



AIANEA Interim National Council Minutes

Wednesday, August 16, 2024

11:00 am Pacific, 12:00 pm Mountain, 1:00 pm Central, 2:00 pm Eastern

Respect, Harmony and Beauty

Interim Council Present: **President** - Roylene Comes at Night

1st Vice President – Vacant

2nd Vice President – Erin Taylor

Treasurer – Sherry Cosper

SE Regional Rep – Cameron Clark (absent)

NE Regional Rep - Cassius Spears

W Regional Rep – Felix Nez

Northern Plains Rep – David Pesicka

Midwest Regional Rep – Blythe Koyiyumptewa

Secretary - Catherine Cannon (absent partial)

11:00 - The meeting was called to order by President Roylene Comes at Night.

- 1) **Agenda:** *Not discussed.*
- 2) **Minutes:** *Not discussed.*
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** Sherry reported balances of accounts and transactions. *See Financial Minutes for specifics.*

Erin forwarding membership applications (4) to Sherry that were sent to gmail.

- 4) **Welcome Package (Roylene):** Working on welcome swag for Joint Conference. David getting some costs and hopefully to have available for sale on webpage and for Joint Conference.
- 5) **2025 Joint ERG Conference:** Will be in Sacramento, CA, in August of 2025. NOPHNRCSE is lead organization – they will do contract with hotel and 3-year agreement itself – 2025 & 2027. It will be in Spokane, WA, or Minneapolis, MN, in 2027. Chief asked to not go to a state that has anti-DEI legislation. Agreement in final stage. Exact dates TBD. Roylene sent email to association members, have only received comments/volunteering from 4 people – scholarship, conference planning, and awards committees. Awards Committee is not mentioned in new Constitution and Bylaws, how to put together (ad hoc?)? Roylene will share the list of volunteers and committees and asks Council to contact membership in an effort to recruit volunteers. Council members volunteered for committees (*names in parentheses are not Council members*):
 - Budget – Sherry, (Millie)
 - Elders – Felix, Blythe, (Tanya)

- Membership - David
- Conference Planning – Roylene, Erin, David, (Kirt, Millie)
- Scholarship – (Athen, Kirt)
- SEPM & Career Development – (Cody)

A scholarship event is also planned, AIANEA needs to get items there and ensure AIANEA gets a portion of the auction proceeds.

Provide travel scholarships for 1990 Tribal Scholars?

- 6) **AIANEA RTCAC Reps:** Don't have AIANEA or Elder rep on each RTCAC. 3-year term commitment. Need to recruit. In bylaws that Agency will pay for travel. Roylene reached out to Elder Arnold in Neah Bay for West. Elder Norman hasn't been able to attend. Supervisor support has been lacking for employees (AIANEA Reps) to attend meetings. Does AIANEA need to send letter to supervisors indicating Agency policy?
- Erin volunteered for West
 - David for Central
 - Cass has been East and can continue
 - Noeller is designated as back-up/alternate on file with RTCAC, someone needs to ensure he knows
 - Roylene will inform RCs of AIANEA Reps
 - Roylene will work with Tanya to get Elders appointed
 - Meet face to face twice per year (believe)
- 7) **Facebook, Web Page:** No updates on Facebook. Erin & Roylene will work on next week. Continue providing updated bios to Erin for webpage. Let Erin know if you notice anything broken, out of place, etc. on website.
- Roylene inquired about posting minutes to webpage. Catherine confirmed Erin has them, needs consolidated and saved to Google Drive.
 - Elders portion needs updated. Herb Smith needs to move down to memorial section of webpage. Thought new Elders had been nominated, confirm with Tanya.
- 8) **C&B Update:** Reviewed and discussed bylaws Cameron sent out in July – scholarship portion is the main portion to be completed.
- Article V, Section G1-5: No one indicated a problem or additions, taken as acceptance of changes as submitted.
 - Article V, Section G6-11 (2 #10): No one indicated a problem or additions, taken as acceptance of changes as submitted.
 - Dave made motion to accept changes to scholarship section; Erin 2nd. All in favor.
 - Need to send out Article V-VII, Roylene will ask Cameron to work with Yvette to send to membership for review and acceptance.
- 9) **Welcome Package (David):** Company wants to rebuild logo, the one provided didn't transfer well to items. Will get quote.
- 10) **Next Meeting:** September 20 at 1:00 pm PST. **Note change.**

Meeting adjourned.

Action Items:

- Roylene** to send committee list to Council members.
- Roylene** to send membership list to Council members.
- All** – need to recruit volunteers for Joint Conference committees
- Roylene** will work with Tanya on Elders for RTCAC
- Roylene** will send list of AIANEA and Elder Reps for RTCAC to RCs
- Erin & Roylene** will work on Facebook update
- Welcome Package – Need to Finalize
- Cameron** to work with Yvette to send out Bylaws for membership review
- Send bios and photos to Erin for website.

Action Items from past meetings:

- Mailchimp:** Erin will follow up with Mailchimp.
- Zoom:** Need to purge recordings and clean up cloud storage.
- Paypal:** Is it set up to automatically deposit to AIANEA? How does it communicate with members, such as annual dues? Erin will get with Sherry.