

Greetings,

While the law that creates the commission gives us certain directives and defines general outcomes, it does not establish a plan for achieving those outcomes. On Saturday, Sept. 13, between 8 am and 10 am ET, the Commission will begin developing a strategic plan. Once it's finished, the plan will help guide us in accomplishing specific tasks to benefit the community over the next five years.

We would like community input that will help us begin to work on the plan, and are asking the community to help us determine reasonable goals for the commission to work toward that community members feel would most benefit the community. We are asking all of you who are leaders of community organizations to discuss this request with your organization's membership and, if your membership is agreeable, submit a list of goals you would like to see the commission focus on over the next five years. Individuals are also welcome to submit a list of goals.

Your list of goals should be submitted no later than Sunday, August 10, so that we have time to compile all lists received and publish a master list. You can send the goals to any commissioner or directly to me. They can be sent by e-mail, or hard copies can be mailed to:

Valerie Ohle, Chair
TN Commission of Indian Affairs
PO Box 20592
Knoxville, TN 37940

Please note: While you're welcome to publish your goals to a message board or list, please also submit it directly to one of us. We will not guarantee we will see the post and do not want to overlook anyone's input.

Respectfully,
Valerie Ohle, Chair
TN Commission of Indian Affairs
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