



## MACPRA Representatives are Respectfully Invited to Participate

**WHAT** Eyaawing - The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Museum & Cultural Center and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Archives & Records and Cultural Preservation Department are co-hosting a session at the Michigan Museums Association Meeting in September 2008.

**WHY** The session, *Biimskoo dbii' iing Dnaangedoonang*, was created to provide a place and time for Michigan's museum professionals and representatives from Michigan's Tribes to meet and talk about Native American traditions, cultural sensitivity, and the many other issues that surround NAGPRA. (See a full description of the session below.)

**WHEN** The session is scheduled for Thursday, September 25, 2008 from 9 AM – noon at Eyaawing in Peshawbestown.

**WHO** Co-presenters and facilitators include Tom Peters (GTB), Winnay Wemigwase and Eric Hemenway (LTBB). Members of MACPRA are respectfully invited to extend their visit to Peshawbestown (following the September 24th MACPRA meeting in Peshawbestown?) to participate in this *Biimskoo dbii' iing Dnaangedoonang*.

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### **Session Proposal:**

#### *Biimskoo dbii' iing Dnaangedoonang*

The implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) provides the opportunity to generate a greater level of understanding and respect for the traditions and cultural heritage of Native Americans. The path to understanding and respect lies in listening and talking and building personal relationships that sustain communication. This traditional Anishinaabek *Biimskoo dbii' iing Dnaangedoonang*" (Talking Circle) offers a place and time for dialogue between Michigan's museums and Michigan's Anishinaabek Tribes about the basic human rights issues that NAGPRA brings to light and that are our duty to resolve.