

**Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE)
Annual Report for 2010**

2010 was a busy and successful year for SAIGE. SAIGE had no paid employees and operated with an all volunteer working board. In 2010 SAIGE created and announced the Carol Jorgensen Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Stewardship. SAIGE also continued its partnership with Native Energy in 2010 helping promote carbon footprint awareness. The Youth Track program saw growth during 2010. Kelly Berry, SAIGE Youth Track alumni, returned to the program to help assist JoAnn Brant (SAIGE's Youth Track Director). SAIGE also continued to use both its official web site and facebook page to help communicate with our membership. A spring and fall edition of the Talking Leaf was published.

SAIGE Board for 2010

Danny Garceau – Chairman
Lori Windle – Vice Chair
Shana Barehand – Treasurer
Fredericka Joseph – Secretary
Shawna Clay
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SAIGE's Annual Training Program

The Annual Training Program was conducted at the Mohican Sun in Uncasville, Connecticut. Helms Briscoe was used to facilitate the hotel contract. This year's theme was "Walking in Two Worlds: Bridging the Gap Between Native America and Government." The Conference Chair was Jason Edwards. At this year's program there were 418 registered participants. Total conference income totaled \$296,249.00 which helped SAIGE end 2010 with a net profit of \$55,625.

Conferences Participation/ Attendance

The following Conferences were attended by representatives of SAIGE.

National IMAGE Annual Training Program, No program in 2010.

Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) Annual Training Conference, Gaylord Hotel Washington D.C. - Chairman Garceau represented SAIGE along with Secretary Joseph. Chairman Garceau presented on an NCEPS panel and Secretary Joseph managed the SAIGE promotion table.

Federally Employed Women (FEW) Annual Training Program, New Orleans, Louisiana – Chairman Garceau and Director Marcus represented SAIGE. Chairman Garceau spoke at a plenary session and

Director Marcus spearheaded the SAIGE promotional booth on the exhibit floor. This conference was a breakthrough in SAIGE as a national affinity group and viewed in the same light at BIG and FEW.

Blacks in Government (BIG) Annual Conference, Kansas City, Missouri. Secretary Joseph represented SAIGE.

National Congress of American Indians Annual (NCAI) Convention, Albuquerque, NM, Vice Chair Windle and Treasurer Barehand represented SAIGE.

Other SAIGE Travel and Outreach

In March Chairman Garceau traveled to D.C. and attended the winter NCEPS Presidents meeting. During this trip he was joined by Secretary Joseph and they visited the EPA's GSA building to view any progress with the removing of the offensive murals. While in D.C. Chairman Garceau signed a MOU with EEOC and made agency visits with USDA, OPM, DOC, HUD, DHS, DOI, BIA, NMAI and met with Sam Eskanzai of the National Museum of American People (NMAP.) In April Chairman Garceau traveled to Tulsa to preview the Hard Rock as the future site for the 2011 Conference. During the May FAPAC Conference Chairman Garceau used also made agency visits to BIA, USDA and EPA. The end of October several SAIGE Board members and Conference Planning members traveled to the Cherokee Hard Rock in Tulsa to preview the property, site of the 2011 Training Conference. In attendance were Chairman Garceau, Vice Chair Windle, Secretary and Conference Co-Chair Joseph, Board Director and Conference Co-Chair Morris, and Youth Track Director Brant. Board Director Madrid represented SAIGE at the AISES Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. In November Chairman Garceau went to D.C. to be the keynote speaker at the National Guard Bureau Native American Heritage Month program. While in D.C. he also made visits to USDA, OPM, BIA and the Pentagon. Later in the month Chairman Garceau traveled to the Saginaw VA Hospital and presented as the keynote for their Native American Heritage Month program. In December Chairman Garceau travel to D.C. for the NCEPS winter meeting, he also met with GEICO and began negotiations for a Corporate Partnership Agreement. GEICO paid the travel expense for this trip to D.C. NCEPS as a group also met with GEICO and OPM during this trip. Chairman Garceau met with USDA and signed a new MOU in D.C. during the December trip.

Partnerships

SAIGE continued to build partnerships and increase its network. Official Partnerships/MOU's include; AISES, Grantham University, NCEPS, FSIS, USDA (signed in 2010) and EEOC (signed in 2010.) Also in 2010 SAIGE joined NCAI as a supporter of the National Museum of American People effort. By being a supporter of this potential new national museum SAIGE will have a voice in the museums develop from the indigenous people aspect. There is no financial obligation for this support, but puts SAIGE in the same national light as NCAI as one of the premier national Native organizations.

Elections

Nominations were taken in October and November for election to 5 two year Director Positions. All four officer incumbents went unopposed in this year's election. November nominations were verified and information gathered for the ballot. Newly elected to the board for 2011 were Pete Molina and Sue Morris.



Danny Garceau
SAIGE Chair