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4. Join us at upcoming National Tribal Education Department Forums and Meetings, including:  
  
National Tribal Education Departments Forum  
Sunday, February 8, 2009,  
Residence Inn Capitol, Washington, DC  
In conjunction with  
NIEA Legislative Summit 2009  
  
National Tribal Education Departments Forum  
Sunday, June 14, 2009, Niagara Falls, NY  
In conjunction with NCAI Mid-Year  
Conference  
  
National Tribal Education Departments Forum  
Saturday, October 10, 2009, Palm  
Springs, CA  
In conjunction with NCAI Annual  
Conference  
  
The Annual TEDNA Membership Meeting  
will also be held on Wednesday, October  
21, 2009, Milwaukee, WI  
In conjunction with NIEA Annual  
Conference



A non-profit  
membership organization  
for  
Tribal Education Departments

Tribal  
Education  
Departments  
National  
Assembly

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## The founding of the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA)

TEDNA is a new, non-profit membership organization for Tribal Education Departments (TEDs).

The idea for TEDNA originated from discussion among TED Directors, representatives of national Indian organizations, and federal officials who were attending the Legislative Summit of the National Indian Education Association in Washington, D.C. in March 2003.

TEDNA was founded by one-time contracts for a total of \$44,500 from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Indian Education to the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). NARF is the national legal defense fund for Native Americans, and it has long represented individual Tribes in establishing their TEDs.

With NARF's assistance and the *pro bono* legal assistance of the Portland, Maine law firm Drummond, Woodsum & MacMahon, TEDNA's certificate of incorporation was filed in Delaware on October 27, 2003.

## The Adoption of TEDNA's ByLaws

TEDNA began developing its ByLaws in October 2003. A ByLaws Organizing Committee composed of volunteer TEDs and others was established. This Committee helped get and review input from TEDs nationwide. Several Draft ByLaws were circulated for comment periods. TEDNA adopted its ByLaws in Phoenix, Arizona on October 27, 2004.

## TEDNA's Web Site

TEDNA has a website, [www.tedna.org](http://www.tedna.org) which was designed and is maintained by NARF. The website is updated often, so please keep checking back!

## Membership in TEDNA

TEDNA welcomes members. The annual fee for regular membership for the TEDs of federally recognized tribes is \$50.00. Affiliate (non-voting) membership annual fees are \$40.00. You may find information about the benefits of TEDNA membership and a printable membership application on the TEDNA web site, or you may write TEDNA for membership information.

## TEDNA's Mission Statement (Adopted October 2005)

It is the Mission of TEDNA to:

- Assemble and represent collectively indigenous sovereign nations' departments of education;
- Respect and honor each nation's distinct spiritual, cultural, linguistic and economic identities;
- Foster effective relationships with other governmental and educational agencies, organizations, and entities;
- Facilitate communication and cultivate consensus amongst members by, among other things, providing current, accurate, and pertinent information to members; and
- Support and encourage each member nation's right to define and reach its own education goals for its students, families, and communities wherever they may be located.

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