

**2001 Winter Board of Directors Meeting
Holiday Inn on the Hill, Washington, DC
Federal South and Federal North Ballroom**

February 11, 2001

- I. **Call to Order.** President James Shanley called the 2001 Winter Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.
- II. **Invocation.** Dr. Tommy Lewis, President of Northwest Indian College, gave the opening prayer.
- III. **Roll Call.** AIHEC Executive Director, Dr. Gerald Gipp called the roll.

Members Present

Blackfeet Community College	Dr. Dorothy Still Smoking
College of Menominee Nation	Dr. Verna Fowler
Diné College	Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet
D-Q University	Dr. Morgan Otis
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	Debbie Parrish
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College	Schuyler Houser
Leech Lake Tribal College	Jamie Robertson
Little Big Horn College	Henry Real Bird
Nebraska Indian Community College	Dr. Ross Primm
Northwest Indian College	Dr. Tommy Lewis
Oglala Lakota College	Thomas Shortbull
Salish Kootenai College	Dr. Joe McDonald
Si Tanka College	Keith Jewett
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College	Dr. Elden Lawrence
Sitting Bull College	Ron McNeil
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	Dr. Carolyn Elgin
Stone Child College	Steve Galbavy
United Tribes Technical College	John Derby
White Earth Community College	Dr. Helen Klassen

Members Absent

Cankdeska Cinkana Community College
Little Priest College
Red Crow Community College
Sinte Gleska University

Members Present By Proxy

Bay Mills Community College	Dr. Verna Fowler
Crownpoint Institute of Technology	Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

IV. Introduction of Guests, New Presidents, and New Staff.

V. Special Honoring Ceremony. Dr. Carty Monette led an honoring ceremony and presented a plaque and a blanket to Dr. Gerald Gipp in recognition of his work on behalf of the Tribal Colleges at the National Science Foundation with respect to the Rural Systemic Initiative.

VI. Secretary's Report. The minutes of the 2001 Fall Board meeting were presented. Two corrections were noted: (1) Dr. Richard Littlebear was present at the meeting; and (2) Dr. Stubbs' first name is Charles, not Clarence as noted on page 12 of the minutes.

MOTION: Dr. Lewis moved to accept the minutes with the two corrections noted.

SECOND: Dr. Littlebear seconded the motion.

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

VII. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Briggs said that a financial report would not be presented at the meeting due to lack of staff time to prepare the report. The week prior to the Board meeting, staff was involved with an ANA audit conducted at the AIHEC central office.

VIII. President's Report. President Shanley reported that the office of Vice President needed to be filled because Dr. Pease-Pretty On Top was no longer president of Little Big Horn College. In addition, Dr. Shanley explained that although Ms. Della Warrior was recently elected AIHEC Secretary, she is ineligible, under the bylaws, to serve on the executive committee or as an officer because IAIA is an affiliate member.

Two individuals were nominated for the position of Vice President. Mr. Briggs nominated Dr. Verna Fowler, President of College of Menominee Nation and Ms. Cassandra Manuelito-Kerkvliet nominated Dr. Tommy Lewis, President of Northwest Indian College.

Dr. Fowler was elected by ballot as Vice President.

Mr. Houser nominated Dr. Lewis for Secretary. Mr. McNeil seconded the nomination. The nominations were closed; and Dr. Lewis was elected as Secretary by acclamation.

IX. Executive Director's Report. Dr. Gipp presented his report. He primarily discussed the need to increase and stabilize funding to support the core staff of the AIHEC central office and the need for both short-term and long-term approaches to address this urgent need.

X. Upcoming meetings schedule. Mr. Briggs, Ms. Candi Broeffle, Conference Coordinator, and Ms. Cissy Otis, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Briggs, provided an update on the 2001 Spring Conference to be held at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Cloquet, Minnesota.

Ms. Marcia Smith, AIHEC Office Manager, and Ms. Mia Stickland, AIHEC Program Specialist discussed upcoming AIHEC meetings.

MOTION: Mr. Shortbull moved that the schedule for future spring conference be as follows:

- 2002 South Dakota
- 2003 Montana Northwest
- 2004 North Dakota
- 2005 Southwest/West
- 2006 Great Lakes/Woodlands

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

XI. Committee Reports.

Operational Support and Development Committee

Mr. Tom Shortbull, chairman of the committee, presented four committee recommendations as follows:

- 1) The AIHEC fact sheet for the FY 2002 Interior Appropriations bill should be changed to remove specific amount requests for the non-Title I colleges and include the following language for these institutions: "Funding requests provided by individual members institutions."
- 2) AIHEC should support the re-appointment of Ms. Carrie Billy as Executive Director of the Office of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities. If this is not possible, then AIHEC should send a request to the current Administration to actively work with AIHEC to quickly find an acceptable alternative candidate.
- 3) The staff is directed to hold an orientation session regarding Tribal Colleges with new administration officials and Hill staff of key committees, as soon as these individuals are in place.
- 4) AIHEC should prepare a report comparing the national averages of costs associated with educating students at both 2 and 4 year schools, including HBCUs, HSIs, and other institutions of higher education.

MOTION: Mr. Houser moved to accept the all but the first committee recommendation.

SECOND: Mr. Jewett seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

MOTION: Mr. Shortbull moved that AIHEC's fact sheet for the FY 2002 Interior Appropriations bill be changed to remove specific amount requests for the non-Title I colleges and include the following language for these member institutions: "Funding requests provided by individual member institution."

SECOND: Dr. Lawrence seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was called for.

OUTCOME: The motion failed 13 no and 11 yes.

There was some confusion expressed regarding the vote.

The President declared a recess.

The meeting resumed at 5:10 pm

Facilities and Infrastructure Committee.

Dr. Briggs presented the committee report on behalf of Dr. Monette, chairman of the committee.

MOTION: Dr. Primm moved to give Dr. Gipp the authority to meet with the various parties involved in Tribal College technology initiatives, including the National Science Foundation and the Department of Defense. Dr. Gipp is directed to prepare a report that suggests future timelines and strategies for technology initiatives and to make the report available at the March meeting.

SECOND: Dr. Otis seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Special Initiatives and Student Support Committee.

Mr. Galbavy, chairman of the committee, presented the following recommendations:

- 1) Develop generic guidelines to assist with planning for the Spring Conference.
- 2) Require quarterly reports from Student Congress to promote better communication and keep abreast of activities.
- 3) AIHEC staff will coordinate internship requests and make them available to all TCUs. AIHEC will provide a report on internships to the committee for review.

- 4) AIHEC should respond to Texas Tech University Health Services Center for the Master's Rehabilitation Program. Encourage TTHUHSC to work with individual TCUs and provide direction if they are going to work with TCUs.
- 5) At least one representative from each region attend the NIH Conference in March.
- 6) Staff should work with the Department of Education to have the 2-year requirement for completion removed from the teacher training program regulations.
- 7) AIHEC staff should research partnership with the Council of Opportunity in Education and make a recommendation.
- 8) Support the symposium on the Lewis and Clark expedition sponsored by the Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission.

MOTION: Mr. Jewett moved to accept the committee's report and recommendations.

SECOND: Dr. Primm seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

MOTION: Mr. Galbavy moved to direct the staff of AIHEC to work with the Department of Education to remove the two-year requirement for completion of teacher training program

SECOND: Mr. Jewett seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice

Communications and External Relations Committee.

Chairman Lewis presented his committee's recommendations individually.

MOTION: Dr. Lewis moved that with respect to requests submitted from other higher education groups to sign onto group letters to the Hill or Administration, that the Executive Director, after reviewing each request, be authorized to make the decision to sign on behalf of the Consortium or refer it to the president of AIHEC for further consideration.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Dr. Lewis moved that the Communications and External Relations Committee serve as the primary committee contact or liaison with the American Indian College Fund.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Dr. Lewis moved that the Board look into the resources available to hire a public relations professional to help develop and implement a comprehensive PR plan, including the development of an information display booth.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Dr. Lewis moved that with respect to AIHEC's participation with outside groups and given the lack of personnel and financial resources, priority should be given to allocating these resources first to Tier I groups; A*CF, NASULGC, the Alliance for Equity in Higher Education, the Council for Opportunities in Education (COE), and the Committee for Education Funding. As time and resources allow, participation in Tier II groups would include: NCAI, NIEA, ACE, and AACC.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Dr. Lewis moved that the AIHEC website become a major communications tool with a public information component and a protected section for members only. AIHEC should explore contracting with a professional webmaster. The webmaster could provide opportunities to Tribal College students to update and maintain, under his/her supervision, the website.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Dr. Lewis moved that the Communications and External Relations Committee serve as the advisory board for the Tribal College Journal and that the existing advisory board be disbanded.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

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

Research and Database Committee .

Dr. Swisher, chair of the committee, presented her committee's report and had no recommendations to present to the board.

Membership and Accreditation Committee.

Dr. McDonald, chairman of the committee, presented the committee's report and had no action items to report to the board.

XII. American Indian College Fund Report. Mr. Rick Williams, Executive Director of the American Indian College Fund, presented a report on recent activities of the College Fund.

XIII. Other Business.

Dr. Lewis announced that a workshop will be held at the AIHEC conference in Cloquet, Minnesota for TCU public relations representatives. He encouraged all colleges to send someone to this workshop sponsored by the Tribal College Journal.

Dr. Primm distributed a survey on Tribal College diabetes activities that was prepared by Ms. Gwen Hosey with the IHS National Diabetes Program. He asked that all colleges complete this survey and return it to Ms. Hosey by February 28, 2001. Dr. Primm said that the information collected through these surveys is critical in order to ensure that Tribal Colleges receive additional money from the Indian Health Service for their diabetes programs.

Dr. Otis and Mr. Briggs presented gifts on behalf of their colleges to Ms. Veronica Gonzales for her work as AIHEC Executive Director.

Ms. Manuelito-Kerkvliet said that she wanted to go on record with respect to the prior vote regarding Mr. Shortbull's motion to amend the AIHEC FY 2002 Interior Appropriations fact sheet. She would like the record to reflect that she intended to vote no on the motion.

Mr. Tom Davis announced that every college will receive a comprehensive notebook on technology activities.

Mr. Gerry Hope with the Consortium for Alaska Native Higher Education thanked the members of the board for the opportunity to meet with them.

XIV. Adjournment.

MOTION: Mr. Jewett moved to adjourn the 2001 Winter Board meeting.

SECOND: Dr. Otis seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6 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