

AIANEA Council Teleconference

December 16, 2005

President Dozier welcomed the group and thanked them for their outstanding service over the past year. Ivan explained that Julia could not be with the group so he took the roll. Officers present were, President Ivan Dozier, 1st VP Crystal Leonetti, 2nd VP David Elliott, Treasurer Tanya Meyer, NP Representative Pat Broyles, SC Representative Leota Burnett, SE Representative Larry Coburn, and E Representative Ciro LoPinto. Others on the call were past President Ann Whitebird-Perales, Acting National Tribal Relations Coordinator Jerry Thompson, and Webmaster/Membership Chair Yvette Dulle. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 11:37AM CST.

Secretary Report

Secretary Hinders was unable to send the November minutes out due to a hard drive failure. They will be presented for review and approval at the January meeting.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Meyer presented her report. A copy was e-mailed to the council and will be attached for the record. David made a motion to accept the minutes and Crystal seconded. Motion carried.

Election

Ivan said the ballots were out. Several members had received them. The ballot says they need to be received by December 21st but Ivan will let Julia know that a postmark of that day will be acceptable. A dues notice will follow after the new year. Crystal will include an incoming President's letter. Pat reminded all officers that dues need to be paid before the January meeting so they are valid officers.

Tribal Relations Coordinator

Jerry Thompson reported that he was promoting the Agricultural Conservation Seniors Enrollment Program to hire tribal District Directors to put them on tribal conservation office staff. Jerry said the National Tribal Relations Coordinator position is being re-advertised. He asked everyone to spread the word. Comments on 410 405 are due in Monday. Ivan asked how the Tribal College Liaisons were selected and how many there were. Jerry said some of the positions were co-lateral for the state in which the colleges were located. The BIA FSA MOU is out. NRCS will be working with NEDC to develop a course to train them on culture, consultation and government to government. Jerry has numbers from WHIP and EQIP Native participation and Tribal trust land, he'll be pulling them together for a report.

Regional Representative

South Central – Leota had an update from Harold Bryant on the INCA meeting in Las Vegas. Crystal added that there was good attendance and they thanked AIANEA for helping sponsor the meeting. Jerry's ACES announcement was major. There was good

USDA support. Leota said she had heard from Kurt and information would be coming out from the scholarship committee soon.

Northern Plains – Pat reported they'd recently had a Civil Rights review. He pointed out that Haskell had been left out.

East – Ciro reported that the State Conservationist in New York had announced his retirement. New York Civil Rights Committee is looking at doing some kind of diversity day and wanted something on American Indians. He'll be working with the Oneida. The consultation course there is still not moving like it should. There are several possible reasons.

South Central – Larry announced that two states are interested in producing the poster, Alabama and North Carolina. A decision should be made by next Wednesday. Larry sent out a history on the poster process. As of December 31st Larry will resign as Georgia's SEPM, Debbie Henry will take over.

NEDC request

Stanley Sackeyfio has asked AIANEA to provide input on an NEDC course. There are several AIANEA members on the design team for the course, including Ivan and Crystal. There was considerable discussion on the issue. Ivan will respond to Stanley's request and let him know that an AIANEA voice is available.

2006 Conference

Crystal reported that things went well with the face-to-face meeting with APIO in Little Rock. There is very good agreement between the two groups. The week of August 14th, 2006 has been agreed upon and the meeting will be at the Sheraton in Anchorage. The conference will put a great deal of emphasis on training. The meat of the session will be on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Joint AIANEA/APIO letters will go out in February to the Chief, RACs, State Cons and other association leaders to let them know about the dates. The National Civil Rights Committee will be invited and we will provide them meeting space. NRCS may have a NEDC course there around the same time. Crystal gave a rundown of a proposed agenda that included a Tour on Friday. WE will have both a silent and live auction. There was discussion about the Elders and how many should be invited to attend. Leota motioned to invite all of our elders and David seconded. Motion carried. We'll work out the cost issues and options as we find out who wants to attend. Ann will begin contacting the Elders and we'll also make sure they have someone designated to assist them at all times.

Other business

Yvette said there would be updated scholarship information on the website. She is prepared to do a dues notice to 217 members and past members. The mailing will include Crystal's letter.

Next meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 13, 2006 at 8:30 am Alaska time! Crystal will send out call in information.

Ivan thanked the council again and the meeting adjourned at 1:29 pm.