



American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS

"Respect, Harmony, and Beauty"

AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKA NATIVE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION FOR NRCS NATIONAL COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE August 10, 2007

Welcome: David Elliott, AIANEA, President,

Those present: David Elliott, Carol Crouch, Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, Crystal Leonetti, Cliff Eaddy for Pat Green, Levi Montoya, Millie Titla, Buster Landin and Ciro LoPinto. Joining the conference late: Felix Nez.

Not Present: Edith Morigeau and Leota Burnett (Carol Crouch for Leota Burnett)
President, David Elliott called the meeting to order at approximately **11:38 am CST**.

Approval of Minutes

The July minutes were reviewed and approved by the National Council members.

MOTION 08102007-1: Motion was made to accept the minutes of the July 2007 meeting.

Motion made by: Millie Titla
Motion seconded: Levi Montoya
Motion passed: Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Tanya reviewed the Treasurer's Report for July. Tanya reported that we have received additional membership dues, 4 additional exhibitor's fees and increased number conference registrations. In addition, Tanya reported on the conference CD accounts and the scholarship account.

MOTION 08102007-2: Motion was made to accept the AIANEA July Treasurer's Report for the August 10, 2007 AIANEA monthly conference is approved as presented.

Motion made by: Ciro LoPino
Motion seconded: Pat Green
Motion passed: Unanimously

NHQ/Tribal Liaison: Edith Morigeau –Not present

Edith will not be attending the AIANEA annual conference; Ronald Harris will be attending in her behalf.

Region Reports

East Region – Ciro LoPinto reported the following;

Northern Plains Region – Levi Montoya reported the following;

Colorado – Ute Mountain Ute –

- The Ute Mountain Ute Area soil survey is now available on the web soil survey. This will help immensely when planning with the tribe.
- I reviewed and commented on the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation Comprehensive Fuels management Plan 2008 - 2016.
- Current EEO, Sexual Harassment, "and Justice for All" posters have been printed and posted in the NRCS office in Towaoc.

Southeast Region – Pat Green reported the following;

West Region – Felix Nez reported the following;

Midwest Region – Buster Landin reported the following;

South Central Region – Leota Burnett reported the following;

Carol Crouch

- Press Release emailed to all regarding the 2007 NRCS American Indian Heritage Poster winner.

2007 Annual Conference Update:

Crystal reported that everything is online and falling together to the conference. She provided a review of speakers and special guests. Felix is going to be our "Live Auction" auctioneer. Tanya reported that AIANEA had received 90 registered for the conference. Tanya reported that AIANEA is going to receive a financial contribution for the conference from the NRCS Texas. Texas is assisting with the cost of the tour buses. Tanya reported that Harold and Ted Herrera tied up loose ends at the hotel. Tanya reported that the hotel room block has not been met.

Action item: Tanya will work Harold and the hotel to address the issue.

Proposed Constitution and Bylaws amendments

David Elliott opened discussion on the following proposed Constitution and Bylaws amendments. .

MOTION 08102007-3

Motion was made to amend the AIANEA bylaws; Article XI, Standing Committee, Item IV, remove the following sentence; Standing committees shall submit annual budgets for their respective committee functions to the National Council for approval.

Motion made by: Levi Montoya
Motion seconded: Felix Nez
Motion passed: Unanimously.

[MOTION 08102007-4](#)

Motion made to accept an amendment to the bylaws; Article XI Standing Committees, Item III. Be changed to read as follows; **All committee members shall be current members in good standing prior to serving on these committees.**

Motion made by: Felix Nez
Motion seconded: Ciro LoPinto
Motion passed: Unanimously.

[MOTION 08102007-5](#)

Motion was made NOT to remove the following items under Article XI, Standing Committees ; **Item A.**; Agriculture Committee, **Item C.**; Liaison Committee, **Item D.**; Land Grant Institution Committee and **Item I.**; Strategic Planning Committee.

Motion made by: Buster Landin
Motion seconded: Levi Montoya
Motion passed: Unanimously.

Action Item: Millie and Ciro will work to develop a plan to re-develop these Standing Committees.

[MOTION 08102007-6](#)

Motion was made to amend the AIANEA bylaws; Article XI; Standing Committee; **Item II** Ag Hoc committees be changed to read as follows; **Ag Hoc committees appointed by the President will be active for a one year period or until the assigned task has been completed.**

Motion made by: Ciro LoPinto
Motion seconded: Buster Landin
Motion passed: Unanimously.

[MOTION 08102007-7](#)

Motion was made to amend the AIANEA bylaws; Article XI; Item E; be changed to read as follows; American **Indian Alaska Native Emphasis Program Manager (SEPM) Committee.**

Motion made by: Ciro LoPinto
Motion seconded: Felix Nez
Motion passed: Unanimously.

[MOTION 08102007-8](#)

Motion was made to amend the AIANEA bylaws; Article XI; Item B Class; be changed to read as follows; The membership in this Association shall be the following classes as defined by the Bylaws: Charter, Regular, Life, Associate, Institutional and AIANEA Elder Council Lifetime.

Motion made by: Ciro LoPinto
Motion seconded: Buster Landin
Motion passed: Unanimously.

[MOTION 08102007-9](#)

Motion was made to amend the AIANEA bylaws; Article XI; Item F. to read as follows; F. AIANEA ELDER COUNCIL LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. Any Elder member of the AIANEA Elder Council will

be granted lifetime membership, with dues waived. All benefits of the lifetime membership will be included.

Motion made by: Ciro LoPinto
Motion seconded: Buster Landin
Motion passed: Unanimously.

MOTION 0810200-10

Motion was made to amend the AIANEA bylaws; Article XVI; Amendments; change to read as follows; Amendments require two-thirds vote of the National Council, provided the proposed amendment has been provided to each member at least one month prior to the National Council meeting in which the vote is taken.

Motion made by: Ciro LoPinto
Motion seconded: Cliff Eaddy
Motion passed: Unanimously.

Other Business

David Elliott discussed the 2009 conference proposals and reported that no proposals have not been received as of today. David was approached by Ag Learn to attend a future conference and provide some training during the conference. Update on the lifetime member jackets; David Elliott will be working with Herb Webb. Lined jacket with logo 40.00 plus 12.00 for logo; heavy jacket 65.00 and 12.00 to add logo.

Review of Action items

Next meeting – September 14, 2007

Adjourn and Next Meeting

The next meeting is on **Friday, September 14, 2007 at 11:30 am CST**. Call in information will be provided.

MOTION 08102007-11

Motion made that the August 2007 AIANEA meeting be adjourned at 1:40 pm.

Motion made by: Ciro LoPinto
Motion seconded: Buster Landin
Motion passed: Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Vallee Crouch, Secretary