



## Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee Announcements

### Congratulations to New Committee Member

On October 10, 2018, Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke appointed Francis P. McManamon to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee for a four-year term. Dr. McManamon is the founding director of the Center for Digital Antiquity, an Arizona State University (ASU) center in the School for Human Evolution and Social Change. Before joining ASU in November 2009, Dr. McManamon served as the chief archeologist of the National Park Service and the departmental consulting archeologist for the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C. Dr. McManamon was nominated by the American Alliance of Museums, American Anthropological Association, and Society for American Archaeology. We welcome the newest member to the Review Committee as we express our deep appreciation to LindaLee Kuuleilani Farm whose term expired in November 2017. On behalf of the Secretary of the Interior and the National NAGPRA Program, we commend Ms. Farm for her dedicated service on the Review Committee and the considerable time, thought, and effort she devoted to the NAGPRA process.

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### Upcoming Review Committee Meeting

On August 3, 2018, a [Federal Register notice](#) was published announcing a meeting of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee. The Review Committee will meet October 17-19, 2018, in Yates Auditorium, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

Agenda topics include: a report from the National NAGPRA Program; the discussion of the Review Committee Report to Congress; subcommittee reports and discussion; and requests and/or presentations from constituents. The Review Committee is soliciting presentations from Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and Federal agencies on the following two topics: (1) the progress made, and any barriers encountered, in implementing NAGPRA and (2) the outcomes of disputes reviewed by the Review Committee pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006 (c)(4).

#### Dates and deadlines:

- August 14, 2018 - Disposition requests due
- September 4, 2018 - Presentation requests due
- September 11, 2018 - Written comments due
- September 18, 2018 - [Agenda](#) and [materials now available](#)

*Interested in attending the meeting?*

[Register here](#)

For the first time, the Review Committee meeting will be available to watch as a webinar in listen-only mode. [Click here](#) if you are interested in watching the meeting.

### Invitation to reception in honor of the Review Committee

October 18, 2018 - Hosted by Association on American Indian Affairs, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Cultural Heritage Partners, and The George Washington University AT&T Center for Indigenous Law & Policy. See invitation for additional details and RSVP information. [Invitation flyer](#)

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*Questions for National NAGPRA Program staff??*

The National NAGPRA Program will not host a training event for Tuesday, October 16, 2018. However, Program staff are planning to attend the meeting and are willing to visit individually to discuss issues and answer questions. Technical information on the National NAGPRA Program website regarding the [Law and Regulations](#) and recorded [Training and Webinars](#) may also provide helpful information.

**Secretary Zinke Has Appointed Three New Members to the NAGPRA Review Committee**

On May 22, 2018, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke announced the appointment of John Beaver, Honor K. Keeler, and Barnaby V. Lewis to the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Committee. [Read more...](#)

**Solicitation of NAGPRA Review Committee Nominations Due July 3, 2017**

The notice soliciting nominations for one member of the NAGPRA Review Committee was published in the Federal Register on April 3, 2017. The Secretary of the Interior will appoint the member from nominations submitted by Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and traditional Native American religious leaders. The nominee need not be a traditional Indian religious leader. The deadline for receipt of nominations is July 3, 2017. [Read more...](#)

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