

From our President

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On behalf of the NJOMA Board of Directors, I invite you to come to the 2011 National Johnson-O'Malley Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It will be held at the Southern Hills Marriot on October 15-18, 2011. We have a great conference in the planning that will give you the opportunity to embrace the Oklahoma hospitality.

At the 2011 conference the NJOMA Board is planning to allow one or one meetings with individual board members where you will be able to sit down along with your parent committee and program staff and ask questions regarding your program. This will give you the opportunity to ask questions of a JOM expert and find the help that you need to get on track with your program. The NJOMA Board prides itself with the ability to share information with other programs and aid in their efforts in getting in compliance with the 25CFR273 and understanding the tribal sovereignty issues of affects their programs. I encourage you to bring your program by-laws, needs assessment, annual reports etc. and let the NJOMA Board assist you. You will be able to sign up at the registration area to block your time with a Board member.

The NJOMA Board also encourages you to start your own network of JOM programs that you can call upon to help. We need to keep our balance as grassroots people and help each other to become all that we can be. I look forward to see you at the conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma 2011.

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NJOMA Board President