



American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS

"Respect, Harmony, and Beauty"

AIANEA NATIONAL COUNCIL TELECONFERENCE October 4th , 2011

2:00 pm Eastern
(You'll have to figure the rest out on your own)

Call-in number: 1-866-643-8743, Passcode: 5889125

1. Welcome and Roll Call

a. Additional agenda items

2. Review action items from previous minutes

Action Item: Carol will send Harold Bryant the Sequoia Fellowship form.

Action Item: Ciro will ask Tanya which Elders have received the Sequoia Fellowship and get back to the committee

Action Item: Ciro will contact Outreach and Advocacy to discuss the distribution list of the survey

Action Item: Gina will email outline for requesting time and agenda items for the business meeting.

Action Item: annual business meeting back to the National Council by Friday, September 16, 2011.

Action Item: Regional representatives will survey members and return the information regarding the

Action Item: Gina will email the Regional Representatives to follow-up with their respective members to determine their responses regarding the 2012 AIANEA Training Conference in Alabama and bring those thoughts.

Action Item: Ciro will prepare a request for nominations email to be sent by Yvette

Action Item: Ciro will email Leota to inform her about Lee volunteering.

3. Review/Approval of September Minutes

4. NHQ Tribal Liaison Report – Edie Morigeau

5. National AI/AN SEPM Report – Carol Crouch

A. NRCS American Indian poster to arrive in states before 10-10-2011

B. Oklahoma will be kicking off AIH month with a presentation of the winning artwork to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe on November 8, 2011

a. Hopefully Leota will follow-up with a few more details during the teleconference

C. Please send me an email if you and the Tribe you are working with have a Tribal Success Story you would like to submit to be considered to present at the 2011 American Indian Agriculture Symposium being held in Vegas; Dec 5th through the 9th

D. I have attached the registration form for IAC/INCA Agriculture Symposium

a. I highly encourage attendance; if possible

E. Please pay close attention to dates for submitting registration form regarding hotel reservation dates.

F. I have attached a form for an American Indian youth essay contest. Please take the time to review and forward to your contact list.

a. 2011 Native Women & Youth in Ag Essay contest.

b. Please send out to all of your contacts that might be able to pass along to a Native American High School student interested in agriculture.

c. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thanks!

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G. NRCS AISES recruitment event is just around the corner; therefore, I have attached the letter that went to all NRCS states; please forward to you state contacts ASAP; as a reminder

H. Please advise me when the next AIANEA newsletter will be produced.

I. I need confirmation that the association will or will not sponsor an Elder for the Sequoyah medal of honor

a. Need name of Elder ASAP

- b. *****Okay to wait and do next year***
 - a. Billy Smith to receive his Sequoyah medal at the annual conference this year
- 6. Partnering opportunities – ONR, Office of Outreach and Advocacy, other Employee Orgs**
- a. Proposal to Chief
 - b. Partnering with other organizations
- 7. Assessing skill sets and availability for details/special projects/leadership opportunities for AIANEA members, SEPMs and Tribal Liaisons – Ciro**
- a. Cover letter complete
 - b. President's letter complete
- 8. MOU with Outreach and Advocacy/Chief (update) - Stacey**
- 9. Joint Employee Association Task Force – Ciro**
- a. Proposal to Chief
- 10. 2011 Annual Business Meeting – all**
- a. Most regions replied and would be interested
- 11. 2012 Annual Conference – all**
- a. Need to make a final decision, still up in the air
- 12. Awards Committee – 2011 awards**
- a. Lee Reeves, progress?
- 13. Election Committee 2011 – expiring terms**
- a. 2nd VP position – Seek nominations
 - b. Midwest, West and Southeast Reps – re-nominate incumbents?...seek additional
- 14. Treasurer's Report – Harold Bryant/William Parrish**
- a. Monthly report
 - b. Other communications – Sequoyah nomination
- 15. Reports on Standing Committees - Levi**
- 16. Visioning**
- a. Leadership and Mentoring
 - b. Elders and youth
 - c. Tribal/agency/organization relations
- 17. Review of Action Items from current meeting**
- 18. Next Meeting – maintain original schedule of the first Tuesday of every month at 2 PM EST – Tuesday, November 1st, 2011.**