



AIANEA Interim National Council Minutes

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

9:00 am Pacific, 10:00 am Mountain, 11:00 am Central, 12:00 pm Eastern

Respect, Harmony and Beauty

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

The meeting was called to order by President Roylene Comes at Night at 9:04.

- 1) **Agenda:** No changes, no vote to accept was made.
- 2) **Minutes:** Changes to minutes. Tanya pointed out there was not a nomination for Elders Council from SD, just an inquiry. Add Erin as attendee to AISES. No vote to accept was made.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** See Treasurer's complete report under separate cover.
- 4) **Donation from Poarch Band of Creek Indians:** \$10K check went to wrong address in Arizona (probably the one registered with Secretary of State), was returned and Tanya worked with Sherry to send to Sherry's Temple address.
- 5) **Future of Association – Webpage:** Roylene had not had any response from Word Wright, she will follow up again. Erin spoke with Damuel from NOPHRSCS about webpage, said it costs \$32/mo for hosting (\$22 base + package), cost less than \$2,500 to hire Brian Chandler at Word Wright, thinks it was about \$1,800 because built new site off existing.

Erin also talked with Han with APIO, he built webpage himself on WIX which provides templates, etc. Host domain (WIX) is an annual fee. More cost effective than hiring web master.

Tanya spoke to leaning toward hiring webmaster since we have no member that is knowledgeable and willing to take it on and commit to it. Cassius spoke of level of

involvement AIANEA would need and need for a standing committee so more than one person is responsible and have access.

Erin brought up potential to hire a student to build and manage.

Roylene asked Erin and Cassius to explore this topic more. Cassius asked if anyone has the password to the website for updates – Roylene will check.

- 6) **Facebook:** Roylene brought up Facebook account – keeps getting messages about “boosting” profile, which costs money and whether it is worth it. Erin spoke to the topic. Erin will look into that as well.
- 7) **Elder's Council:** No nominations have been received, had requested deadline of November 30. Loren Adlin in SD is looking at a potential from SD but haven't heard anything after his initial inquiry. Revisited the question of getting more nominations than have spots for (9). Should deadline be extended? Erin is meeting with a potential next week. Revise deadline. Cassius may have nominations.
- 8) **IAC Travel Scholarship:** Was not able to do travel scholarship. Staff at IAC indicated what they needed was funds to “sponsor” in order to buy supplies for kids when they get there. Sherry emailed Elsie David with IAC and made \$1,500 “donation” via website (*note: this was not listed in payables during Treasurer's report*). Sponsorship includes booth and 2 registrations. Roylene asked if any council members wanted to attend on behalf of AIANEA, not sure what that would entail. AIANEA has to accept registrations and register people by Friday. Lesson for next year – be prepared to have and staff booth. Sherry sent ad to IAC for inclusion in their conference book, didn't receive response as to whether received and incorporated.

Erin volunteered, David indicated he may be able to. All were supportive of sending Erin and David.

- 9) **Welcome package update:** Dave cannot get a response from the vendor he had been working with, might have to find yet another one. Roylene will follow up, she recently worked with them.
- 10) **Constitution & Bylaws Update:**
 - Bylaws Articles V-VII: See email of 11/28/23. Stumbling block of scholarship committee portion. Can't do scholarships from an IRS perspective the way it's set up right now. Cameron discussed some of the history he found of the question being asked in the past, nothing seems clear as to whether it was ever resolved.
- 11) **Request for Assistance:** Elder Herrera has asked for some financial support to attend RTCAC. Must rent a car this year and therefore will also incur dog boarding

costs. Dave made motion to provide \$500 for travel expenses, Cameron 2nd. Approved. Tanya will work with Sherry.

12) **Next Meeting:** December 20 at 1:00 pm PST.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05

Action Items:

- Erin and Cassius will research webpage options.
- Erin will investigate Facebook “boosting”.
- Roylene will follow up with potential welcome package vendor.
- Tanya will revise deadline for Elders Council nominations.

Held Over Items:

- Future of Association (website)
- Elders Council
- Welcome package