



Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Presentation to the Legacy Finance Committee March 6, 2019

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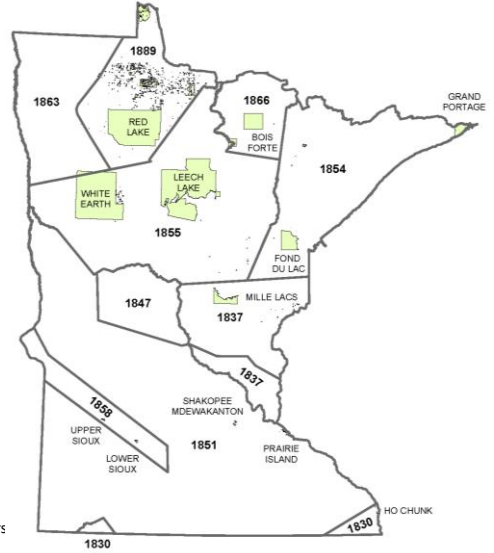
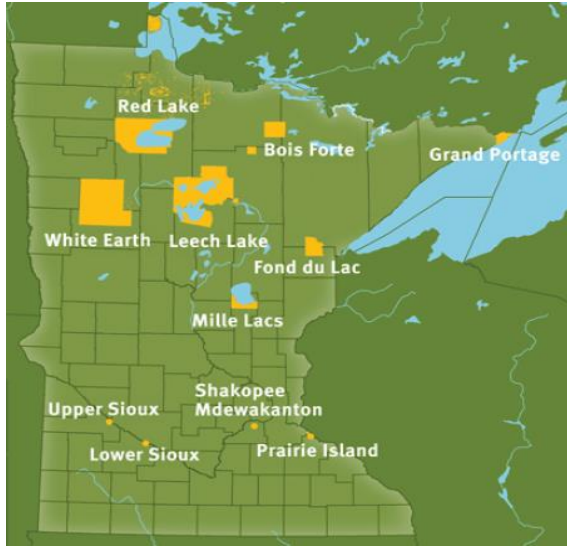
Eleven Tribal Nations in Minnesota

- **Ojibwe Reservations**
 - Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
 - Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 - White Earth Nation
 - Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
 - Red Lake Nation
 - Bois Forte Band of Chippewa
 - Grand Portage Band of Ojibwe
- **Dakota Communities**
 - Prairie Island Indian Community
 - Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community
 - Upper Sioux Community
 - Lower Sioux Indian Community



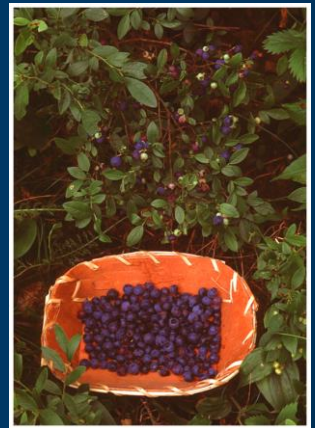
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Where are Minnesota's Tribal Nations Located?



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Traditional Way of Life

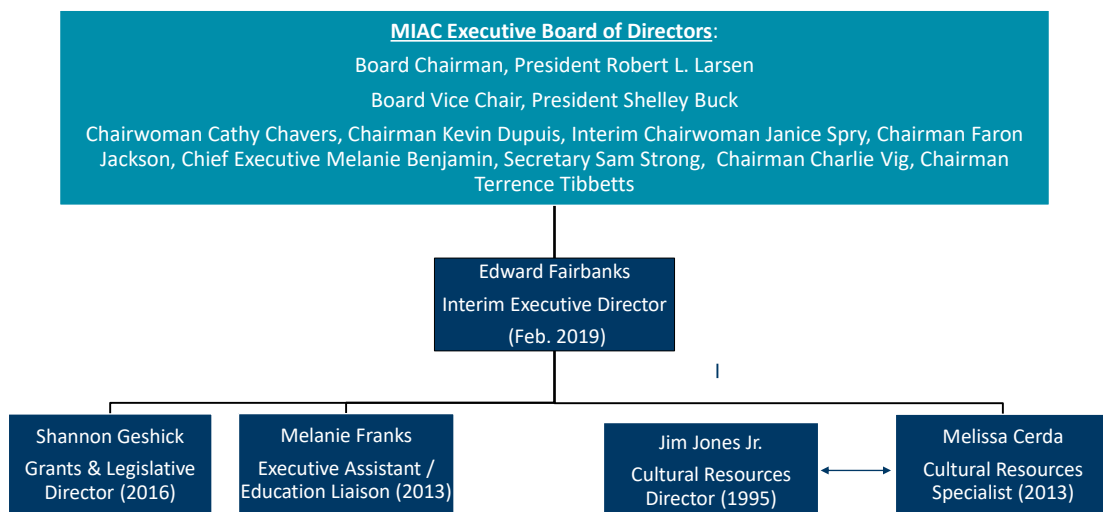


Indian Affairs Council Background

- Established in 1963 as the first council of its type in the nation.
- Authority under MN Stat. 3.922
- Official liaison between eleven Tribal Nations and State of Minnesota
- Work closely with state agency Tribal liaisons to assist agencies
- Plays a central role in the development of state legislation
- Plan and facilitate annual Governor/Tribal Leader Summit

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Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Team



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Indian Affairs Council Executive Board

Voting members – Tribal Elected Officials (Chair/President/Chief Executive)

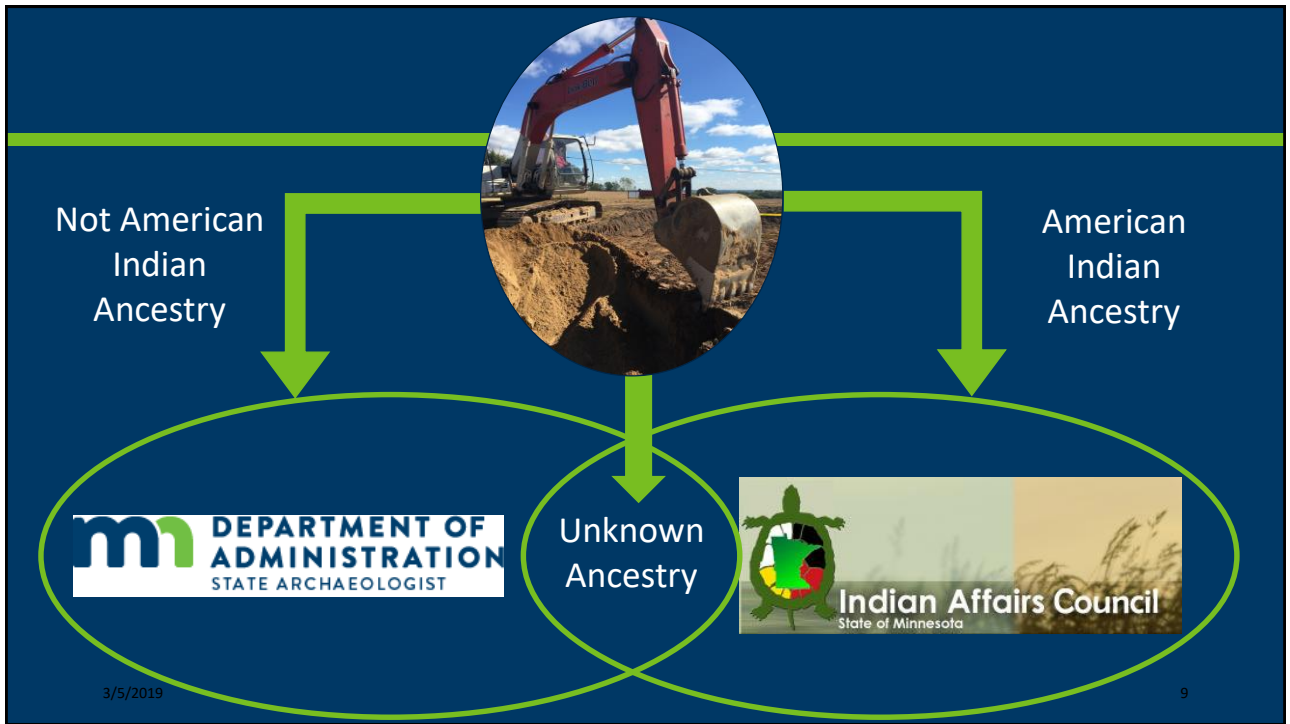


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Native Burial Traditions





Minnesota Indian Affairs Council Cultural Resources

- Enforce state and federal laws
- One of the first states in the nation to initiate collaboration with Tribal Nations
- Works closely with Office of State Archaeologist (OSA)
- May assume the costs for the identification, analysis, rescue, and reburial of American Indian human remains



MIAC Osteology Lab and Repository

- Only Osteology Lab of its kind in the state
- Legacy funding helped create infrastructure and brought the lab in compliance with federal standards
- Provides timely analysis & dedicated secure care in a culturally appropriate manner
- Through consultation with Tribal Nations MIAC has cared for, repatriated, and reburied thousands of human remains



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Osteology Lab and Repository Justification



- \$100,00 per fiscal year ask for Osteology Lab
- Continued cost:
 - Maintaining necessary security & standards
 - Lab and repository running near full capacity
 - 3 active burial recovery sites
 - 21 active NAGPRA Cases
 - Occasionally 1 to 2 cases a month of private citizens bringing in human remains
- Uncontrollable or Unforeseen Costs
 - Workload increase/size of projects increase
 - Major inadvertent discoveries
 - Acquisition of additional human remains

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Dakota and Ojibwe Language Revitalization Grants

Legacy Amendment – Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund

- First appropriated in 2010-2011 biennium. Instrumental to Dakota and Ojibwe language preservation projects and fostering education programs including early child immersion programs for Dakota and Ojibwe language.

Dakota and Ojibwe Language Immersion and Revitalization

- Higher Education Institutions including Tribal Colleges
- Tribal Nations
- Public School Districts and Charter Schools
- Native American Community Organizations
- Early Childhood Programs
- Minnesota Department of Education

Volunteer Language Working Group

- Report to the legislature in 2011 on critical and endangered Dakota and Ojibwe languages
- 2017 Updated Strategic Plan supported by tribal leader resolution
- Currently cataloguing language resources including first speakers and new speakers

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Language Grants Highlights

- Language Revitalization

- Dual Language Signs Partnership with MnDOT, MIAC, and Tribes
- First Dakota immersion Head Start in the nation Cansayapi Wakanyeza Owayawa Oti
- Ojibwe language app for smart phone or tablet
- MDE-standardized language assessments and bilingual SEALS for high school students to receive free college credit for Dakota and Ojibwe language acquisition



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Vanessa Goodthunder and Ryan Dixon of the Cansayapi Wakanyeza Owayawa Oti cut the ribbon officially opening the new program.

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Language Revitalization Grant Program Justification

- Language Grants = Successful state and tribal partnership

- Proof of state commitment to helping revitalize Minnesota's first languages
- \$750,000 language grants to tribes
 - Consulted with tribal leaders; indicated need for language money designated directly to tribal nations – highest population of Indians
- \$750,000 in competitive preservation, revitalization, and immersion competitive grants
 - Requests for language grant money continuously increasing; new agency requests
 - A 'catch all' – developing immersion schools, urban areas with no access to tribal grants, educational institutions off reservation etc.,
- \$500,000 for language immersion schools
 - Due to partnership success, immersion schools have grown from 2-5 with at least one more in the works

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Language Revitalization Grant Program Justification Cont.

- **Dakota and Ojibwe Language Work Group**

- \$50,000 for work group meetings throughout state
- **Membership**
 - 12 Tribal Delegates (including Upper Sioux)
 - Two elder advisors (one Dakota, One Ojibwe)
 - Two urban representatives, U of M representative, and MHS representative
 - One Minnesota House of Representatives
 - Would like to identify a Minnesota Senator
- Completed Strategic Plan for Language Work Group and Updated Language Revitalization Strategic Plan
- Oversight role for language grants program in regards to Recommendations Report (2011) and Strategic Plan (2013, 2017)
- Language Repository Feasibility Report



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