



American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS

"Respect, Harmony, and Beauty"

NATIONAL COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE November 2, 2010

Welcome and Roll Call

Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, Ciro Lo Pinto, Gina Kerzman, Harold Bryant, Leota Burnett, Levi Montoya, Nels Liljedahl, Ralph Goh, Blythe Koyiyumptewa, Bill Parrish, Felix Nez (late), Millie Titla (late)

Not present: John Harper, Stacy Kimble
Meeting began at 11:04 AM MST.

Approval of October Minutes

Tanya reviewed the October 2010 Action Items, status updated. Most are completed, a couple in progress.

MOTION: 11-02-2010-1: Motion was made to accept the October 2010 minutes.

Motion made by: Leota Burnett

Motion seconded: Ciro Lo Pinto

Motion passed: Unanimously

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

NHQ Tribal Liaison Report – Edie Morigeau

Edie was not available for today's teleconference. Tribal consultation meetings are in progress; Edie has transmitted all the information via email.

National AI/AN EPM Report – Carol Crouch

The Working Effectively with American Indian NEDC training course was held in New York during the week of October 25-29, 2010. Carol Crouch, Martin Bales and Nathaniel Todea were the cadre instructors. Many thanks go to all the presenters and to John Whitney, NY AIAN SEPM, for all the hard work.

Flicker photo site update – Tanya

Tanya setup a new AIANEA flicker account, payment is \$24.95/year. She will work with Harold on reimbursement for the personal payment. This type of account includes: unlimited storage, sets and collections, access to initial files, ad-free browsing and sharing, Hi-Definition photo capability, super cool photo book, etc. The anniversary date for the next payment is October 26, 2011. Discussion took place on providing AIANEA members with access to the account for uploading photos.

Action Item: Tanya will work with Yvette Dulle to send out the Flicker site information to AIANEA Members. Complete

Facebook Update – Stacy

A preliminary draft was completed by Stacy but not yet distributed for review by the NC. Table the discussion to the December teleconference.

2011 Conference Update - David Elliott

David was not available for today's teleconference. Harold mentioned that he will be attending the INCA/IAC Conference in Las Vegas, NM in December. He will share the AIANEA 2011 Conference planning update.

Action Item: Tanya will follow-up with David Elliott to get an update on the 2011 conference planning, for Harold Bryant to share at the INCA/IAC conference in December. Complete

Treasurer's Report – Harold Bryant

Harold provided an update. Bill Parrish's signatory approval is completed and he has begun receiving AIANEA statements. Harold reminded to submit dues for 2011 AIANEA Membership.

Action Item: Tanya will ask Yvette to include the reminder for payment of 2011 AIANEA Membership dues in the upcoming AIANEA Newsletter. Complete

A report will be provided next month on the outcome of AIANEA audit that will take place.

Investment Update

*Investment decisions needed by National Council

Harold provided the investment update and review of the deposit into the designated accounts: Scholarship, Elders, Special Projects and Youth. Felix asked if there are any anticipated special projects that might potentially need funding. Discussion took place as how to divide/deposit income from the 2010 Conference. Majority of monies made over the years has been dedicated to the Scholarship fund.

Voting took place for Option 1 and Option 2, deposit of funds. The information will be sent out to all NC voting members for their consideration and vote. A final decision will be determined at a later time.

Action Item: Tanya will send out the Option 1 and Option 2 information to the NC voting members not present today for their consideration and vote. Complete

Constitution and Bylaws Committee report – Gina

Gina provided an update, suggested changes were sent out regarding the audit and amended Constitution & Bylaws language.

Action Item: Gina will get in contact with all the Audit Committee members for their thought and input. Gina will finalize vote with the C&B committee. Complete

Action Items from 2010 Business Meeting follow-up

- a. Director's insurance – John Harper

John was not available for today's teleconference. Teleconference to December teleconference.

Scholarship Committee update – Felix Nez

Due to Felix's limited access to internet/communication, he is requesting for a replacement as Scholarship Committee Chair.

Action Item: Tanya will contact Yvette to include a Scholarship Committee Chair vacancy announcement in the upcoming AIANEA Newsletter. Complete

Action Item: Felix will mail the received scholarship applications to Carol for review and consideration by the Scholarship Committee. Based on the committee's selection, Harold will distribute the check(s) to the scholarship award recipients by the end of this calendar year. Complete

Miscellaneous

Peter Lossmann has offered to donate a cover for the AIANEA drum. Levi Montoya has been in communication with Mr. Lossmann.

Action Item: Tanya will include this on the next Elders Committee teleconference. Complete

Review of Action Items

Items were reviewed by Blythe Koyiyumtewa.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 1:00 pm Central

MOTION: 11-02-2010-2: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by: Ciro Lo Pinto

Motion seconded: Levi Montoya

Motion passed: Unanimously

Tanya adjourned the meeting at 12:54 PM MST.

Respectfully Submitted by Blythe Koyiyumtewa, Secretary