

WILLIAM F. WALKSALONG



Forward looking senior administrator with proven expertise in Tribal government administration including daily operations and management of multiple special projects. Seeking full-time employment.

Work Experience:

07/2013 – Present

Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, MT
Tribal Administrator

Supervision of 26 program directors and administrative staff; general management, monitoring and oversight of 100 Federal and State contracts and grant with over 350+ Tribal employees; provides technical assistance to program directors; drafts resolutions and ordinances for Tribal President; reviews all tribal program budgets; conducts program reviews; develops employment position descriptions; active management of special projects (e.g. implementation of Land Buy Back Cooperative Agreement with DOI); regular government-to-government consultation with Federal, State and Tribal representatives; lead Tribal negotiator for annual BIA Budget Formulation process; active participant in annual I.H.S. Budget Formulation process and P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement; prepares and assists in the drafting of testimonies for Tribal officials presented at the State Legislature and U.S. Congress; drafts letters memoranda for Executive Branch; Reviews and routes correspondence received by Executive Branch; facilitates meetings with Tribal Council, Federal and State officials and private business representatives; and serves as senior advisor to the Tribal Executive Branch.

04/2012 – 05/2013

Northern Cheyenne Tribe
Acting Natural Resources Department Director

Supervised 11 full and part-time employees; managed 18 Federal and State Contracts and grants; prepared work plans and budgets; submitted quarterly and annual reports; prepared draft Tribal Council resolutions associated with department activities; ongoing development or revision Fish & Wildlife Management plan, Water Resources Management Plan, Integrated Resources Management Plan, and Agriculture Resources Management Plan; Tribal representative in the ongoing adjudication of the Tribe's Federal Reserved Water Rights in MT Water Court; submission of written comments concerning EIS/EA processes associated with proposed energy development projects on Tribal lands or ancestral homeland across the northern plains and Rocky Mountain west; initiated the marketing of Tribal water rights; and established

network of communications with Federal, State and private representatives.

10/2005 – 08/2011

Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, MT

Tribal Executive Administrator

Senior manager that assisted the Northern Cheyenne Tribal President in all executive branch duties and responsibilities; supervision of 26 program directors and executive branch administrative staff; drafted resolutions and ordinances for the executive branch; reviewed all program budgets and overall Tribal operations budgets (general fund and IDC Funding); conducted program reviews and performed employee evaluations; assisted in the development of position descriptions; consulted with Federal, State and local government agencies; prepared written testimonies for Tribal officials presented at the State Legislature and U.S. Congress; handled and routed correspondence received by the Executive Branch; prepared letters and memoranda for the Tribal President's office; Lead Tribal representative in BIA's annual Budget Formulation process; active participant in I.H.S. annual Budget Formulation and Annual Funding Agreement processes; participated in government-to-government consultations and negotiations; provided technical assistance to Tribal program directors; served as senior advisor to the President.

11/2002 – 09/2005

Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, MT

Tribal Council Member-Lame Deer District

Introduced draft resolutions and ordinances in sessions of the Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council; Special areas of interest included natural resources, environmental justice, energy development, Tribal gaming, Tribal education, social services and Tribal justice systems; participated in inter-governmental initiatives and negotiations with Federal, State and Tribal governments and their political sub-divisions; co-chaired the Tribe's Budget and Finance Committee; testified in MT State Legislature on draft bills associated with Tribal interests; actively participated in the BIA and I.H.S. budget formulation processes; maintained government-to-government relationships with BIA, I.H.S., EPA USBuRec, WAPA, BIE, US Dept. of Ed., MTDPHHS, MTDNRC, MTDEQ, and other Federal and State agencies.

06/1999 - 10/2002

Self-Employed, Lame Deer, MT

Grant-Writer/Consultant/Paralegal

Paralegal/Tribal Court advocate included representation of community members in Tribal Court as a member of the Northern Cheyenne Court Bar Association in civil and criminal proceedings; maintained a private business as a Consultant and grant-writer for Tribal agencies and private businesses; prepared organizational documents for application to the IRS for 501 C (3) non-profit legal

status; and, provided technical assistance to Tribal programs as private contract consultant;

11/1996 – 10/98

Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, MT

Northern Cheyenne Tribal President

Supervised 26 Tribal program director and administrative staff; Administration and oversight of a \$20+ million annual Tribal operating budget; overall responsibility for 400+ Tribal workforce; general oversight of a \$20 million dollar investment portfolio (Northern Cheyenne Permanent Fund); implemented Tribal Council actions passed through the enactment of resolutions and ordinances; maintained government-to-government relations with Federal, State and other Tribal governments; primary contact for all Tribal governmental affairs including political, economic, legal and regulatory concerns; provided oral and written comment and testimony in the MT Legislature and the U.S. Congress; represented the Tribe in the MT/WY Tribal Leader's Council; served on the special Federal, State and inter-Tribal committees; and, maintained dialogue with Northern Cheyenne Reservation district leaders.

09/1992 – 11/1996

Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Lame Deer, MT

Northern Cheyenne Tribal Vice-President

Introduced resolutions and ordinances in Tribal Council sessions; assigned to special projects and initiatives (e.g. legal negotiator on 107th Meridian Settlement with Crow Nation and lead representative for implementing the Tribe's Water Rights Settlement Act of 1992); delegated authority by the Tribal President to address contract and grant compliance issues with funding agencies; provided oral and written testimony in the MT Legislature and the U.S. Congress; and, served on special committees addressing local, State and National issues.

08/1988 – 05/1992

Washington State University, Pullman, WA

Research and Teaching Assistant

Provided instructional and administrative support for associate and tenured Professors; performed teaching and research duties as graduate student; authorized to instruct undergraduate course at WSU and WSU branch campus at Port Angeles, WA; and, maintained office hours and served on special committees with WSU.

Education:

Washington State University, Pullman, WA

Graduated 12/1989

Masters of Arts: Public Administration, with emphasis

In Criminal Justice Administration

Additional Education:

Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
Bachelors of Science in Sociology

Skills & Tools:

*Budgets	*Human Resources Support	*Microsoft Word
*Program Evaluation	*Supervisory Experience	*Technical Writing
*Legal Terminology	*Technical Support	*Organizational Skills
*Grant Writing	*Proof Reading	*Computer Literate

Additional Accomplishments:

Co-Facilitated Northern Cheyenne Tribe's Committee (2008-2011 and 2013-2014) that achieved passage of the Northern Cheyenne Lands Act in December, 2014 through the U.S. Congress.

Tribal representative on Bureau of Indian Affairs annual budget formulation process 2013 to 2016.

Managed Cobell Settlement Agreement's Land Buy Back Program for N.C. Tribe, 2014-2015

Implemented Alternative voting office at two sites on N.C. Reservation, derived from Federal Voting Rights litigation ruling on access to voting by Indian People in Montana, 2016.

Chaired MT School Board Association's Indian School Board Caucus, 2007-2008.

Chaired Tribe's Permanent Fund Committee, 1994-1996.

Appointee to Governor Schweiter's Special Committee on Climate Change, 2006-2007.

Lame Deer School Board President, 2000-2006

MT Governor Schweiter's Transition Team, 2008-2009.

Lead Negotiator in Crow/Northern Cheyenne 107th Meridian Boundary dispute, 1994-1995.

Lead Tribal official in the Implementation of the Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 1992.

MT American Civil Liberties Union Board member, 2006-2008.

Margaret Schultz Memorial Scholarship, MSU, 1978-1979.

Recipient of V.A. Leonard Scholarship at WSU, 1989-1990.

Testified in Sand Creek Massacre Senate Hearing, 1998.

"Give Them Hell Harry Truman Award" by Democratic Party for "getting out the Indian vote," 1996.

References:

Upon Request