



# AIANEA Interim National Council Minutes

Friday, October 18, 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Vacant
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (absent)
- Midwest Regional Rep** – Blythe Koyiyumptewa (absent)
- Secretary** - Catherine Cannon (absent)

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

- 1) **Agenda:** *Not discussed.*
- 2) **Minutes:** *Not discussed.*
- 3) **Treasurer's Report:** *See Financial Minutes.*
- 4) **2025 Joint ERG Conference:** Shared list of volunteers signed up for committees and shared with other ERG presidents. Still have vacancies on committees, still opportunities for more volunteers. Working on logistics. Presidents will start working on identifying chairs for committees. Contract is for every two years, so 2025, 2027, 2029.
- 5) **Regional Tribal Advisory Council** – decision was made, need to follow up and submit the names of the Elders.
- 6) **Tribal Relations Strategy for NRCS** – In final clearance stages at this point. Wants strategy to be released and featured in some kind of event in November in conjunction with Native American Heritage Month. Have reached out to different entities, have not been able to get the Chief on the agenda. Would AIANEA be willing to host an hour virtual event to roll out? All attendees supported.
- 7) **Membership Meeting & Council Elections** – Had discussed holding in January 2025. Do we need to have a virtual membership meeting to let members know about ERG Conference? Is Interim Council willing to stay until August ERG meeting and have elections then? Consensus to have virtual meeting in January, hold elections in August.

- 8) **Facebook** – No success, nobody seems to know password. Do we set up a LinkedIn account instead? Erin's going to continue to work on it.
- 9) **Constitution & Bylaws:** Yvette sent back out to membership, everything is voted on and adopted.
- 10) **Next Meeting:** November 15 at 11:00 am PST.

Meeting adjourned.

**Action Items:**

- Date for virtual membership meeting in January.
- Erin** to continue working on Facebook account recovery.
- Host November event for Tribal Relations Strategy roll out.