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## Committee Elections

In accordance with the USET Bylaws, each committee will elect a chairperson, vice/co-chair, and secretary from among the committee members to serve two-year terms. During the upcoming Impact Week meeting there will be elections for new committee officers. Below is a list of the roles and responsibilities of each committee officer. If you have any questions or concerns about committee leadership, please reach out to USET staff at [RNaragon@usetinc.org](mailto:RNaragon@usetinc.org).

### Chairperson Responsibilities

- Assist delegated committee staff member in planning the agenda (include items brought to you by other member), sending letters of invitation to prospective speakers, submit agenda to the USET Office, work with the Secretary to confirm meetings attendance.
- Participate in Chairperson's Breakfast Meeting, if held, during USET meetings.
- Start and facilitate committee meetings, including welcoming any new members, may any necessary announcements, maintain meeting control, adhere to established agendas, etc.
- Be in attendance on the last day of meeting with the Board of Directors during its Business Session to present subject matter that needs Board attention and be available to answer any questions from the Board.
- Ensure that the committee conducts monthly teleconference calls throughout the year
- Ensure that issues within each respective committee's jurisdiction are brought forward for organizational prioritization. When necessary, be available to offer subject matter guidance and feedback.
- Regularly participate in Quarterly Committee Chair conference calls, when held.
- Be an active, informed representative on the USET CDFI Board of Directors.

### Vice/Co-Chair Responsibilities

- The Vice Chair serves as the committee chairperson in the chairperson's absence and may otherwise assist with the duties of the chairperson as requested.
- If needed, the Committee may have Co-Chairs instead of Chair and Vice-Chair positions. In this occurrence, Co-Chairs will work as partners, in tandem with each other, to develop committee agenda, handle meeting business, etc.

### Secretary Responsibilities

- Coordinate with the Chairperson to ensure that members are aware of meeting dates and ensure attendance.
- Present minutes and committee summary of the previous meeting, and if they are approved, obtain proper signatures.
- Take notes of meetings, recording the key points, and making sure that all decisions are recorded, as well as the name of the person responsible for carrying them out.
- Meeting minutes/reports are the responsibility of the committee Secretary.
- Prepare a committee report; working with the Chairperson, other members, and/or USET staff (when needed) for submittal to USET Office by deadline.
- Once submitted, e-mail a copy of committee report to all members, including those not in attendance at the meeting.

# The Effects of the Partial Shutdown

(Excerpt from Congressional Budget Office report released January 28, 2019, <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/54937>)



CBO has estimated the effects of the five-week partial shutdown of the government that started on December 22, 2018, and ended on January 25, 2019. This report presents CBO's findings, which include the following:

- CBO estimates that the five-week shutdown delayed approximately \$18 billion in federal discretionary spending for compensation and purchases of goods and services and suspended some federal services.
  - As a result of reduced economic activity, CBO estimates, real (that is, inflation-adjusted) gross domestic product (GDP) in the fourth quarter of 2018 was reduced by \$3 billion (in 2019 dollars) in relation to what it would have been otherwise.
  - Underlying those effects on the overall economy are much more significant effects on individual businesses and workers. Among those who experienced the largest and most direct negative effects are federal workers who faced delayed compensation and private-sector entities that lost business. Some of those private-sector entities will never recoup that lost income.
  - All of the estimated effects and their timing are subject to considerable uncertainty. In particular, CBO is uncertain about how much discretionary spending was affected by the partial shutdown, how affected federal employees and contractors adjusted their spending in response to delayed compensation, and how agencies will adjust their spending on goods and services now that funding has resumed.

In CBO's estimation, the shutdown dampened economic activity mainly because of the loss of furloughed federal workers' contribution to GDP, the delay in federal spending on goods and services, and the reduction in aggregate demand (which thereby dampened private-sector activity).

## **“Dear America”- An opinion piece by Kitcki A. Carroll**

Last night, I watched the NFL AFC Championship game and had to listen and watch 70,000 Kansas City Chiefs fans chanting their “tomahawk chop”. Over the weekend, I became aware of the Nathan Phillips viral video, an Umo<sup>ho</sup> citizen, and the controversy surrounding the events that unfolded in your Capitol that afternoon. Finally, last week, President Trump once again invoked the name Pocahontas in an inflammatory and derogatory manner as part of his ongoing feud with Senator Elizabeth Warren; only this time, he chose to make reference to Wounded Knee, a massacre where your soldiers brutally massacred hundreds of Lakota and were subsequently awarded Medals of Honor. These are examples only from this past week, but they are a reflection of the experience and persistent challenges we face as indigenous peoples in the land of the free.

These are examples of the persistent and deep seeded ignorance and disrespect towards indigenous peoples that you have allowed to exist. During the weekend when you pause to pay homage to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. for advancing race relations, equality, and justice, these despicable and shameful events serve as a stark reminder of the challenges that indigenous peoples continue to face within our own lands; lands that you now claim as your own. It serves as a reminder of how woefully short you have been in ensuring that the indigenous peoples of these lands are afforded the dignity, respect, and honor that we rightfully deserve.

Despite these realities and challenges, we have persevered as a people despite the greatest of odds and we must continue to rise above it all as modern day warriors. We choose to stand strong with courage, conviction, and righteousness in order to ultimately achieve the justice we deserve. Conversely, the examples from this past week stand in representation of all that is wrong today. It would be easy to scapegoat the individuals from the events that transpired over the last week, parents, school systems, but the truth of the matter is that these examples are a consequence of your unwillingness to be truthful about your own existence. These incidents stand in representation of your own failures and I refuse to allow you to brush them off as isolated incidents or to externalize the blame.

For far too long, you have conveniently allowed yourself to justify and rationalize your abhorrent actions perpetrated against indigenous peoples as a necessary means to an end. You have used laws of your own making and created religious doctrine, such as the Doctrine of Discovery which viewed indigenous peoples as sub-human non-Christian heathens, to validate your immoral, inhumane, and unethical behaviors to clear your conscious of any accountability. In our own lands, you denied us the same rights that you were seeking for yourself. You have intentionally suppressed the truth and advanced an incomplete story of your deeds and asked your citizens to follow blindly without question, without challenge, as a reflection of their patriotic duty.

You are quick to point out the misdeeds and shortcomings of others, but excuse away your own and fail to hold yourself accountable. You debate immigration policy, but conveniently fail to recognize that your entire foundation is based on an illegal presence in lands that did not belong to you and which you were not invited. You have allowed for the normalization, social acceptance, and tolerance of the stereotyping, caricaturizing, and romanticizing of indigenous people. You have become the wealthiest and most powerful nation the world has ever known, as a consequence of the lands and natural resources that you took against our will, but you fail to live up to the promises you made that resulted from you asserting your will. You saw us only as an impediment to your aspirations that were rooted in greed, not as equals, as intended by the Creator. You have perpetuated a belief that we are of only historical relevance and value. You have allowed us to be invisible in our own lands.

America...enough...no more. Your consistent failure to be honest with your past and failure to fulfill trust and treaty promises and obligations is an indelible stain on your character, integrity, and honor and challenges your claim of global exceptionalism. The time is long overdue for you to be honest with the atrocities of your origin in order for you to best emulate the principles you profess to stand for. Citizens of America, the time has come for you to hold America accountable to demand nothing less than truth, justice, and righteousness towards indigenous peoples as a direct beneficiary of her actions.

America, you must be better, you are better. Unfortunately, there exists much divisiveness today. If nothing else, while the media debates the merits of these stories from the past week, there is presently an opportunity to ensure that our indigenous concerns are not marginalized. Will you use this moment as an opportunity to correct the systemic problems that resulted in these events, or will you impugne yourself of responsibility and allow them to exist only as momentary relevance, consequence, and concern?

America, it is time to live by the principles, morals, and values you profess to embrace and exemplify; it starts with your relationship with this lands indigenous peoples. As you pause today to honor Dr. King, recall his teachings, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

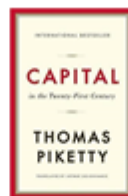
<a href="#">2019 State of Native Nations</a> Washington, DC February 11, 2019	<a href="#">National 8(a) Small Business Conference</a> Nashville, TN February 11-13, 2019
<a href="#">Native Edge Institute</a> Orlando, FL February 19, 2019	<a href="#">Native Edge Institute Cherokee, NC</a> <a href="#">February 21, 2019</a>
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<a href="#">NAFOA 37th Annual Conference</a> Portland, OR April 15-16, 2019	<a href="#">Native Business Summit</a> Tulsa, OK May 13-15, 2019
NCAI Mid Year Conference & Marketplace Reno, NV June 23-26, 2019	



***Quote of the Month***

*“All great achievements  
 require time.”  
 - Maya Angelou*

***Book of the Month***



*“Capital in the Twenty-  
 First Century” by Thomas  
 Piketty*