

AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AIANEA Teleconference
November 18, 2005

Participants: Ivan Dozier, Crystal Leonetti, David Elliott, Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, Julia Hinders, Patrick Broyles, Leota Burnett, Glenn Lamberg, Larry Coburn, Yvette Dulle, Anna Whitebird Perales and Kurt Cates.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the September and October minutes as submitted was made by David and seconded by Larry. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Tanya gave her report as emailed out to the Council. Tanya reported the Scholarship CD was opened in September and she had re-opened the Conference CD. Tanya said that she believes Lori has finished the audit and that we are in good shape. Tanya reported that the IRS paperwork was submitted on November 14. Tanya expressed concern about Wells Fargo's charges. **David moved that Tanya compare charges with other banks.** Crystal seconded.

Tribal Liaison Report: No Report.

Scholarship Committee Report: Kurt Cates said that he emailed out the scholarship proposal to the National Council. He reported that he has received calls from people who are confused about the scholarship criteria. Kurt said that there are set priority criteria and that the Council approves the amount for the yearly scholarship. Larry moved to accept the proposal from the Scholarship Committee. Crystal seconded. Motion passed. Kurt will meet with an investment counselor to see about getting a higher interest rate and will get back with the Council.

Ivan reported that Illinois is working with the Wild Turkey Federation in distributing feathers. Leota suggested that we check with our Elders. **Ann said she will check with Elders on interest in turkey feathers.**

Regional Reports:

Northern Plains: Pat said that Thedis is moving to a field office position. Herb attended ASES and interviewed students.

South Central: Leota reported that the posters were sent out and there were many requests for more. Larry said that he could send more. Crystal said that Alaska is interested in doing the 2006 poster. Larry said that states are chosen on a rotational basis – North Carolina, Alabama, or Florida for 2006 and that there is a format for submission and review. **Larry will forward information to Crystal.** Carol Crouch is Chair of the Poster Committee.

South East: Larry said that he contacted the artist for signed copies of the poster for the National Council. He said that he would have a signed poster framed for the 2006 auction. Larry said that the Tribal Liaison has been active on EQIP with the Tribes and is also working on timber management and erosion control. Cliff Ety is the new Liaison in South Carolina.

Midwest: Glenn said that the American Indian Heritage Month information was well received. There was some discussion of the conference photo CD not being complete or received. Pat recommended that someone contact Carol Crouch to check the master copy. **Ann said that she would make CDs.** Glenn said Winona LaDuke will be speaking at the 3rd Annual Indigenous Farming Conference. **Glenn will send out information.**

2006 Conference: Crystal reported that she will meet with APIO on December 12 in Arkansas. She said that she has a draft contract with Sheraton worked out. Ivan said that Sarah Bridges expressed interest to have some Cultural Resources folks at the conference. Crystal said that she would know more about meeting space needs after a face-to-face meeting. Ivan said he talked to Manny about having another conference call before December 12th.

Elections: Ivan said that the nominations were in: Felix Nez is running again for the West. Buster Landin is running in the Midwest. John McCoy and Pat Green are running in the Southeast. And Larry Coburn and Millie Titla are running for 2nd Vice-president. **Ivan will work with Julia to get the ballot out.**

Membership: Yvette said that the President's outgoing letter will have a 2006 dues reminder. Tanya's bio is on the website. Leota said that she would send her bio soon.

Elders Committee: Ann reported that Louie requested the titles of the books that the Elders brought for the Giveaway. Ann said she is checking on needs and costs for Elders to attend the conference.

Other Business: David said that he is working to establish a consistent poster size and will present a package to the Council.

Next meeting will be December 9 at 11:30 CST.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hinders
AIANEA Secretary