



Board of Director Biography

Joan Timeche, Secretary

(Hopi)

Joan Timeche is executive director of the Udall Center's Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy (NNI) at the University of Arizona. NNI serves as a self-determination, development, and self-governance resource for Native nations in the United States, Canada, and elsewhere.

Ms. Timeche has more than twenty years experience working for or with tribal governments in education, business and economic development, and governance. Her skills include administrative management, teaching, is a master facilitator, and is a regular speaker at both regional, national and international conferences on topics related to Indian economic development and tourism. She assisted in the start-up of the Arizona Native American Economic Coalition, the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association where she continues to serve on the board, and the American Indian/Alaska Native Tourism Association. Ms. Timeche also served on boards of two new tribal economic development corporations – the Hopi Tribe Economic Development Corporation from 2005-2009 and since 2001 on the Tohono O'odham Economic Development Authority. She authored "Doing Business on Arizona Indian Lands;" and founded the Native American Youth Entrepreneur Camp which received the 'RES 2006 Native American Youth Entrepreneurship of the Year' award.

Past employment has included: NNI Assistant Director (2001 to 2009); program director of Northern Arizona University's Center for American Indian Economic Development (1992 to 2000); and director of the Hopi Tribe's Education Department (1982 to 1990). She currently serves as board member of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development; directs NNI's Native American Youth Governance Camp; and in November 2010, received the 2010 Native American Recognition Days award for "Woman of the Year."

A citizen of the Hopi Tribe from the village of Old Oraibi, she received a B.S. in social work and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Northern Arizona University.