



# **AIANEA Interim National Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

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

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## *Respect, Harmony and Beauty*

**Interim Council Present:** **President** - Roylene Comes at Night (absent)  
**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 (absent)  
**W Regional Rep** – Felix Nez  
**Northern Plains Rep** – David Pesicka  
**Midwest Regional Rep** – Blythe Koyiyumptewa  
**Secretary** - Catherine Cannon

The meeting was called to order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tanya Mayer-Dideriksen at 1:08. No quorum at the time, decided to proceed with this meeting.

- 1) **Welcome Package Update:** David received some updated prices but was unable to present to Roylene.
- 2) **Next Meeting April 19** – Catherine brought up conflict with Roylene & Catherine's schedules. Council would like to reschedule.

*Additional council member joined – quorum met.*

- 3) **Welcome.** No additions or changes to minutes from February 15, approved.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report:** PO Box renewal fee needs paid by 3/31 (\$166 annual). Approved. Sherry presented bank balances (see Financial minutes). *Update:* Box fee paid by end of meeting.
- 5) **C&B Update:** Section 1 was received back from membership, no additional comments, suggestions, or changes. Motion to approve as revised and reviewed by membership – Approved.

Discussed Section 2 (Articles V-X): Out for membership review until Sunday, March 19.

Section 3 (Articles XI-XVI): Reviewed and discussed suggestions from council.

- Budget/financial/petty cash: Treasurer allowed to pay up to certain amount without a council vote
  - Association publications
  - Dissolution
- 6) No updates on Tabled Items: Volunteers/filling 2<sup>nd</sup> VP slot, annual business meeting, auction, IAC student travel scholarships, Tribal Scholars students, ERG joint webpage, AIANEA/Listening Circle partnership.
- 7) **AIANEA Website updates:** Tanya reached out to Yvette. Yvette indicated a test website was made and feedback was requested from council, never received. A member's only portal was requested but she doesn't know how to set that up. Tanya will forward email and link to test website. Tanya asked/proposed if we need a website committee/subcommittee set up.
- 8) **Audit:** Hiring Earth Circle/Ron. Dave pointed out that Ron is already familiar with organization. Potential conflict of interest in having same accountant perform audit was discussed. Motion to approve hiring Earth Circle to perform audit – Approved.
- 9) Dave requested Tanya send last 4 Winds Newsletter and any AIANEA recruitment material.
- 10) **Next meeting:** TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 1:57.

- 11) **Action Items:**
- Tanya will compile membership comments from C&B Section 2 review.
  - Tanya to send Dave past newsletter and recruiting information, if any.
  - Anyone interested in 2<sup>nd</sup> VP spot, send to Roylene.
  - David will continue verification of cost list for welcome items.
  - Plan for hiring Earth Circle Bookkeepers for Audit.
- 12) **Held Over Items:**
- Auction items – time and place.
  - Annual business meeting - When, How?
  - Roylene will continue to pursue STCs re: Tribal Scholarship Program.
  - AIANEA as SAIGE chapter.
  - IAC travel scholarships.

# AIANEA Interim National Council Minutes Addendum

## AIANEA/Listening Circle Partnership Past Discussions:

**May 18, 2022:** Suzanne provided update on Listening Circle participation and suggested highlighting AIANEA as sponsor and asked about advertising for it. Kristi suggested putting together a Listening Circle committee to solidify relationship between LC folks and AIANEA and improve communication and highlighting AIANEA.

- Roylene asked if it needs to be a new committee or if it can fall under another committee.

- Tanya discussed whether it would be a standing (all the time) committee or ad-hoc committee. The only existing committee would be Communications, but not sure if that really fits.

- Kristi suggested her and Suzanne take it back to Listening Circle and include them.

**June 7, 2022:** Kristi presented to Listening Circle committee and they are interested. Need to discuss further. Kristi will continue as lead.

**October 19, 2022:** Revisited what the *[sic]* this was – to have committee to improve communication and partnership with Listening Circle cadre. David will follow up. Discussed that information about Listening Circles is no longer being sent out to folks, what avenues are being utilized? Do see listing on upcoming Circles in FPAC newsletter sometimes. Communication to NRCS staff needs improvement.