



American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS

"Respect, Harmony, and Beauty"

**AMERICAN INDIAN / ALASKA NATIVE EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
FOR NRCS NATIONAL COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE
July 9, 2008**

Those present: Millie Titla, Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, Gina Kerzman, Phillip Dixon, Harold Bryant, Leota Burnett, Ciro LoPinto, Herb Webb for Levi Montoya, and Crystal Leonetti. Dave Wise late Carol Crouch on at 2:31 pm.

Not Present: Edie Morigeau, Yvette Dulle, Dave Wise, Levi Montoya, Shiraz Vira.

President, Millie Titla called the meeting to order at approximately **2:08 pm CST**.

Approval of May Minutes

The June 2008 minutes were reviewed and approved by the National Council members.

MOTION: 07-09-2008-1: Motion was made to accept the June minutes.

Motion made by: Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen

Motion seconded: Ciro LoPinto

Motion passed: Unanimously

Approval Treasurer's Report

Harold Bryant provided an oral report for May and June during the July teleconference.

Harold said there is a combined registration of 100 people including 6 spouses. There are 6 registrations for the Elders. There are 10 people registered that are not shown as members and Harold was surprised that NRCS is sending them since several members are not being sent by NRCS. Harold has taken dues from 7 people last month.

He has moved forward on getting the bank signatures done and has gotten the paperwork signed. The bank should be sending him information in the near future. Harold has been working with Kurt Cates on ideas for Scholarship investments and what actions might need to be done by the National Council. Kurt indicated he won't make the meeting in Washington so he will not be able to go over the guidelines with Harold at the conference. Kurt is reviewing the guidelines that Harold sent him.

MOTION: 07-09-2008-2: No motion was made to accept the May and June treasurer report since there is not a written report. It will be tabled until next month.

Motion made by:

Motion seconded:

Motion passed: Unanimously

NQ National Tribal Relations Coordinator Report

Edie Morigeau was not on the teleconference for a monthly report.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Visioning Process – Crystal is excited about how this is shaping up. It is energizing and inspirational. Nila, the facilitator, asked if the Visioning Process can be done on Wednesday evening. It would be great if she can report back to the entire conference how that summit went. Can we put that on the agenda for Thursday evening at the Business Meeting to Re-Cap the Visioning Summit? The Visioning Summit is the same thing as Visioning Process.

Crystal said she has been working with Noller to create a sacred space at the conference. It will be an embellishment that will follow our (AIANEA & Elders) history. Crystal and Noller are working on a timeline to put on the wall in this room. They want quotes from the Elders, or anyone there to be put up on posters that will be placed around the room. It will be a hand's on and very interactive space so people there will be able to add to the timeline. Ted has been very instrumental in helping out with this and the Visioning Committee is looking forward to having all of the Elders there inspirational quotes and timelines to it. The drum group will get things started. Roylene is trying to find some one to take videos at this meeting so it can be shared on our site.

ACTION ITEM: Millie will add RE-cap the Visioning Summit to the agenda for the Business Meeting at the conference on Thursday night.

- b. Constitution and Bylaws Committee report (proposed amendment) – Tanya gave a brief report regarding the following by-law change regarding- **Article XI – Standing Committees tem IV. M. Elders and Elders' Committee**

MOTION: 07-09-2008-3: Motion was made to accept the AIANEA

Motion made by: Ciro Lopinto

Motion seconded: Dave Wise

Motion passed: Unanimously

- c. Midwest Region Representative – Millie gave a report that she had sent out an email regarding Buster Landin's open position. Millie suggested that a special election be held. Herb Webb recommended sending an email to solicit for a replacement for Buster Landin's position and then determine.
- d. Secretary Position - Millie
 - Deadline July 31, 2008
 - Appointment

Action Item: Tanya will proceed to develop a by-law change for clarification for treasurer and secretary position will be approved by AIANEA National Council
- e. Drum – Herb Webb reported on the process of the drum. Herb reported that he had only received four pieces of wood. Recent wood has not been received; the drum will not be ready in time for the drum.

- f. 2008 Conference – Shiraz was not on the teleconference.
- Meeting with Chief-Millie opened discuss regarding what questions/answers does AIANEA want to propose to the Chief. Recommendation was made to have the National Council to submit questions/answers for the Chief. Tanya recommended that an invitation be extended to the Elders.
 - Hotel registration-Millie opened discussion regarding the room block was full.
Action Item: Tanya will follow-up with the planning committee tomorrow.
 - Banquet entertainment
 - Program - President's Welcome
 - Council meeting during the conference
 - Business meeting – 2009 conference proposals –Millie reported there will be three proposals for future conference sites for member to selection from
 - Conference bags
 - Sponsorships/Registration
 - Newsletter- AIANEA Conference Planning Committee members were to submit articles for the newsletter that is being developed specially for the 2008 Annual conference.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Finance and Budget Committee report – Tanya gave a brief report on the AIANEA Cash Fund General Expenditure Guidelines and opened the guidelines open for discussion.

MOTION: 07-09-2008-4: Motion was made to accept the AIANEA Petty Cash Fund General Expenditure Guidelines

Motion made by: Ciro Lopinto

Motion seconded: Herb Webb

Motion passed: Unanimously

- b. Other

Review of Action items

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Next meeting –The next meeting is September, 2008. Call in information will be provided.
12:00 noon, Arizona time.

[MOTION 07-09-2008-5:](#) Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at **4:00 pm**.

Motion made by:

Motion seconded:

Motion passed: Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Vallee Crouch, Secretary