspective to how spaces are curated and how staff members engage with clients. Participants will gain more knowledge on how to meet the physical, emotional and psychological safety needs of clients in order to support them on their healing journey.

## **Biography**

Lillian Ankrah ATR-BC, LCAT, is a Ghanaian-American Art Psychotherapist who has worked with people from all walks of life for 20 years. Having the bi-cultural experience of an immigrant family, Lillian has a deep sense of compassion for the lived experiences of others and aims to help people feel safe and accepted. Her professional resume spans from working in adult in-patient psychiatric treatment, pediatric oncology, teens in foster care to supporting survivors of domestic violence. Her approach to therapy is trauma-informed, culturally sensitive and rooted in social justice, advocacy and empowerment.

She is an expert in treating trauma and is fully trained in EMDR therapy and Brainspotting. Lillian is also a meditation teacher and a Level I Sound healer. Lillian has a BA from the University of Virginia and an MPS in Art Therapy from Pratt Institute. In addition to practicing psychotherapy, Lillian is an international speaker, workshop leader and an aspiring children's book author.

# Michelle Brown

Board Chair of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Utah



## MMIW+: Utah's Community Taking Action

- Michelle will be covering how grassroots volunteer based organizations have been advocating for the cause this year and how taking action will ultimately lead to the change we want to see in our community.

## Biography

Michelle is a Dinè activist born into “The Water Flows Together” Clan. She is committed to serve her community and bring attention to everyday and historic issues that indigenous peoples face with emphasis on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Peoples. She currently serves as Chair to MMIW+ Utah and relies heavily on her belief that learning is an ever evolving process that can be transformative at any stage of life especially when placing that energy back into your community.

# Samantha Candland

Technical Assistant Specialist | Utah Domestic Violence Coalition



## Confidentiality Provisions and Ethical Considerations for Victim Services Programs

This presentation will be a condensed version of UDVC's Federal/State Confidentiality Provisions presentation offered in the 40-hour Core Advocacy Training. It will focus on why confidentiality is essential, the definition of statutory and advocate privilege, when releases of information can/should be used, information surrounding mandatory child/vulnerable adult abuse reporting, and how to work with community partners who may be operating under different, sometimes conflicting, confidentiality provisions.

### Biography

Sam Candland is the Technical Assistance Specialist with the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition. Having started as a UDVC crisis hotline volunteer in 2016, she has remained invested in the domestic violence advocacy field for over six years. For most of that time, she held the role of LINKLine/Volunteer Coordinator before transitioning to her current role in October 2021. She received her Bachelor of Social Work in 2018 from the University of Utah, completing her practicum with the campus LGBT Resource Center during that time. Prior to her positions within the UDVC, she devoted four years of her career to supporting adults with disabilities in their pursuits to secure employment independence and achieve individual growth.

# Heidi Chance

Special Agent of Arizona Department of Gaming

## Power of Awareness and Sex Trafficking Recognition and Response

This presentation explores the indicators of sex trafficking and offers a case study comparison to show the power of awareness and how it is working to give the community information to recognize and response to a trafficking situation of someone they know.

### Biography

Heidi Chance, is a retired law enforcement professional who served 25 years. She is a leader and consultant who equips other law enforcement and other organizations with the tools and awareness to fight for a chance for change in the realm of sex trafficking. Heidi spent over 13 years working as an undercover detective investigating buyers and traffickers and rescuing countless adult and juvenile victims of sex trafficking. She has testified as an expert witness in court proceedings and is a subject matter expert in the area of sex trafficking. Her specialized sex trafficking training has educated professionals within community groups, child safety departments, probation, jail and corrections staff, other local law enforcement agencies, medical staff, school personnel and officers attending the Phoenix Police Academy. She has also developed an 8 hour advanced detective training course that is featured online for the Arizona Peace Officers Standards and Training Board on the subject of human trafficking. She is a highly sought-after powerhouse speaker, consultant, and nationally recognized trainer.

Since 2014, she often travels across the United States teaching other law enforcement agencies for the National Justice Training Center (NCJTC) of Fox Valley Technical College, Amber Alert program. She is also featured in the Frontline PBS documentary "Sex Trafficking in America". She presents on a case study that is a record in the United States. The case involved familial trafficking where the suspect trafficked his niece and stepdaughter as well as 5 other adults. The suspect took the case to trial which lasted 7 months, and he was found guilty on 101 out of 105 counts of felony charges. The judge sentenced him to 493.5 years. This case is featured on her website. Since retiring, she created an awareness training website where she has a blog and posts about sex trafficking at [Achanceforawareness.com](http://Achanceforawareness.com).

She has presented at Shared Hope International (multiple times) Arizona Narcotics Association Conference, Phoenix Police Academy, Undercover Schools for Tempe Police Department, Scottsdale Police Department, Mesa Police Department, International Association of Human Trafficking Investigators (IAHTI), RMIN/RISS Human Trafficking Summit (multiple Times) and many others. She is an AZ Post and CA Post Instructor.

You can find her on LinkedIn and follow her on Instagram @a\_chance\_for\_awareness

Her website: **[Achanceforawareness.com](http://Achanceforawareness.com)**



# Eugenia Charles-Newton

Navajo Nation Delegate, Chair of the Navajo Nation Council,  
Law and Order Committee



## Public Safety and Justice on the Navajo Nation

Current state of public safety and justice on the Navajo Nation. Where we are now. The plans for moving forward

## Biography

My name is Eugenia Charles-Newton and I am Dinè (Navajo). My clans are Bi'tahnii, born for the Ashiihii. My maternal grandfather is Tlaaschchi'I and my paternal grandfather is Tabaaha. I currently am serving as a Council Delegate on the 25th Navajo Nation Council.

The Navajo Nation is a sovereign Nation the size of West Virginia, with 27,000 square miles spanning across three states, Arizona, New Mexico, and Utah. There are roughly around 400,000 Navajo's living in the United States but around 175,000 living on the Nation. A Council Delegate is equivalent to a U.S. Representative and U.S. Senator. As a Representative, we serve the community that elected us into Council but as a Senator, we represent all of our Navajo people living on and off the Navajo Nation, working primarily on issues that affect the Navajo people and the Navajo Nation. Council Delegates have 3 primary responsibilities: 1) We legislate laws, 2) we allocate/appropriate funds, and 3) we serve as oversight to Navajo Nation Divisions and Departments.

As a member of Council, I was appointed to serve on one of five committees and was elected to be the Chairwoman for one of the Committees, the Law and Order Committee. In my role as Chairwoman, I lead the Committee (LOC) in overseeing the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch, Navajo Nation Division of Public Safety, Navajo Nation Department of Justice, Ethics and Rules, and many more Divisions and Departments that deal with law. I also serve as Chairwoman of the Gaming Subcommittee working to renegotiate a gaming compact with the State of Arizona. In addition to serving the Nation, I also co-chair the Public Safety and Justice Subcommittee at the Tribal Interior Budget Council (TIBC) working alongside the Department of Interior as a tribal leader to help appropriate funds across Indian Country.

Educational experience includes being a first-generation college graduate. I hold a Juris Doctorate from the University of Kansas, School of Law, and obtained my Certificate for Tribal Law and Policy. I am currently working on my Ph.D. from the Texas Tech University School of Education in Secondary Education, with an emphasis in policy writing.

I have a diverse work history that includes working at Burger King as a cashier (where I met my husband; he was a customer), to being a jet welder building 6' suction tanks for oil fields, to being a law librarian. Academically, I taught Legal Research at Texas Tech School of Law where I also was employed as a Law Librarian from May of 2011 to December of 2014. In 2016, I returned home to the Navajo Nation and served as a Prosecutor for the Navajo Nation until my inauguration to the 24th Navajo Nation Council in January of 2019.

I am family oriented. I have been married for 26 years and have one son. I live on a small farm in Shiprock, New Mexico where I raise my donkey Brand-E, 11 sheep, 5 dogs, 3 cats, 2 geese, and 1 llama.

# Dena Ned

Associate Professor/Lecturer, College of Social Work, University of Utah  
President, Restoring Ancestral Winds Board of Directors



## Sharing Ways of Knowing: How Safety Will Mean Many Things.

What ways do Native and non-Native communities provide safety— might this look different when the Wilder report is made public? the audience will be introduced to ways safety is defined, and how we define safety and safe space for ourselves. Is our personal safety the same as the safety our communities create or seek? Brief description of inter generational & historic trauma, and indigenous ways of knowing, will be provided.

### Biography

Dr. J. Dena Ned is an Associate Professor/Lecturer in the College of Social Work at the University of Utah, is a curricular chair for the BSW Program, and teaches policy in the BSW and MSW programs. She teaches students that they can truly become transformative social agents of change through advocacy and empowerment with communities. Dr. Ned has her Master in Social Welfare from UC Berkeley, and her PhD. in Social Work from the University of Utah. She had additional training as a fellow at the Center for American Indian Health Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, and earned a postdoc certificate in Global Mental Health: Trauma and Recovery from the Harvard Program in Refugee Trauma.

Dena upholds her social responsibility as a citizen of both the United States and the Chickasaw Nation in her work and life. Her experience as a social worker in rural and urban communities motivated her to explore issues of social justice and systemic equity, and to promote comprehensive and holistic policy change from and by the perspective of historically resilient Peoples. Dena volunteers her time on the community boards for KRCL 90.9 Radio and the Natural History Museum of Utah, and is the current president of the board of directors for Restoring Ancestral Winds. She reconnects to her purpose through travel with friends, supporting community projects and volunteering for national film & music festivals.

# Elizabeth Kronk Warner

Dean, S.J. Quinney College of Law



## How Colonial Criminal Law Endangers Native People

This presentation will provide a brief overview of laws applicable to crimes committed within Indian country. In reviewing the applicable law, the presenter will demonstrate how the existing criminal jurisdictional scheme applicable in Indian country results in the increased vulnerability of Native people.

## Biography

Dean Kronk Warner is a nationally recognized expert in the intersection of Environmental and Indian law. She has taught courses in Property, Indian, Environmental and Natural Resources Law, and supervised the Tribal Judicial Support Clinic at the University of Kansas School of Law. She also teaches and coaches several moot court competition teams. She has received several teaching excellence awards, co-authored several books on environmental issues and Native Americans, and has over 40 articles and book chapters to her credit. Dean Kronk Warner, a citizen of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, served as an appellate judge for the Tribe and as a district judge for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe.

Dean Kronk Warner actively engages in activities related to legal education and the profession nationally. She currently serves as chair of the AALS Deans Steering Committee, chair of the AALS Membership Review Committee, and will co-chair the 2023 ABA New Deans Workshop. She serves as a Trustee on the LSAC Board of Trustees, as well as on the LSAC DEI and audit committees. As dean, she also has the privilege of serving as an ex officio member of the Utah Bar Commission. She previously was an active member of the Federal Bar Association, serving on its national Board of Directors. In 2014, she received the Federal Bar Association President's Award for leadership and extraordinary service, commitment, and guidance to the Federal Bar Association and its members. She holds a J.D. from the University of Michigan, a B.S. from Cornell University, and also studied at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

# Lunch Options

## Union Building

All located on the first floor:

The Union Food Court,  
Einstein Bros Bagels  
Jamba Juice,  
Panda Express  
Shake Smart  
Hive Express

On the fourth floor:

Crimson View restaurant

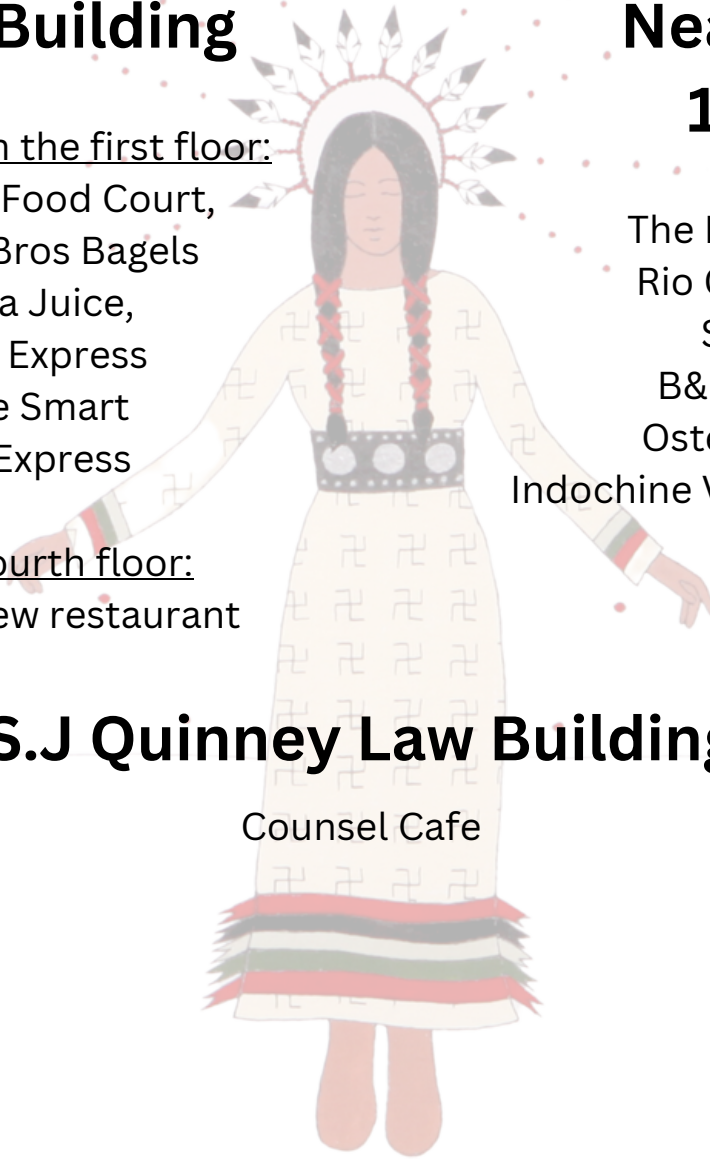
## Near by on 1300 E

The Pie Pizzeria  
Rio Grand Cafe  
Subway  
B&D Burgers  
Osteria Amore  
Indochine Vietnamese Bistro

## S.J Quinney Law Building

Counsel Cafe

<https://dineoncampus.com/utah/campus-map>



# Resource Tables



**The Asian Association of Utah** offers ESL Classes, Interpretation, Behavioral Health, Refugee Coordinated Case Management, Afterschool and Youth Mentoring programs, Parenting classes, Human Trafficking Support  
[www.aau-slc.org](http://www.aau-slc.org)



## **AMBER Alert in Indian Country**

The mission of the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program, AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIC) Initiative, is to assist Tribal communities in developing programs to safely recover endangered missing or abducted children through the coordinated efforts of the tribes and their local, state and federal partners by using training and technology to enhance response capacities, capabilities and increase public participation in protecting children.

[www.amber-ic.org](http://www.amber-ic.org)



**Planned Parenthood** provides a full range of sexual and reproductive health care services including STI testing & treatment, birth control, emergency contraception, abortion care, routine physical exams for both men and women, and sexual health education

[www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-utah](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-utah)



**The Center for Teacher Effectiveness** provides education consulting and training for teachers k-12 primarily.

# Resource Tables



**Rape Recovery Center (RRC)** is a trusted community provider of sexual assault services and primary prevention education in Utah. We empower survivors through advocacy, crisis intervention, and therapy and educate the community about the cause, impact, and prevention of sexual violence.

[www.raperecoverycenter.org/](http://www.raperecoverycenter.org/)



**URBAN INDIAN CENTER**  
of Salt Lake

Mission Statement: To serve The People by honoring native cultures, strengthening health and wellness programs and cultivating community.

[www.uicsl.org](http://www.uicsl.org)



**Utah Statewide Information and Analysis Center (SIAC)** is one of 80 fusion centers

located throughout the U.S. that collaborates with local and federal public safety partners to create information-sharing networks. The SIAC, like other fusion centers, works as an integral conduit to the United States intelligence community, such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and others. The SIAC supports Utah law enforcement with case support, criminal information reports, and threat assessments, focusing on crimes conducted in drug and human trafficking, criminal gangs, cyber threats, terrorism, mass threats of violence, and others.

[www.siac.utah.gov](http://www.siac.utah.gov)

# Resource Tables



**Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault** can help and support with resources for victims of Sexual Assault and for the community in general.

[www.ucasa.org](http://www.ucasa.org)



**UTAH  
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  
COALITION**

## **Utah Domestic Violence Coalition**

Services: 24/7 Domestic Violence LINKLine (1-800-897-5465)

"The LINKLine exists as a 24/7 free service to support anyone who has concerns about their own interpersonal relationship or the relationship of someone they care about. We accept calls from everyone: survivors, friends & family, coworkers, and even professional support persons like social workers, healthcare professionals, and clergy. The goal of the "LINK"Line is to link people to resources in their communities for ongoing support. Every call to the LINKLine is anonymous and confidential, so you can trust that whatever is said stays between you and the advocate you talk to during the call. Each advocate is trained to answer calls in an empathetic, trauma-informed way. The advocates will listen to each caller without judgment, and offer support to meet the individual needs of each caller and their situation. **If you or someone you know has any questions about unhealthy relationships or abuse, please reach out to our LINKLine at 1-800-897-LINK (5465).**"

# Resource Tables



**Utah Foster Care** believes all children deserve safe, stable and loving families. Children heal when our statewide community comes together. Utah Foster Care (UFC) serves Utah's children by finding, educating and nurturing families to meet the needs of children in foster care.

[www.utahfostercare.org](http://www.utahfostercare.org)



**Utah Navajo Health System (UNHS)** is a not-for-profit Community Health Center providing medical, dental, and behavioral health care throughout the northern portion of the Navajo Nation and southeastern Utah. The Victim Advocacy Program is part of the Behavioral Health department, we seek to help victims of crime. We advocate and help navigate their circumstances from the beginning to the end. We offer many services from filing Temp. protection orders, transportation, shelter, counseling, safety planning, court proceedings, etc...

[www.unhsinc.org](http://www.unhsinc.org)



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# Join Our Staff



**Restoring Ancestral Winds is hiring. The following three positions are available.**

Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Tribal Coordinator  
Sexual Assault Tribal Advocacy & Outreach Specialist  
Helpline Coordinator

To learn more or apply go to  
<https://restoringawcoalition.org/join-our-team-1>



# JOIN OUR TEAM!

## Volunteer Nonprofit Board Member Opening Restoring Ancestral Winds, Inc.

Restoring Ancestral Winds, Inc. (RAW) is a 501C3 nonprofit serving Tribal Nations and urban Native American communities in the Great Basin Region. RAW was formally established in 2014 and is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women Tribal Programs and private donations.

A board member contributes service to address violence against Native American people by working with a team of thoughtful leaders who seek to increase the safety of Native American

women

victimized by crimes under the U.S. Violence Against Women Act.

### **Organization's Mission:**

Restoring Ancestral Winds, Inc. mission is to support healing in our

Indigenous communities. We will: advocate for healthy

relationships;

educate our communities on issues surrounding stalking, domestic,

sexual, dating and family violence; collaborate with Great Basin community members and stakeholders; honor and strengthen traditional values of all our relations.

### **Organization's Program and Services:**

RAW works to enhance Tribal, federal, state and local responses to violence against Native women and LGBTQAI/2S individuals, reducing violence against women and the LGBTQAI/2S community, improving access to services, and increasing opportunities and resources to support healing and restoration. RAW conducts programming by offering technical assistance, training and informing policy that affects Native American survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

### **Organization's Race, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion Statement:**

Restoring Ancestral Winds, Inc. is committed to creating an environment that supports equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination for all persons, regardless of race, color, religion,

sex, age, perceived or actual sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, marital status, national origin, or disability.

### **What can this position offer the applicant?**

A resume builder, broaden network of professionals, gain expertise

on complex issues and deepen understanding about Native

### **The ideal board member candidate has:**

- Visionary leadership abilities dedicated to improving services and outcomes for Native American women and girls.
- Desire to bring a diverse perspective and knowledge to a dynamic and growing organization
- Professional background in one or more of the following areas: fundraising, Tribal law and policy, finance and accounting, human resource

### **What can this position offer the applicant?**

A resume builder, broaden network of professionals, gain expertise on complex issues and deepen understanding about Native American and Indigenous Peoples.

**Meeting Frequency:** held on a quarterly basis

**Meeting Times:** 5:30–7:30 pm

**Meeting Location:** 8160 So Highland Dr Suite 210, Sandy, UT 84093

**Current Number of Board Members:** 5

**Current Number of Board Vacancies:** 3

### **Application Process/Instructions:**

You may send an email expressing your interest to [yolanda@restoringawcoalition.org](mailto:yolanda@restoringawcoalition.org)

Upon receipt, you will be sent a board application with additional information. Upon review of the full application, you will be contacted and potentially interviewed with the current board of directors.

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