

## COMMITTEE REPORT

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### **Housing Committee ATNI Winter 2025 Convention Portland, Oregon**

#### **DISCUSSION**

- Short update with HUD information about submission deadlines and upcoming training opportunities. The update also include additional guidance on the Build American Buy American law and new environmental guidance.
- Denise Harvey Council women from the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde gave an update about the TIAC committee and what they have been able to accomplish working and Meeting with HUD officials. The TIAC committee is direct voice for Tribal Housing departments and she encouraged people to contact her and the committee if they have Housing issues that need to be addressed with HUD officials.
- Debra Whitefoot from Nch'I wana housing gave a short update about the work the nonprofit organization is doing to try and assist those affected by the housing issues affecting Tribal Members living in and near the fishing village along the Columbia River.
- A large discussion about Bio based building materials, and how Tribes across the country have utilized bio based building to impact the housing conditions on their reservations. There was a short presentation that included a video from indigenous cannabis about how Tribes are using Hemp Crete to build efficient housing for Tribal Members. Debra Whitefoot also presented a video about the Thunder Valley housing project on the Pine Ridge reservation and how Tribal members will benefit from this enormous supportive housing project that utilizes bio based building materials. There was also discussion about how Tribes should work together and establish the use of Native inspectors when utilizing bio based building plans.
- **Debra Whitefoot was nominated for co-chair of the ATNI Housing Committee by Carlos Calica (Warm Springs Tribal Council) this nomination was seconded by Charlene Tillequots ( Yakama Nation) the nomination was approved by an overwhelming majority in the committee meeting.**

#### **RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- **No resolutions recommended**

Minutes/Report submitted by: Shonn R Leno

Committee Chair