

AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKA NATIVE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

Minutes of AIANEA Teleconference
January 13, 2006

Participants: Crystal Leonetti, David Elliott, Millie Titla, Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, Julia Hinders, Felix Nez, Patrick Broyles, Leota Burnett, Nils "Buster" Landin, Pat Green, Yvette Dulle, Ivan Dozier, Herb Webb, Jerry Thompson, Bill Yamartino, Clyde Goodman.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the November as submitted and December minutes with name correction was made by Felix and seconded by Leota. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tanya gave her report as emailed out to the Council. Tanya reported the Conference CD is in place until June. Tanya is working with Letia Young on reimbursement from the Tribal Scholars from the Outreach Division. **Tanya will follow up with the Outreach Division after Herb provides update. Tanya will check into fees with other banks.** David moved to approve the Treasurer's report. Felix seconded and the motion carried.

NEDC Design Team: Clyde Goodman reported that delivery direction is needed as it has changed since first discussed in Albuquerque. There was discussion about the NEDC course structure standards. Jerry said that he talked to Clyde and Jane Hardisty about the issue and asked the Council to update Clyde. Clyde reported that he is back on the Design Team and he requested the help of the Council to keep direction on track. Jerry suggested that Clyde, Ann, and Billy and the Elders should make contact with Jane and Billy and discuss how to move forward. Jerry said that there will be an opportunity to meet with the other team members and he will contact them. Crystal suggested that the Council meet again with the Design Team to clarify needs. Clyde offered to contact the team about meeting again.

Jerry reported that he is leaving on January 27 and that Bill Yamartino, Maine Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, will taking over as Acting National Tribal Liaison.

Regional Reports:

Southeast: Pat Green thanked the members who voted for him. The 2006 poster will come from Alabama. Changes in SEPM I Georgia - Debbie Henry will be replacing Larry Coburn and the new SEPM in South Carolina is Cliff Eaddy.

West: Felix said that he attended the Conservation Districts meeting in Las Vegas and reported that the partnership is working together. He will attend a conference on EQIP for the Tribes.

Northern Plains: Pat reported that he forwarded FRPP Tribal participation to the Council and that Kari Hall is the new SEPM.

South Central: Leota reported that she has sent information on the scholarship to the colleges and grant opportunities to the Tribes.

Midwest: Buster said that he also sent out information to the Tribal Liaisons but has not heard from others.

Tribal Liaison Report: Jerry reported that the INCA conference helped identify barriers in Indian Country. There will be a teleconference on the Myths and Facts on barriers to program

delivery on February 1 at 1:00 pm EST – the first of quarterly teleconferences. **He asked the Council to send him input on program delivery barriers.** Jerry said that he had talked to the Chief about FRPP participation and said that is an opportunity to give land greater protection. Jerry said that the Tribal Liaison position has been advertised and that Bill Yamartino will serve until someone is hired. Jerry reported that the Chief said to “go for it” and draft position descriptions for Tribal District Coordinator. **Jerry will work with Dick Gooby on draft. The Council will send names of people who work with Tribes to Jerry so that they might participate in quarterly teleconferences.** Bill Yamartino suggested that the State Program managers should also participate.

There was discussion about the poster rotation – **David will forward the poster rotation to Crystal to send to Jerry and Bill.** Pat pointed out that the regions have changed since the rotation was developed. **Herb will talk to Carol and Noller and will propose poster rotation policy at the next meeting.**

Committees: Yvette reported that she is ready with the president’s letter mailing and is sending the Elders cards and pins. She also sent Noller pins. Crystal said that she sent out notices to committee members and Yvette is updating the committee lists. Herb proposed that some standing committees should be removed from the By-laws. **Herb is willing to draft language to revise the By-laws to better reflect how we function. Ivan will send committees responses from last year to Herb. Council will send Herb their opinions on committees. Herb will present proposal on committees at next teleconference.**

2006 Conference: Crystal reported that she sent out the draft agenda to for the upcoming January 19th planning meeting.

Tribal SEPM/ Liaisons Agreements: Millie gave an update on agency decision regarding representation of Tribal Liaison. She said that the National Civil Rights Committee is drafting a memo to Jerry.

Other Business: Jerry said that Pre-paid legal services are done under a business contract.

Next meeting will be February 10 at 8:30 Alaska time.

Felix motioned to adjourn. David seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Hinders
AIANEA Secretary