



# NACNA President's Update

## Months of June & July 2024

***Happy summer blessings! Wishing all good vibes and feelings!***

We all know the goodness the Creator has in store for us. Sending Condolences to the families that have lost loved ones and may Creator God comfort and heal you at this very difficult time. May you all have a good safe enjoyable summer.

Sending a big thank you to the Omaha/Winnebago Chapters for doing a good job of hosting the 75th Annual NACNA Convention. We appreciate everyone's support, prayers, and efforts for taking time away from your home fires, traveling, and supporting NACNA efforts. Thankful to all the Chapters of NACNA. Thank you for being affiliated with the oldest NAC Organization. We have a total of 27 Chapters and 75 years of prayer and efforts for our way of life. Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected NACNA officers. We appreciate everyone taking the time and making the effort to be in person at the 75th Annual Convention.

We have lots to do and lots to cover. The past three years went by fast advocating and making them efforts and travels that needed to be done. NACNA really needs funding. These efforts are getting expensive. It would be nice if NACNA could help with some of the travel expenses. We should get some soliciting going to help the Treasurer. Maybe we should create a fundraising committee to share fundraising ideas and start applying for grants. I don't recall NACNA ever putting in for grants not to my knowledge anyway. As we always say, we can make the organization as good as we want it to be.

Our focus is the Peyote /Mescaline protection. We have the AIRFA and the 94 Amendments which are being violated daily. This is getting old. I wish our own folks would get on the same page and be in tune with the honest efforts. Thanks to the Ft. Berthold Chapter for sponsoring a resolution on "Decriminalization of Mescaline". It passed unanimously, 39 in Favor; 0 Opposed; 0 Abstentions.

The focus now is Ceremonial. We need to let our voices be heard on the Ceremonial mindset. Think about it, this holy medicine is the last piece of sovereignty we have. Once this gets to the manmade energy, how they want it in the pharmaceutical mainstream interests, it will be Game Over for NAC relatives. It's sad to think this way but that's the reality today relatives. The term "Religion" has too much extra weight to it. It's hindering the efforts of our holy medicine to be more protected by the Federal government. They said we are inherently sovereign. Ceremonies were already recognized way back when our relatives were getting harassed practicing our culture and way of life. AIRFA of 1978 and 94 Amendments are our only shield. We have to move forward. It's probably the only law that doesn't have a budget and an office to call if there's an issue. It's been 30 years since anything has been done. No overview. No enforcement.

We all need to remember where these fireplaces came from. Whoever thought the holy medicine would be in jeopardy today . . . in 2024 being used as a mascot to make money; and be in the same sentence as psychedelic and therapeutic therapy. The mainstream interests have been trying to do this for years so this has been around a long time. In the meantime, western science has been doing all these studies, brainstorming, writing books, collecting data, guest speaking in areas where peyote shouldn't even be mentioned. They fly all over the world soliciting our holy medicine like it's a mascot, inviting all walks of