

Jay Spaan Statement of Interest:

I would like to continue serving on the Board of Directors for SAIGE because I strongly believe in the mission of the organization. American Indian/Alaska Native representation in the federal government, especially in leadership roles, continues to be minimal and we must continue with efforts to increase representation. In addition, the need for Federal officials to understand the government to government relationship, the meaning of sovereignty, and the trust relationship is critical. There are several ongoing activities and events that threaten to redefine sovereignty and the trust relationship and meaningful consultation is being ignored in some federal agencies. As such, SAIGE's training and outreach is needed as much now, if not more, than ever.