



American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS

"Respect, Harmony, and Beauty"

**NATIONAL COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE
April 16, 2009**

Those present: Dave Wise, Ciro Lopinto, Harold Bryant, Carol Crouch, Ann Perales, David Elliott (for Tanya while not present), Tanya Meyer Dideriksen (joined at 2:10pm), Nels Liljedahl

Not Present: Blythe Koyiyumptewa, Phillip Dixon, Sharron Santure

President, Dave Wise called the meeting to order at approximately 1:05 pm CDT.

Approval of February Minutes

The March 2009 minutes were reviewed. Make amendment to minutes – REMOVE "he had been working with Kurt Cates on this"

MOTION: Motion was made to accept the March minutes with amendment.

Motion made by: Ciro Lo Pinto
Motion seconded: Nels Liljedahl
Motion passed: Unanimously

NQ National Tribal Relations Coordinator Report

Edie Morigeau, prior commitment, unable to attend.

SEPM National Report

Carol Crouch reported that she met with the Chief and Associate Chief in regards to the meeting. The bulletin containing information for the national meetings will be up to the discretion of the organization having the meeting.

Chief White is not approving all days requested for national meetings. Some five day meetings are being cut back to three days. NRCS has been spending a lot on training and conferences.

National Poster for the 2009 Poster will be Alaska. Crystal Leonetti will take the lead for the national poster with assistance from Marie Meade.

Carol talked about revamped guidelines for the posters - who will do the poster selection (not only her).

SEPM's were asked to have a poster presentation for the national meeting.

2009 Conference

Dave Wise reported that WCTAC is officially the co sponsor of the 2009 conference.

The National Leadership Meeting will take place in New Mexico and not in conjunction with the SWCS meeting. This will result in no conflict of schedule with the AIANEA Conference, which may result in more NRCS Leadership being able to attend.

Harold brought about a discussion of having an audit done of the AIANEA books at the conference every year, to enable a face to face process which may enable more transparency. No action needed, as the audit process will remain the same.

2010 National Training Conference

2010 AIANEA Conference has been approved instead of the Diversity Conference with the other organizations, as had been brought forward. AIANEA will have our own SEPM Training in South Dakota.

Drum

The Drum will be made of Elk Hide on both ends, as the moose hide was discovered to be too small. Nels will dehair it anyway and send it to Herb, who will make one or two hand drums. Possibly one for AIANEA and one for Chief Peter Newell, who donated the hide.

Elders Council

Tanya will send some criteria to Nels to help him determine if he should pursue the idea of discussing the possibility of Chief Peter Newell to be a member of the Elder's Council for AIANEA.

Treasurer's Report

Harold will destroy many obsolete old AIANEA records, such as past conference registration forms etc, that are no longer of use to the association. This is important due to the possibility of theft of Personal Identity Information. Harold will be cautious in what he destroys, and consult with the National council further with any questionable documents. He will keep the past year registrations, but mark out any credit card numbers on them.

We will recruit someone to take over the responsibility of selling AIANEA merchandise. Ideally, it would be a newer member. Harold will send an inventory of merchandise on hand to Dave.

Visioning

Visioning Committee is working on a streamlined document to allow a better understanding of it by those not wishing to read a lengthy document, but to easily grasp the concepts.

Elder Video

Tanya will research the cost of producing the video DVD featuring Norman Lopez and we will decide how many to produce and who to distribute them to at a later date.

Nels took minutes in Blythe's absence, with notes from Ann Perales.

Next meeting –The next meeting is May 21, 2009 at 1pm CDT. Same call in information.

Teleconference ended at 3:00 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully Submitted By
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