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The National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO) sends you greetings from Washington, DC, along with some informational updates.

THPO News:

- The Interior Department recognized the **119th** Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). THPOs serve their tribal communities throughout the lower 48 states.
- **Terry D. Cole**, THPO for the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma was recognized in May 2011 by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar as a recipient of a Historic Preservation Award that acknowledged outstanding contributions to the field. Cole is the first THPO for the Choctaw Nation, where he has worked for over a decade. Among many other activities and achievements, Terry serves on the NATHPO board of directors.
- Earlier this year, President Obama requested \$11 million for the Tribal line item of the **Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)** to support THPOs and a tribal competitive grant program. Even with this historic request for funds to support historic preservation compliance and tribal priorities, the Congress is now deliberating on all federal programs with the possibility that the HPF levels may return to FY2009 funding levels. There are (43) more THPOs in FY2011 than in FY2009. NATHPO is working with other preservation organizations in supporting the administration's \$11 million request.

NAGPRA News:

- The **Government Accountability Office (GAO)** has completed two reports documenting repatriation efforts by federal agencies. Both of the GAO reports and NATHPO press releases on each may be accessed from the NATHPO website:
 - ***Smithsonian Institution: Much Work Still Needed to Identify and Repatriate Indian Human Remains and Objects***, released May 2011
 - ***NAGPRA: After Almost 20 Years, Key Federal Agencies Still Have Not Fully Complied with the Act***, released in July 2010.
- The **Senate Committee on Indian Affairs** conducted an oversight hearing on NAGPRA and the Smithsonian's repatriation work on June 16, 2011. Ted Isham,

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NATHPO is a not-for-profit membership association of tribal governments that are committed to preserving, rejuvenating, and improving the status of tribal cultures and cultural practices by supporting Native languages, arts, dances, music, oral traditions, cultural properties, tribal museums, tribal cultural centers, and tribal libraries.

THPO for the Muscogee Creek Nation was a witness; NATHPO submitted written testimony for the record. A link to the webcast and the in-person testimony may be accessed from the NATHPO website.

NATHPO's National Native Museum Training Program Update:

NATHPO continues to offer technical skills workshops on a variety of topics as part of our National Native Museum Training Program. Upcoming technical skills workshops include:

Course: **"Collections Management Databases" (Note: This is an online course.)**

Dates: September 6-30, 2011

Description: A collection database is a necessary tool for accurate and efficient collections management. This course will provide information on what characteristics distinguish one database system from another, such as how a database can be used to manage inventory, conservation, and pest management, as well as how to prepare your collection and documentation for entry into a database.

See the NATHPO website for more information.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) News:

- Earlier this month President Obama announced two new members of the council, including:
 - **Dr. Dorothy T. Lippert** of Washington, DC. Dr. Lippert is a case officer in the Repatriation Office of the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian Institution and responds to repatriation requests from Indian tribes. Dr. Lippert is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation.
- The ACHP voted unanimously in favor of supporting an amendment to the National Historic Preservation Act that would add NATHPO as a full council member. The action was taken during the council's 2011 Spring Business Meeting.
- The ACHP will be meeting in Seattle, Washington, the week of August 8, 2011.

NATHPO Information:

See the NATHPO website – www.nathpo.org – for more information on these topics

- **NATHPO's 13th Annual Meeting** will be hosted by the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community in Scottsdale, Arizona, on September 19-21, 2011. This year's theme is, "Tribal Preservation Today: Sharing Our Success Stories." If you are interested in presenting, please download the presenter proposal and return to the NATHPO office.
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