



American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS

"Respect, Harmony, and Beauty"

NATIONAL COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE

June 1, 2010

Welcome and Roll Call

Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, Ciro Lo Pinto, Gina Kerzman, Stacy Kimble, John Harper, Leota Burnett, Nels Liljedahl, Blythe Koyiyumptewa

Not present: Harold Bryant, Levi Montoya, Ralph Goh
Meeting began at 11:04 AM MST.

Approval of May Minutes

MOTION: 06-01-2010-1: Motion was made to accept the May 2010 minutes.

Motion made by: John Harper
Motion seconded: Gina Kerzman
Motion passed: Unanimously

Action Item: Blythe will provide the approved May minutes to Yvette Dulle to post on the AIANEA website. Complete

Since Blythe will not be able to attend the 2010 Conference, Gina has volunteered to take minutes at the AIANEA Business Meeting. Thank you, Gina.

NHQ Tribal Liaison Report – Edie Morigeau

No report during the teleconference for this month.

National AI/ANEPM Report – Carol Crouch

No report during the teleconference for this month.

Note: Carol might be representing Felix Nez at the conference for the Scholarship Committee since he will not be attending.

Action Item: Leota and Carol will follow-up with Felix Nez on the details for the Scholarship presentation.

Special Pre-Conference Ceremony – Levi Montoya

Levi will be attending the conference with some special acquaintances that will be providing the pre-blessing for the conference. There are some logistics with the hotel that still need to be worked out for this part of the conference to completely fulfill the Ceremony purpose. Attendance to this Pre-Conference Ceremony is open to anyone wishing to attend.

Action Item: Tanya will follow-up with Levi on the updated details of the Pre-Conference Ceremony.

2010 Conference Update – Levi Montoya

Last Planning Committee teleconference will be held this week. Catering contract has been signed. Harold has handled the larger funding items. Speakers are confirmed and ready to go. 130 registrants (doesn't include family and others attending individual components of the conference), 18 youth registered, also not including miscellaneous as walk-in and registrations sent but not yet received by Harold.

Traditional dress is open to everyone, Elders and attendees, if they would like.

Business Meeting Agenda – Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen

- Approval of 2009 Business Meeting minutes
- Financial and Investment Report – Harold Bryant
- Auction / Scholarship Strategies – Take team volunteers to promote auction items to boost interest in the auction items. Online pre-auction bidding.

Action Item: Leota and Gina will work together on getting the auction alive and running.

- 2011 Conference – David Elliott
- 2012 Conference discussion – Continue with AIANEA Region rotation if possible but submissions from any region will be welcome.
- Future Conferences – Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen (includes discussion about joint employee organization conference schedule)
- Employer of Choice Recommendations to Chief White – Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen

Action Item: Tanya will add the 2012 Conference details topic to the Business Meeting agenda.

Action Item: National Council should submit any additional agenda items for the Business Meeting to Tanya.

Treasurer's Report/Investment Update – Harold Bryant

No report during the teleconference for this month.

Note: Harold is moving along and busy with conference details. Any conference registrations not hand-delivered to the conference, but sent to his mailing address, will be received by Harold upon his return from the conference.

Suggestion: For next year's registration form/payment instructions, include a cut-off date for submitting registrations via mail to Harold. That way, any registrations submitted after that date will be hand-delivered to the conference and handled onsite.

Cultural Transformation Listening Sessions Report – Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen

No information was submitted by the deadline.

Review of Action Items

Items were reviewed by Blythe Koyiyumptewa.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, July 6, 2010 at 1 PM Central

MOTION: 06-01-2010-2: Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion made by: Ciro Lo Pinto

Motion seconded: Nels Liljedahl

Motion passed: Unanimously

The meeting concluded at 11:52 pm MST.

Respectfully Submitted by Blythe Koyiyumptewa, Secretary