



# AIANEA Interim National Council Minutes

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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** – Vacant  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** – Erin Taylor  
**Treasurer** – Sherry Cosper (absent)  
**SE Regional Rep** – Cameron Clark  
**NE Regional Rep** - Cassius Spears (absent)  
**W Regional Rep** – Felix Nez  
**Northern Plains Rep** – David Pesicka (absent)  
**Midwest Regional Rep** – Blythe Koyiyumtewa  
**Secretary** - Catherine Cannon

The meeting was called to order by President Roylene Comes at Night at 1:09.

- 1) **Agenda:** No changes, no vote to accept was made.
- 2) **Minutes:** No changes. Cathy moved to accept, Erin seconded.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** See Treasurer's complete report under separate cover.
- 4) **IAC Recap:** Good event, all helped out. 78 students, high school to college. Rick Tafoya had tables set up for different topics (1994 Tribal Scholars, soil health, etc). Students were able to sit with staff members and have discussions. Did pay sponsorship so was listed in brochure. Need to work on for next year – better ad, better table, etc. Funding used to ensure students have supplies they need for conference (hygiene, activity, etc.).
- 5) **Future of Association – Webpage Update:** Erin removed Yvette's personal email from webpage and put in AIANEA email, updated password. She is familiarizing herself with WIX platform, been updating membership information and form (to go to Sherry), what address to use for Elder's Committee, etc. Need to ensure someone is monitoring AIANEA gmail account. Discovered there is an "inbox" associated with WIX itself that the inquiries go to, has never been checked. Not sure if can route to AIANEA account. What does Council want to do? After working on it, don't think it's needed to hire a webmaster, at least at this time, let her and Cassius work on it. Annual fee for WIX - \$285/yr (due in February). Also have Mailchimp subscription, don't know if it's ever been utilized - just over \$13/month. Everyone needs to get picture and bio to Erin for website.
- 6) **Facebook:** No one can seem to find the password or find a way to change it to add Erin, change listing, etc. Will continue investigating.

- 7) Herb Webb passed away, no memorial service. Family asked for donations to go to AIANEA.
- 8) **Elders Council:** Tanya wants to stay on as lead for Elders Council. No one opposed.
- 9) **Welcome Package:** Hold for next meeting, David absent.
- 10) **1994 Tribal Scholars Program:** Roylene reached out to Lawrence Shorty (now responsible), provided information to him about AIANEA and ability to mentor students, etc.
- 11) **C&B Update:** Only scholarship question left. Cameron did some digging into the scholarship issue and IRS information, can send that to Council. Parameters that were originally set up for scholarships probably wouldn't cut it now – believe it was set up for family members of AIANEA members but can't do that – falls under self-benefit. AIANEA funding has also changed, used to be from conferences primarily but now from memberships. Cameron feels we just need to clarify and restructure a little. Hold for next meeting.
- 12) **Taxes:** 2022 is done. Earth Circle can do 2023. No one opposed.
- 13) **Vacancies:** 1<sup>st</sup> VP position is now vacant.
- 14) **ERG Presidents' Meetings:** Have again sent request to Chief to do joint meeting in 2025, have not received a response.
- 15) **Newsletter:** Erin had question about Four Winds newsletter – last one published in 2018. Hold for next meeting.
- 16) Go over AIANEA guidance document (roles and responsibilities) at next meeting.
- 17) **Next Meeting:** February 21 at 1:00 pm PST.

Meeting adjourned.

#### **Action Items:**

- Everyone needs to get picture and bio to Erin for website.

#### **Held Over Items:**

- Welcome Package
- C& B Update - Scholarships
- Four Winds Newsletter
- AIANEA Guidance Document