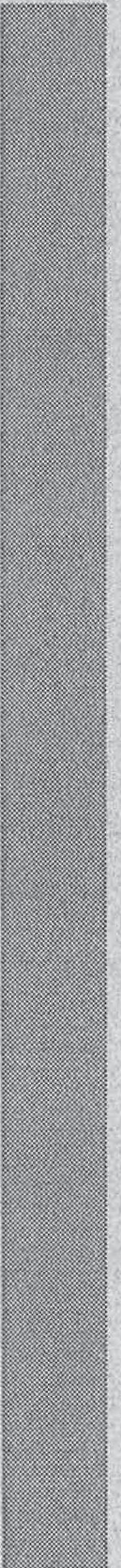




**Omaha, NE
AIHEC
Membership Minutes**

October 28, 1991



American Indian Higher Education Consortium
Membership Meeting Minutes
October 28, 1991
Omaha, Nebraska

The October 28, 1991 AIHEC membership meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m., by President Joseph McDonald. A prayer was offered by Norma Bixby from Dull Knife Memorial College. All guests were introduced.

Roll was taken, a quorum was established. Members present:

Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College
Dull Knife Memorial College
D.Q. University
Fond du Lac Community College
Fort Peck community College
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
Little Big Horn Community College
Navajo Community College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Northwest Indian College
Salish Kootenai College
Stone Child College
Turtle Mountain Community College
United Tribes Educational Technical Center
Saskatchewan Indian Federated College

Carlos Cordero moved to approve the membership minutes of April 20, 1991, with the corrections made on page 1, 3, and 6. Seconded by Norma Bixby. Motion carried.

All members present gave an up-date on their institution's accreditation status. The following institutions will under go accreditation evaluation visits during the 1992 year.

Blackfeet Community College
Dull Knife Memorial College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Northwest Indian College

A presentation was give by Mr. Larry Aitkins from Leech Lake Tribal College, Inc.. He stated his reservation was located in central Minnesota and the Leech Lake Tribal Council recently chartered their college. The college will be requesting a feasibility study by the Bureau of Indian Affairs this year. The college is also seeking AIHEC membership. An AIHEC delegation needs to visit their college.

The In-Med Program has requested AIHEC membership. Janine Windy-Boy stated the AIHEC mission statement and by-laws would have to be changed to accommodate this request. No action was taken.

The Board was informed that Mr. Brice Washington from Oklahoma has visited three Montana Tribal Colleges and is exploring the feasibility of establishing Tribal Colleges in his state.

Since there was further business, the Fall 1991 membership meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m., by AIHEC President Joe McDonald.



**Omaha, NE
AIHEC
Board of Directors
Minutes
October 28-29, 1991**



American Indian Higher Education Consortium
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 28, 1991
Omaha, Nebraska

The October 28, 1991 regular board meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., by AIHEC President Joe McDonald. A prayer was offered by President Janine Windy Boy from Little Big Horn College.

The April 20, 1991 minutes and the July 29, 1991 minutes were distributed to the membership for their review.

Tony Fresquez (OLC) moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of April 20, 1991. Seconded by Janine Windy Boy (LBHCC). Motion carried.

Dave Gipp (UTETC) moved to approve the President's Summer Institute minutes of July 29, 1991. Seconded by Janine Windy Boy (LBHCC). Motion carried.

Peggy Nagel, AIHEC Treasurer, presented her report. Carlos Cordero (DQU) moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Tony Fresquez (OLC). Motion Carried.

NOTE: FY'91 membership dues collection has been the best in the history of AIHEC.

The FY'92 AIHEC budget was discussed. President Joe McDonald stated Jim Shanley (FPCC) would chair the budget committee meeting. Committee members are Janine Windy Boy, Thelma Thomas, Al Garcia, and Peggy Nagel.

President Joe McDonald also stated Jack Briggs would chair the Tribal College Journal committee meeting.

Georgianna Tiger, AIHEC D.C. Representative, distributed booklets of information to each college. In summary, final appropriations level for Title I Tribal Colleges is \$16.095 million. This represents a \$1.250 million increase over FY'92. The endowment level is at \$1 million and technical assistance is \$116,000.00.

She also stated the TCCCAA calls for a simple reauthorization as Part A under Title XIII "Indian Higher Education Programs" of the House version of the national Higher Education Act Reauthorization. Appropriations ceilings were authorized for facilities/construction at \$10 million in the first year and such sums as necessary in the out year. Endowment is \$5 million the first year and such sums as necessary in the out years. The Senate also plans a simple reauthorization.

Appropriations in the amount of \$250,000.00 have been authorized to AIHEC to develop a plan to enhance the programs of the tribally controlled and BIA colleges through telecommunications technologies (Sponsored by Senator Inouye through the Department of Commerce.) Specific activities to set this cooperative agreement in motion must yet occur. U.S. Department of Commerce representative, Richard Harland will meet with AIHEC on 10/29/91.

Under the leadership of Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM) a legislative package for equitable retirement benefits to the tribal colleges has been prepared. This package is ready for introduction into Congress. However, a specific legislative vehicle has not yet been decided. Senator Bingaman is anxious to move this legislation in the immediate future and requests additional recommendations from the Presidents.

In September 1991, the Department of Interior announced a funding initiative to the Historically Black Colleges and Universities under their department, in the amount of \$20 million and a \$200,000.00 assessment for preservation/restoration of eleven facilities under the Park Service. AIHEC is working with the Republican Delegation representing AIHEC to pursue equitable consideration for tribal colleges.

AIHEC articles of incorporation have been with the AIHEC pro-bono attorneys under review since April (should AIHEC hold a 501 (c) (3) or a 501 (c) (4) status?).

See Georgianna Tiger's report for more information.

Georgianna Tiger introduced guests Bob Arnold from the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and Les LaFountain from Senator Burdick's office. They presented Senator Inouye's proposal/concept of establishing an American Indian University. This concept generated a lengthy discussion among AIHEC members. Some opinions and comments were:

1. Sufficient funding for tribal colleges needs to be a priority before establishing a national American Indian University.
2. If a study commission is the next step in establishing an American Indian University, then the Tribal Colleges can help ensure the validity of such a commission.
3. This proposed legislation needs more rationale.
4. The wheel is being re-invented; We have our own