



American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS

"Respect, Harmony, and Beauty"

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

Those present: Millie Tittle, Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, Gina Kerzman, Shiraz Vira, Phillip Dixon, Harold Bryant, Carol Crouch, Leota Burnett, Crystal Leonetti and Ciro LoPinto.

Not Present: Edie Morigeau, Yvette Dulle, Dave Wise and Levi Montoya

President, Millie Tittle called the meeting to order at approximately **2:09pm CST**.

Approval of May Minutes

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

MOTION: 06-09-2008-1: Motion was made to accept the May minutes.

Motion made by: Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen
Motion seconded: Leota Burnett
Motion passed: Unanimously

Approval Treasurer's Report

Harold Bryant will provide a report for May and June during the July teleconference.

Action Item: Harold Bryant will follow up on final paperwork needed for the transfer of account privileges to him as treasure. Harold will contact Dave Wise to complete this task.

Action Item: Harold Bryant will work with Yvette secure list to mail AIANEA newsletter to members and Elders without email addresses.

NHQ National Tribal Relations Coordinator Report

Edie Morigeau was not on the teleconference for a monthly report. Millie opened discussion regarding the tribal network group. More information will be provided my Edith at next teleconference she is able to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Visioning Process – Crystal

Crystal provided an update on the Visioning Process to date. Crystal reported that the committee will decide on the four focus points for the Visioning Process. The committee is working on interview guides.

b. 2008 Conference – Shiraz

Shiraz provided an update on the 2008 conference. Shiraz opened the discussion to the National Council members. Shiraz reported that Eloris Speight has been added to the agenda.

Action item: Tanya and Ciro will follow-up to assure that Eloris Speight has been added to the agenda.

Action Item: Shiraz will check on the printing of the agenda. OTCAC has agreed to pay for printing the APIO and AIANEA agenda.

Action Item: Harold Bryant will send a report of registrations received in order for the NRCS Spokane office to keep-up with the printing of tickets, name tags and etc.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Pilot Mentoring program – Gina

Gina provided a report to the National Council about the Pilot Mentoring program. APIO wants to start a mentoring program and they are asking if AIANEA wants to partnership with them. AIANEA needs to write a letter stating that AIANEA will partner with APIO and AIANEA will pick-up cost for an Earth Care member to travel to the 2008 annual conference.

Action item: Gina will get the estimated for travel cost for Earth Care travel to the AIANEA conference.

b. Other

Carol Crouch announced she had selected and accepted The NRCS National SEPM America Indian/Native American position and would be resigning as the AIANEA Secretary position.

1. Tanya gave a report on the logo for the jacket
2. Tanya and Ciro have a nomination for Buster Landin's position
3. Tanya gave a brief report on the drum
4. Carol Crouch requested advice on how to handle the wooden poles for the hide.

Review of Action items

Action Item: Harold Bryant will follow up on final paperwork needed for the transfer of account privileges to him as treasure. Harold will contact Dave Wise to complete this task.

Action Item: Harold Bryant will work with Yvette secure list to mail AIANEA newsletter to members and Elders without email addresses.

Action Item: Tanya will contact Yvette to get the conference registration form in the website as a word document.

Action item: Tanya and Ciro will follow-up with the planning committee to assure that Eloris Speight has been added to the agenda.

Action Item: Shiraz will check on the printing of the agenda. OTCAC has agreed to pay for printing the APIO and AIANEA agenda up to \$350.00.

Action Item: Harold Bryant will send a report of registrations received in order for the NRCS Spokane office to keep-up with the printing of tickets, name tags and etc.

Action item: Gina will get the estimated for travel cost for Earth Care travel to the AIANEA conference.

Next meeting –The next meeting is July 9, 2008. Call in information will be provided.
12:00 noon, Arizona time.

MOTION 06-09-2008-2: Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at **4:00 pm.**

Motion made by: Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen

Motion seconded: Gina Kerzman

Motion passed: Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Vallee Crouch, Secretary