



# AIANEA Interim National Council Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

1:00 pm Pacific, 2:00 pm Mountain, 3:00 pm Central, 4:00 pm Eastern

*Respect, Harmony and Beauty*

**Interim Council Present:** **President** - Roylene Comes at Night  
**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Vacant  
**Treasurer** – Sherry Cospers (absent)  
**SE Regional Rep** – Cameron Clark  
**NE Regional Rep** - Cassius Spears  
**W Regional Rep** – Felix Nez  
**Northern Plains Rep** – David Pesicka (absent)  
**Midwest Regional Rep** – Blythe Koyiyumptewa  
**Secretary** - Catherine Cannon

The meeting was called to order by President Roylene Comes at Night at 1:06.

- 1) **Agenda:** No additional agenda items were proposed.
- 2) **Minutes:** No changes to minutes. Tanya moved to approve, Felix 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** No report, Sherry absent.
- 4) **Elder's Council Membership:** Discussed Elders Council. Constitution and Bylaws (C&B) says max of 9, currently have 7. More interest to join than have slots for. One potential out of CA, Porche Band would like to nominate a new, Roylene has some potentials. Question as to whether council can vote to increase elder slots in C&B. Hold for next meeting.
- 5) **2022 Taxes:** Update by Roylene, ready to file. May be complete by next meeting.
- 6) **2<sup>nd</sup> VP Candidate:** Erin Taylor. Cassius moved to appoint, Tanya 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved.
- 7) **AIANEA 3<sup>rd</sup> Party agreement for WEWAI.** Currently have 10-12 sessions/year. Discussed having formal agreement for AIANEA as contractor to hire/pay speakers, venues, etc. Would need to make decisions on overhead charges, logistics, workload, etc., also need Treasurer's input. Would there be ethics conflicts? Can ERG have an agreement with the agency? Roylene asked Blythe to reach out to Carol Crouch to have OTAC present on topic.

- 8) **2024 Joint Conference:** Presidents are resending the request to the Chief, no response was received previously.
- 9) **Auction Items:** Past discussions indicated preference for in person auction as Roylene has drum from Craig and a Pendleton blanket. Cassius & Tanya discussed if could have a display space at HQ highlighting the association. Hold for agenda.
- 10) **Welcome Package Update:** Not reviewed, David absent.
- 11) **Website Updates:** Idea of joint webpage/webmaster has fallen through the cracks. Tanya provided last updated from discussion with Yvette. Roylene asked Tanya to work with Erin & Yvette to get webpage up to date/what it will take it get it up to date.
- 12) **AIANEA Becoming SAIGE Chapter:** Roylene provided update on information she received from SAIGE. Doesn't appear to be the best fit for AIANEA or SAIGE. Roylene asked to drop idea. All concurred.
- 13) **IAC Travel Scholarships:** Roylene needs to compile information to present for council review.
- 14) **Tribal Scholar's Program:** Not having much luck obtaining information.
- 15) **C&B Update:** Section XI-XVI: Tanya to send to membership for 30 day review.

Section V-IX: Membership reviewed. Reviewed member comments. Agreed to add in recommendation on timing of regional vote for clarification. Tanya will make changes and send out for 2<sup>nd</sup> membership 30-day review.

- 16) **Next meeting:** June 21 at 1 pm (PST)

Meeting adjourned.

- 17) **Action Items:**

- Tanya will send out C&B Section V-IX for membership 2<sup>nd</sup> review.
- Blythe to work with Carol Crouch for OTAC to present to AIANEA on facilitating WEWAI.
- Roylene to compile information on IAC travel scholarships.
- Taxes to be filed (Earth Circle)

18) **Held Over Items:**

- Auction items – fate.
- Elders Council – expanding number of slots