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The Ethics & Rules Committee of the 21st Navajo Nation Council conducted the Standards of Conduct for Elected Officials conference on April 29 to May 1 in Albuquerque, N.M. (Photo by Joshua Lavar Butler)

Standards of Conduct conference a success

*Training emphasized on conduct of elected
officials*

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — The Ethics & Rules Committee of the 21st Navajo Nation Council and the Ethics & Rules Office are pleased to report that the "Standards of Conduct for Elected Officials" conference was a huge success. The conference was held April 29 to May 1 in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Honorable Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan (Iyanbito/Pinedale) and Francis Redhouse (Teecnospos), Chairman of the Ethics & Rules Committee, kicked the event off with a welcome address to the conference attendees.

The conference was a great opportunity for elected officials, community members and the general public to learn more about the Navajo tribal government.

Ethics in government law, regulations and standards of conduct for elected officials, and information in how to file an ethics complaint were the main topics discussed at the three-day conference.

The conference was well attended and chapter representatives from more than 30 chapters attended the conference, as well as employees from more than 20 Navajo Nation government offices.

Presenters included representatives from the Navajo Nation White Collar Crime Unit, the Office of the Auditor General, Navajo Nation Resource Enforcement, Navajo Government Development, Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, Navajo Nation Labor Relations, Retirement Services, Navajo Nation Division of Finance, Navajo Elections Administration, and the Navajo Nation Business Regulatory office.

Break sessions and other group meetings gave council delegates and Navajo Nation government employees overviews of certain oversight departments of the Nation, like What is the Amended Standards of Conduct for all Elected Officials, What is the Department of Personnel Management and What is Navajo Ethics in Government Law.

Raine G. Vicente, the 39th Miss Indian New Mexico, was one of the keynote speakers at the conference. The 22-year-old Pueblo of Acoma Native spoke at a luncheon held on the second day of the conference.

Lawrence John, the director of the Ethics & Rules Office, would like to thank the sponsors that made this conference a success. John thanks Sacred Wind Communications, Navajo Engineering Construction Authority, Sammy C's Rock N' Sports Pub & Grill, KYVA Radio, MTI Tech Products Inc., Navajo Agricultural Products Industries, Navajo Oil & Gas Company, Culinary Design Catering Company and the Navajo Nation Shopping Centers.

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