



American Indian/Alaska Native Employees Association for NRCS

“Respect, Harmony, and Beauty”

AIANEA Members,

It was a great honor to serve as your President this past year. I was privileged to have the opportunity to work with our dedicated leadership, National Council, Elders Council, and Standing Committees, and I would like to thank everyone for their extraordinary commitment to the Association.

Over the past year, it has been exciting to see the AIANEA Visioning Plan unfold. The plan brings our collective visions together to guide the AIANEA toward Seven Generations, in leadership and mentorship, in elder involvement and knowledge sharing, and in government-to-government commitment. I have been so pleased to help lead the AIANEA as we put this plan into action to make a difference in Indian Country. I know that the AIANEA will go far as we follow the path that the AIANEA Vision Plan has laid out for us.

Our 2009 training conference in Green Bay, put together by our dedicated planning committee, was a great success. The Oneida Nation of Wisconsin were excellent hosts, and our partnership with the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council made the opportunities presented even more engaging. The Working Effectively with American Indians Executive Training for NRCS leadership was a tremendous success. I know that throughout the conference, we all gained valuable tools and insight for working with the First Nations of this country.

I wish our new President, Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, the best of luck in the year ahead. I know that the AIANEA is in the best of hands under her leadership.

Miigwech for the opportunity to serve as your President in 2009. I am so proud to be part of the AIANEA.

David Wise

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2009 AIANEA President