



## **AIANEA Interim National Council Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 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  
**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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tanya Mayer-Dideriksen at 1:04.

- 1) **Welcome.** No additions or changes to minutes from January 18, Catherine noted difference in account balances between December and January reports, need reason in notes. Quorum was not available to vote on minutes and agenda.
- 2) **No Treasurer's Report:** Sherry absent.
- 3) **C&B Update:** Section 1 was sent to membership, have until February 24 to comment. No comments regarding changes to this point.

Discussed Section 2 and wording of Section IX.A. Discussed map of regions – current map (in current version of C&B to be voted on) follows NRCS regions, proposed map is based more on membership levels. Discussed alignment with RTCACs.

(Late attendees completed quorum.)

Vote on keeping current (NRCS region-aligned) regions: David made motion, Cassius seconded, approved.

Vote on amended language in Section IX.A. David made motion to accept, Cassius seconded, approved.

- 4) David emailed welcome package items/costs before meeting. Prices should be verified due to inflation. Discussed whether needing to approve all or some of items. Discussed ensuring have items on hand for possible 2024 joint conference and for speakers, etc. Discussed quantities and where to ship/house. Tabled making decisions, David will check on price increases.
- 5) **Tabled following items for later discussion:** AIANEA as SAIGE Chapter (Tanya forwarded information from Roylene/Millie before meeting); IAC travel scholarships, audit hiring, annual business meeting.
- 6) **AIANEA/Listening Circle Partnership:** Questioned whether this needs to remain on agenda, unclear why it was brought forth. Catherine will look through old minutes and find original discussion and provide to current board.
- 7) **AIANEA Website updates:** Tanya will reach out to Yvette.
- 8) **Next meeting:** March 15.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02.

9) **Action Items:**

- Tanya will send out C&B Section 2 to membership for review.
- Anyone interested in 2<sup>nd</sup> VP spot, send to Roylene.
- David will verify cost list for welcome items.
- Catherine will research past Listening Circle partnership discussion
  - **(See Page 3).**
- Tanya will reach out to Yvette regarding website.

10) **Held Over Items:**

- Auction items – time and place.
- Annual business meeting - When, How?
- Hiring Ron to conduct audit.
- 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.