

MAST IMPACT WEEK MEETING AGENDA

March 15-18, 2026

Residence Inn

333 E. St. SW

Washington D.C. 20024

Sunday March 15th 2026

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm MAST Lobbying Class 101-for all new Leaders/staff/attendee's
Room – Mr. Tom Brierton Franklin Creek Consulting
Ms. Jennifer Van der Heide Spirit Rock LLC

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Early Registration Lobby of Hotel

Monday March 16th, 2025 Capitol Ballroom

Coffee for the day Sponsored by – Woodstoneinc.com - tollman@woodstoneinc.com

Room for the day Sponsored by – Cottingham & Butler – jzack@cottinghambutler.com

Mics for the day Sponsored by -

6:45 am /8:00 am Breakfast–Provided by Hotel

7:00 am Registration- Capitol Meeting Room Foyer

8:15 am Call to order – President Virgil Wind – Capitol Meeting Room
Opening Prayer: Vice President T. Hill
Roll Call – Secretary Nicole Boyd
Opening Remarks & Introductions of all Leadership/Elders/Veterans/Guests
Mille Lacs Band Drum Group Opening

Issues & Speakers:

9:00 am National Native Update – Tom Brairton Franklin Creek Consulting
Jennifer Van der Heide Spirit Rock LLC
James Meggesto Holland & Knight

Tribal Leaders Roundtable/Questions/Answers/Discussion –

10:00 am Alison Binney Partner PACE LLC - Prediction Markets

10:45 am Break Sponsored by - [Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe](#)

11:00 am A.C. Locklear, JP Chief Executive Officer - Nation Indian Health Board

11:45 am Dr. Aaron Payment Emerging Trends Related to Missing Children

Noon Keynote Address & Luncheon – Attorney Lenord Lenny Fineday General Counsel
NCAI Supreme Court Project Update -Tribal Issues
Sponsored by: [Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe](#)

1:00 pm until 4:30 p.m. Private/Individual Hill Visits for Lobbying

5:00 pm Reception Sponsored by: [Prairie Island Indian Community](#)
The Residence Inn - Mille Lacs Band Drum Group

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Tuesday-March 17th, 2026 - Capitol Ballroom

Mics for the day Sponsored by – [Liviniti](#) - raj.shiwmandal@liviniti.com

Room for the day sponsored by- [Cottingham & Butler](#) – jzack@cottinghambutler.com

Coffee for the day: [Bay Bank Oneida WI](#)

7:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast – Provided by Hotel

8:00 am Tribal Leaders Round Table and Direction –
Elections for MAST Treasurer

8:30 am Charlie Thayer Environmental Goals and Updates

9:00 am Nicholas Lovesee, Director of Policy
NAFOA Congressional Tribal Tax Equity Bill

9:30 am Aurene Martin Owner Spirit Rock Consulting
Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement Directions

10:00 am Tonya Plummer Director, Office of Loan Guarantee Office of Native American
Programs –
Neil Whitegull Administrator Eastern / Woodlands Office of Native American Programs
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

10:30 am David Flute, Senior Advisory of Indian Affairs, U.S. Depart. of Homeland Security
Homeland Security/ICE Relations with Indian Country

11:00 am Ken Parsons, Partner, Holland & Knight LLP
U.S. Dept. of Treasury/IRS Tribal General Welfare Benefits Regulations

11:30 am Tribal Leaders direction for Hill visits/Resolutions Approved/One Pagers Finalized
Teams assigned - Lead by

Noon Keynote Address & Luncheon – Congressman Jeff Hurd 3rd Colorado
Chairman of the Indian & Insular Affairs
Sponsored by: [White Earth Nation](#)

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm MAST Hill Office Visits – Four Groups Please sign up early
Four Top Topics: IHS Region five underfunded-Prediction Markets-
Environmental Issues & Parity for Tribal Law Enforcement.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Reception Fund Raiser For Jared Huffman CA 2ND District
Reception Sponsored by: [Cottingham & Butler](#) – jzack@cottinghambutler.com
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Wednesdays -March 18th, 2026

Coffee for the day sponsored by: **Huntington Bank**

Room for the day sponsored by:

Microphone and equipment for the day sponsored by:

6:45 am /8:00 am Breakfast provided by Hotel

8:00 am Tribal Leaders Discussion and Directions

8:30 am Kitcki Carroll Executive Director United South and Eastern Tribes USET
Tribal Coalition Update & Partnering

9:00 am Congressman Tom Cole 4th OK **Fund Raiser**
House Appropriations Chairman **CONFIRMED**

10:00 am U.S. Senator Tina Smith

10:30 am Congresswoman Haley Stevens MI 11th

11:00 pm Congressman Jared Huffman CA 2ND

11:30 pm MAST President Virgil Wind will lead a discussion on the week's events, follow up
Direction and next meeting in Indiana.

Closing prayer - **(Meeting ends)**

Hill visits on your own

Thursday – March 19th, 2026

Travel

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Next MAST meeting to be hosted by Pokagon Band of Potawatomi; June 2026