

Next challenge: 2014 budget



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The board and all of our employees are working very hard

at keeping the tribal budgets under control. I must congratulate and thank everyone for the continued vigilance to keep this ever-changing challenge within a controllable number. As of right now we are balancing the budget. Barring any unforeseen circumstances we should finish 2013 at or under budget.

Our next challenge begins this month, figuring out and finalizing the 2014 budget. Uncertainty about our casino profits and the deep cuts in our federal funding makes this task very difficult. Adding in the unknowns of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) and the impacts of implementation and financial

impact on the bottom lines of our businesses creates trepidation and fear that some deep cuts may be coming. The tribal board and executives are planning and creating various scenarios so that we can better understand all the possible positive and negative outcomes of the coming budget. I am sure that rumors will run rampant and propaganda will be used to disparage the difficult process but please believe we are working hard to minimize all the negative impacts upon our membership services.

Thank you for all the emails and calls.

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