

# AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of AIANEA Teleconference

*August 12, 2005*

**Participants:** Ivan Dozier, Crystal Leonetti, David Elliott, Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, Julia Hinders, Felix Nez, Patrick Broyles, Leota Burnett, Glenn Lamberg, Ciro Lo Pinto, Yvette Dulle, and Buster Landin.

**Approval of Minutes:** Ciro moved that the June and July minutes be approved as submitted. David seconded. Motion carried

**Treasurers Report:** Tanya gave her report as emailed out to the Council. She said that she is balancing out bills as they are coming in. Tanya gave an update on expenses reported on in July. She said that there was over \$200 in donations and that the Silent Auction made \$2459. David moved to accept the Treasurers report. Ciro seconded. Motion carried. There was discussion on the term for the scholarship CD. **Leota moved that the scholarship funds be put in a six-month CD.** Felix seconded and the motion carried. **Tanya asked the she be sent the Tribal Scholars' college information.** Tanya reported that the VISA fee for processing is substantial and should be figured into the budget for next year's conference. She said that overall we did well considering last minute expenses and that she will have more information for September's teleconference. Ivan said that Lori may have the audit done by the end of the day.

**Tribal Liaison Report:** Ivan contacted Mac Posely and he had no report. Ivan said that Noller's term on the Civil Rights Committee was ending and encouraged applicants. It was recommended to get the State Conservationist's support. A National Bulletin should be out soon.

### **Regional Reports:**

**East:** Ciro said there was no news on the NEDC course. The Tribe wants to hire a GIS person through NRCS.

**Midwest:** Glenn reported that he is working with the National Office and AIRAC on getting a Tribal Center for Excellence. He is scheduling a Harmony course with Michigan and Wisconsin. Buster said that the photo CDs from the conference will be mailed to Carol and will be sent out by Wednesday.

**South Central:** Leota went to the Oklahoma Tribal Advisory Council meeting in her area. She said that 20 people attended. Leota said that Roylene starts her new duty as State Conservationist in Rhode Island on August 22.

**Northern Plains:** Pat reported Herb had sent information on the Tribal Scholar to him. He said that he would report on the APIO meeting in Wichita later in the agenda.

**West:** Felix said he sent State Conservationist comments to the National Council. He wants to see more training on the conference agenda to be able to approve more people to attend.

**Membership:** Yvette sent out the member update. She reported that there is a merchandise link on the website and that INCA's agenda and registration is on the web. **Pat suggested that the National**

**Council officers' photos and biographies go on the website. Digital photos and two paragraphs should be sent to Yvette. Yvette will send Pat complete member contact information.**

**Elders Committee:** Felix presented background on Joe Joachim as a candidate for AIANEA Elder from his region. There was discussion on the number of Elders the Association should have. Ivan asked for a motion to set the number of Elders. Crystal moved that there be nine Elders. Leota seconded. Motion carried. Felix moved to accept Joe Joachim as a new AIANEA Elder. Glenn seconded. Motion carried. **Tanya said that she would send the Elders' addresses to Yvette. Felix said that he would send Yvette the new Elder's address. Ivan said that he would send a welcome letter to Joe Joachim. Ivan said that he would ask Ann about the need for a specific number of Elders and that he would ask our current Elder Council about additional members.**

**APIO Conference:** Pat said that a conference of the two organizations would fit well together. He would like to meet face-to-face with the planning committee. Joseph Cotton from Ethics Office will work with us to avoid conflict of interest as we set up training. Training may need to be bid out. **Ivan said that he would find policy on soliciting vendors.**

Ciro suggested learning the locations of the APIO and AIANEA planning committee members in order to find the most efficient place to meet. Crystal moved to meet with APIO in 2006. Pat seconded and the motion carried.

There was discussion on other potential partners. Crystal said that the Hilton can work with other hotels for more sleeping rooms. **Ivan said that he would call Sarah Bridges regarding cultural resources and will check with Rosando on civil rights training at the conference.**

Pat said that SAIGE is very interested in meeting with us and could possibly draw 50 members. Crystal suggested that we hold a joint plenary session and then split into our own concurrent sessions. Leota moved to partner with SAIGE. There was discussion. **Ivan said that he would talk to APIO about meeting with SAIGE.** Felix suggested that SAIGE hold the meeting at the same place and Crystal said that they could coordinate their own registration. Leota modified her motion to have separate but joint meeting with SAIGE. Crystal seconded. Motion carried. **Ivan will work with Crystal on a letter to SAIGE. David said that he would check on possible dates for the other employee organizations in 2006.**

**2006 Conference:** Crystal said that there is a 1-800 call in number and that the conference will last 3 ½ days. She gave an overview of the draft agenda. Felix said that we need to offer Tribal Relations training for new Area Conservationists. David suggested putting information on the web. **It was decided that an information page with links and presentations on working with Tribes would be added to our web site.**

**2008 Conference:** Buster reported that Herb would like to propose a meeting with all the employee associations in Washington DC in 2008. It was decided that the Council would hold a separate teleconference on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 EST to discuss the issue.

Ivan reminded the group to think about candidates for open Council offices

Next meeting is September 9, 2005 at 11:30 CST.

Ivan entertained a motion to adjourn. Felix so moved. Cirio seconded. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hinders  
AIANEA Secretary