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MISSION

“Land within the original boundaries

of every reservation and

other areas of high significance

where tribes retain aboriginal interest are in

Indian ownership and management.”



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2006 ANNUAL REPORT

What a tremendous year this has been. In 2006 we set out to make real progress in our strategic efforts to create partnerships, survey Indian Country through the proactive agenda and produce lasting and meaningful change for tribes and Indian landowners. The results give us plenty to celebrate. Our approach is guided by the mission and strategies developed through a community planning process that launched the Foundation in 2001.

Feedback from the sixteen-week on-line survey of Indian Country and polling at conferences and meetings on Indian land tenure has given us good data to drive the proactive agenda for another five years. The proactive agenda moves away from traditional power bases and gives Indian people clear choices over their land.

Our presence and impact have broadened, thanks to a partnership with the Saint Paul Public Schools to teach the Indian land tenure curriculum to the district's 44,000 students, Indian and non-Indian. Three Minnesota Foundations: F. R. Bigelow Foundation, The Saint Paul Foundation and St. Paul Traveler's Foundation came forward to support the curriculum implementation.

A contract with the Department of Interior for \$519,564 initiated an Estate Planning Services Pilot Project to provide community education and direct legal training on the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA) and direct legal services for estate planning in the Pacific Northwest and Great Plains. Further support for expanding estate planning services in Minnesota and the Dakotas came in March from a grant from the Bush Foundation, one of the nation's most prestigious foundations.

Three new board members exemplifying emerging leadership on Indian land issues and changing the face of the board of directors joined ILTF this year. Eric Giles, Mvskoke Etlwlvw (Muscogee Creek Nation), Big Cat Clan, works as a Long Range Planning Coordinator for the Flathead County Planning and Zoning Department, Kalispell, MT. From Washington State and a member of the Okanagan and Wenatchi Bands, John Sirois is Cultural Preservation Administrator for the Confederated Tribes of Colville. Emily White Hat, Sicangu Lakota, Aske Tiospaye, Rosebud, SD, graduates with a law degree from the University of New Mexico in May 2007.

We are pleased to announce that after five years provisional status with the Internal Revenue Service, ILTF received its final determination as a publicly supported charity including meeting the IRS standards for a broad contributions base. We received the letter in April.

On these pages, you'll read about ILTF's grants and special initiatives and development work. Each is important to the mission to regain control of the economic and cultural assets tied to ownership and management of Indian homelands.

As the work expands and the Foundation grows, we wish to thank all of you who help make the efforts of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation possible. We value every relationship. To our readers, your advocacy informs the public on Indian land issues. To our grantees, without you the work is stifled. To our donors and founders, you provide the financial investments to support the good work taking place in Indian Country. To the board, your leadership gives strength, direction and purpose to the Foundation's work. To the staff, your talents and dedication guarantee the organization's accountability to the public trust. We are all part of the great circle reliant upon the interdependence and respect each contributes.



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ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 598,765
Investments	22,024,785
Accounts Receivable	175,956
Grants Receivable	361,365
Interest Receivable	60,238
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	3,490
Property and Equipment, net	429,463
Total Assets	\$ 23,654,062

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Accounts Payable	\$ 32,681
Grants Payable	663,070
Accrued Payroll Expenses	25,458
Accrued Interest	25,000
Notes Payable	500,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,246,209

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted Net Assets	238,965
Net Income	\$ 22,168,888
Total Net Assets	\$ 22,407,853
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Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 23,654,062

REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

REVENUES

Fundraising Income	\$ 148,443
Grants & Awards	991,739
Interest and Investment Income	2,770,737
Other Income	92,618
Total Revenue	\$ 4,003,537

EXPENDITURES

Salaries/Taxes/Benefits	\$ 1,000,087
Advertising	43,958
Depreciation	42,256
Insurance	11,992
Dues and Subscriptions	9,776
Postage	24,159
Office Expenses	40,869
Professional Fees	25,669
Contracted Services	563,565
Rental	5,337
Repairs and Maintenance	3,943
Grants	607,530
Other Program-related Expenses	161,661
Travel Expenses	102,861
Utilities	5,303
Board Expenses	34,889
Communications	23,176
Interest	25,270
Other Expenses	821
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,733,122

Revenue over Expenditures	\$ 1,270,415
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“It is important to maintain and grow tribal homelands for my tribe and other tribes, as our children, their children and generations to come have a place that allows and encourages them to be practicing tribal members in cultural events and activities.” ~ HOWARD D. VALANDRA

2006 DONORS

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PROACTIVE AGENDA

For the third and most recent survey, ILTF staff sought to uncover the priorities of Indian Country, move away from the reactive posture tribes have towards the federal government’s legislation on Indian land and define a more aggressive approach to Indian land issues.

The sixteen-week on-line survey centered on five topics: land ownership status, use of Indian land, future land concepts, management of Indian land and the trust relationship. The assessment began with a short provocative land related opening statement followed by a series of questions seeking the survey-taker’s opinion.

Twelve hundred surveys were submitted on-line with an average of 468 respondents every week. Data derived from the survey will help drive the ILTF agenda for the next five years.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

A contract with the Department of Interior for \$519,564 initiated the Estate Planning Services Pilot Project to provide community education and legal training on the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA), and direct estate planning legal services to Indian trust landowners in South Dakota, Washington and Oregon.

Estate planning legal services were provided to 1,113 clients unlikely to have the financial means to hire a private attorney. Eight hundred twenty-nine written wills and 644 other estate planning documents were successfully completed.

Of the wills written, 542 resulted in the reduction of fractionation of land title that would not have occurred without a will. Copies of the final report are available upon request.

SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Indian land tenure curriculum, designed for reservation schools, made its urban debut in the St. Paul Public Schools in the fall of 2006 and will continue throughout the 2007-08 school year. American Indian students and their parents pilot-tested the K-12 materials that focuses on Indians and their complex relationship to the land. Students learned about their own tribe and had the chance to bring their own experiences to the study of American Indians in the classroom. The program was supported by grants received from the Indian Land Tenure Foundation, F. R. Bigelow Foundation, The Saint Paul Foundation and St. Paul Traveler’s.



2006 ILTF INTERNS

< BACK ROW (L-R)
MELISSA BUFFALO, JOHN REYNOLDS
< FRONT ROW (L-R)
LEAH LUSSIER, LAVETTE HOLMAN

Four interns joined ILTF’s Grants and Programs division for twelve weeks during the summer to research, produce materials and develop strategies in a variety of program areas. They worked on making information on tribal land status available to tribes; uncovering the successes and failures of Indian irrigation projects; and implementing design and communication practices to effectively deliver ILTF land curriculum resources to tribal and public schools.

Melissa Buffalo, Meskwaki and Lakota, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Child Psychology from the University of Minnesota. Melissa worked on the distribution and marketing of the ILTF land curriculum for tribal and public schools.

Lavette Holman researched the impact of and critical issues pertaining to irrigation systems on Indian lands. A Shawnee/Cherokee/Osage, she resides on the Yakama Reservation in Washington State. Lavette holds an M.Ed. Counseling Specialization from Heritage University, Toppenish, WA and is a second year law student at Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.

Leah Lussier, a member of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Turtle Clan, worked directly with ILTF’s president in writing a draft of two chapters for an upcoming book on federal Indian policy and its effect on Indian lands. Leah graduates from Harvard University in 2007 and will attend law school.

John Reynolds from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe in South Dakota served a second summer internship in 2006. John compiled information on tribal land offices in preparation for an online comprehensive directory of tribal profiles. A graduate of the University of Minnesota, he is pursuing a Law Degree at Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA.

ILTF awarded **\$548,575** in sixteen grants and contracts in 2006 centered on the Foundation's four strategies:

- > *Educate every Indian landowner about Indian land management, ownership and transference issues so that knowledge becomes power when decisions about land assets are made.*
- > *Increase economic assets of Indian landowners by gaining control of Indian lands and creating financial models that convert land into leverage for Indian owners.*
- > *Use Indian land to help Indian people discover and maintain their culture.*
- > *Reform legal mechanisms related to recapturing the physical, cultural and economic assets for Indian people and strengthening sovereignty of Indian land.*

ALASKA

ORGANIZED VILLAGE OF KASAAN, KETCHIKAN, AK

\$4,845 to develop and provide strategic land planning training for the tribal council and staff.

CALIFORNIA

PALOMAR COLLEGE, SAN MARCOS, CA

\$3,000 to offer the ILTF land tenure college curriculum in a spring 2007 special topics course.

MASSACHUSETTS

WAMPANOAG TRIBE OF GAY HEAD/AQUINNAH, AQUINNAH, MA

\$9,469 to develop and provide strategic land planning training for the tribal council and tribal staff.

MICHIGAN

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS, PESHAWBESTOWN, MI

\$13,000 to host a series of Indian land tenure information sessions for local, state and federal government officials and staff.

HANNAHVILLE INDIAN COMMUNITY, WILSON, MI

\$15,665 for strategic land planning training for individuals and tribal leadership.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS, DOWAGIAC, MI

\$9,300 to organize and conduct training with tribal council and the tribal land staff on strategic conservation land planning.

"We will protect our culture, history and relationship to the land and all that surrounds us in ways that will support and provide for each of us and for our future generations."

~ CRIS STAINBROOK

MINNESOTA

GRAND PORTAGE BAND OF CHIPPEWA, GRAND PORTAGE, MN

\$31,243 for strategic land planning training for tribal government and community members and to initiate teacher training on the Indian land tenure curriculum in schools where tribal members attend.

WHITE EARTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE, MAHNOMEN, MN

\$17,360 for a college internship program at the White Earth Tribal and Community College for the 2006-2007 academic year.

MONTANA

CHIPPEWA CREE TRIBAL WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT,

ROCKY BOY, MT

\$45,401 to protect sacred lands within the boundaries of the Rocky Boy's Reservation. The initiative will document sacred sites, develop tribal law and policies to protect sacred sites and educate the community about the value and need for protection.

INDIAN LAW RESOURCE CENTER, HELENA, MT

\$194,309 to develop a new framework of legal principles and rules pertaining to Indian land.

NATIVE WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE, BILLINGS, MT

\$15,000 to sponsor the Native Women in Agriculture youth writing competition for high school students.

OREGON

COLUMBIA RIVER INTERTRIBAL FISH COMMISSION, PORTLAND, OR

\$30,277 to conduct an archival and literature review on the sacredness of Celilo Falls and develop historical reference and educational materials.

2006

GRANTS + CONTRACTS

WASHINGTON

HERITAGE UNIVERSITY, TOPPENISH, WA

\$4,730 for a college internship program at Heritage University occurring spring semester 2007. Interns will work with the Yakama Nation to develop a response to a federal rights-of-way study required by the Energy Act of 2005.

SNOQUALMIE INDIAN TRIBE, SNOQUALMIE, WA

\$20,000 to develop and provide strategic land planning training to the tribal council and staff.

WISCONSIN

LAND TENURE CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON, WI

\$57,700 to the Land Tenure Center, University of Wisconsin, for placement of law student interns on reservations within the three-state region of North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

SOKAOGON CHIPPEWA COMMUNITY,**MOLE LAKE BAND OF LAKE SUPERIOR CHIPPEWA, CRANDON, WI**

\$27,972 to protect and gain title to the Poler Burial Site. The land, in private off-reservation ownership, is a sacred site to the Sokaogon Chippewa.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

2006 TELLY AWARD

*AMERICAN INDIAN HOMELANDS: MATTERS OF TRUTH,
HONOR AND DIGNITY – IMMEMORIAL*

The documentary, produced in 2005, received the prestigious Telly Award on June 16th. Barry ZeVan, Vanbar Productions, was the documentary's Executive Producer. The Telly Award honors the finest video and film productions and very best local, regional and cable television programs.

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation raised \$694,443 in public support in 2006 compared to \$167,672 in 2005.

MAJOR FUNDERS

F. R. BIGELOW FOUNDATION, \$50,000 over 2 years to launch the Indian land tenure curriculum into the Saint Paul Public Schools.

BUSH FOUNDATION, \$345,000 over 3 years to expand estate planning services to Indian landowners in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

THE SAINT PAUL FOUNDATION, \$150,000 over 2 years to introduce the Indian land tenure curriculum into the Saint Paul Public Schools.

ST. PAUL TRAVELER'S, \$15,000 to launch the Indian land tenure curriculum into the Saint Paul Public Schools.

2006 GOLF CLASSIC

On July 21st the 3rd annual Golf Classic was held at St. Croix National near Somerset, WI. Seventy-seven golfers joined Foundation staff and played the sculpted fairways. The event raised a record-breaking \$17,371.50 from sponsorships, contributions and silent auction.

COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

ILTF was a proud participant in the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign, the annual workplace fundraising drive conducted every fall by federal employees and military personnel. To add visibility to campaign efforts, board and staff members attended charity fairs in Minneapolis, MN, Billings, MT, and Portland, OR. ILTF received \$9,087 in donations this year.

CLYDE BELLECOURT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Since inception in 2005, the Clyde H. Bellecourt Scholarship Fund has awarded 10 scholarships totaling \$169,575.87 to Minnesota American Indian college students. The purpose of the scholarship is to help students achieve their education goals from an accredited post-secondary educational institution. Heart of the Earth Inc., and friends of Clyde and his family set an endowment goal of \$1,000,000 to establish a permanent fund at ILTF.

Clyde H. Bellecourt, Nee-Gon-Nway-Wee-Dung (Thunder Before the Storm) is a member of the Mississippi Band of the Anishinabe Nation, Crane Clan. Founder and National Director of the American Indian Movement, Clyde volunteers his time and services to advance the lives of Indian people.