

**2001 Spring Board of Directors Meeting
Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites
Duluth, Minnesota**

**MINUTES
March 21, 2001**

- I. Call to Order.** President James Shanley called the 2001 Spring Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.
- II. Invocation.** Dr. Lionel Bordeaux, President of Sinte Gleska University, gave the opening prayer.
- III. Roll Call.** Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, called the roll.

Members Present

Blackfeet Community College	Ron Kittson
College of Menominee Nation	Dr. Verna Fowler
Diné College	Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet
Dull Knife Memorial College	Dr. Richard Littlebear
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College	Lester "Jack" Briggs
Fort Belknap College	Carole Falcon-Chandler
Fort Berthold Community College	Elizabeth Yellowbird Demaray
Fort Peck Community College	Dr. James Shanley
Haskell Indian Nations University	Dr. Karen Swisher
Institute of American Indian Arts	Della Warrior
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College	Debra Parrish
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College	Schuyler Houser
Leech Lake Tribal College	Jamie Robertson
Nebraska Indian Community College	Dr. Ross Primm
Northwest Indian College	David Oreiro
Oglala Lakota College	Thomas Shortbull
Salish Kootenai College	Dr. Joe McDonald
Si Tanka College	Keith Jewett
Sinte Gleska University	Dr. Lionel Bordeaux
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College	Dr. Elden Lawrence
Sitting Bull College	Ron McNeil
Turtle Mountain Community College	Dr. Carty Monette
United Tribes Technical College	Dr. John Derby
White Earth Tribal and Community College	Dr. Helen Klassen

Members Absent

Bay Mills Community College
Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Crownpoint Institute of Technology
D-Q University
Little Big Horn College
Little Priest Tribal College
Red Crow Community College
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
Stone Child College

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

IV. Introduction of Guests, Presidents, and Staff.

V. Secretary's Report. In the absence of Secretary Dr. Tommy Lewis, President Shanley presented the minutes of the 2001 Winter Board Meeting.

MOTION: Mr. McNeil moved to approve the minutes of the 2001 Winter Board Meeting.

SECOND: Ms. Warrior seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

VI. 2001 Spring Conference.

Mr. Briggs, President of Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College and chairman of the 2001 Spring Conference Committee, made several announcements concerning the conference. He also presented gifts on behalf of the committee to the AIHEC Presidents.

VII. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Briggs and AIHEC Finance and Business Manager, Ms. Valerie Walker, presented the financial report.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to accept the financial report.

SECOND: Dr. Bordeaux seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. Executive Director's Report.

Dr. Gipp and AIHEC consultant, Dr. Perry Horse, gave a presentation on the need to reorganize the AIHEC central office.

Three motions resulted from his presentation.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to approve and authorize the Executive Director to develop the reorganization of the AIHEC central office, including integrating the technology framework.

SECOND: Dr. Primm seconded the motion.

AMENDMENT: Mr. Houser moved to amend the motion to include that in the reorganization plan, priority should be given to offering technical assistance to individual colleges or groups of colleges.

SECOND: Mr. Shortbull seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The amendment passed by voice vote and the motion was agreed to unanimous by voice vote.

Dr. Monette requested that as the process moves forward to solicit and hire the AIHEC Technology Director, individuals serving on the Facilities

and Infrastructure Development Committee, the committee dealing with technology matters, be consulted.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to approve and authorize the Executive Director to move forward with funding strategies to expand the AIHEC infrastructure and capacity.

SECOND: Dr. Derby seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

MOTION: Mr. McNeil moved that the Executive Director be authorized to establish a 501 (c)(4).

SECOND: Dr. Monette seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

IX. Core Funding.

At the request of Mr. Shortbull, Ms. Gonzales discussed AIHEC's strategy for advocating for core funding for the Tribal Colleges in the FY 02 budget.

X. Committee Reports.

Special Initiatives and Student Support Committee. Dr. Primm presented a report and distributed notes on the Diabetes Workshop that was held at Salish Kootenai College in Poulson, MT.

Communications/External Relations Committee. Ms. Demaray presented the committee's report, including recommendations to: (1) seek resources for a survey of all alumni, (2) establish a permanent database of those alumni, and (3) seek resources for a placement/alumni office at each TCU. The recommendations were referred to the Research and Database Committee.

Membership and Accreditation Committee. Dr. McDonald presented the committee's report and recommendation to hire a consultant to work with the committee to review AIHEC's articles of incorporation, bylaws, and membership handbook.

Dr. Klassen, President of White Earth Tribal and Community College, addressed her college's status as an affiliate member. Based on her reading of the bylaws and membership documents, she stated that Board should have approved White Earth as a regular member. She asked the Board to correct White Earth's membership status to regular membership.

Dr. Shanley said that membership classifications cannot be considered at a Board meeting, but must be done at an annual membership meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Jewett moved to waive AIHEC’s rule regarding when membership classifications can be considered and accept White Earth Tribal and Community College as a regular member.

President Shanley ruled the motion out of order.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved that AIHEC hire a consultant to work with the Membership and Accreditation Committee to revise and clarify the bylaws, articles of incorporation, and membership handbook and that the drafts of the revisions be available by the summer retreat.

SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed by voice vote.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved that a moratorium be issued on accepting new members until membership documents and application materials have been clarified, revised, and approved by the Board of Directors.

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed by voice vote.

Legislative/Congress and Federal Relations Committee. Dr. Shanley discussed the committee’s meeting.

XI. Informational Presentation on the Consortium for Alaska Native Higher Education (CANHE). Mr. Merritt Helferrich, CANHE Coordinator, gave a Powerpoint presentation on the consortium.

After the presentation, Dr. Swisher offered the following motion recommended by the Membership and Accreditation Committee.

MOTION: Dr. Swisher moved that the Board authorize the Executive Committee to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement creating a partnership between AIHEC and the Consortium for Alaska Native Higher Education (CANHE) for mutually beneficial purposes until that time that CANHE may formally apply for membership in AIHEC.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

XII. A*CF Report. Mr. Williams presented the College Fund’s report. He discussed how the decline in the stock market has reduced contributions

flowing into the fund and how this could result in perhaps a 25% reduction in allocations to the colleges later this year.

XIII. Other Business.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Inquiry.

College President Parrish asked when her college could expect their share of A*CF's scholarship funds. Mr. Williams explained that her college would be eligible for the August/September 2001 disbursements.

AIHEC Representative for NASA's Minority Serving Institutions Presidents' Board.

MOTION: Dr. Swisher moved that Mr. Jewett be appointed as AIHEC's representative to the NASA Minority Serving Institutions Presidents' Board.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

AIHEC Representative on NASULGC's Board on Agriculture. Dr. Shanley explained that AIHEC needed to forward two names to the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) for the Board on Agriculture and that NASULGC will select one individual to serve on that Board.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved to forward the names of Mr. Houser and Ms. Manuelito-Kerkvliet.

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

AIHEC Representative to Visit With Indigenous Non-Profit Groups in Panama.

Dr. Shanley announced that the Board needed to appoint a Tribal College President to meet with indigenous non-profit groups in Panama to explore potential collaborative projects. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the US Department of Agriculture is funding the trip. Dr. Tommy Lewis was originally scheduled to go, but is unable to make the trip.

MOTION: Mr. Jewett moved that Mr. McNeil be appointed to fill Dr. Lewis' slot.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

Summer Retreat.

President Shanley announced that Bay Mills Community College will host the summer retreat in the latter part of July and that new leadership for AIHEC colleges will be the focus of the meeting's discussions.

Meeting with Maoris.

It was announced that the meeting with the Maoris would take place in late September and that there is enough funding for all AIHEC presidents to travel to New Zealand for the meeting.

Honoring WK Kellogg foundation president.

The Board requested that AIHEC staff select an appropriate gift to give to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation president at the upcoming NAHEI Conference in Santa Fe, NM.

Leadership Survey.

Mr. John Phillips, USDA Tribal College Liaison, distributed a leadership survey to be completed by each tribal college. The survey will be used to collect baseline data on interpersonal networks that TCU Presidents and Boards use within and beyond their communities to establish their mission and goals.

XIV. Adjournment.

MOTION: Mr. McNeil moved to adjourn the 2001 Spring Board meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Jewett seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes taken by AIHEC Organizational Consultant, Jean B. Foster.

Executed and acknowledged by the undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, on the ____ day of _____, 2001.

Dr. Tommy Lewis, Secretary
American Indian Higher Education Consortium