

**2002 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HILTON ALBUQUERQUE
NEVADA/ARIZONA ROOMS
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
November 1, 2002**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order.** AIHEC President, Dr. James Shanley, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
- II. **Opening Prayer.** Dr. Verna Fowler, President of the College of Menominee Nation, offered the opening prayer.
- III. **Roll Call.** Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, called the roll.

Members Present

Blackfeet Community College	Terry Whitright
Chief Dull Knife College	Dr. Richard Littlebear
College of Menominee Nation	Dr. Verna Fowler
Diné College	Maggie Necefer
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College	Tom Davis
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	Lenee Ross
Little Big Horn College	David Yarlott, Jr.
Little Priest Tribal College	Ann Downes
Nebraska Indian Community College	Dr. Charles Stubbs
Northwest Indian College	Cheryl Crazy Bull
Oglala Lakota College	Thomas Shortbull
Salish Kootenai College	Dr. Joe McDonald
Sinte Gleska University	Dr. Lionel Bordeaux
Si Tanka/Huron University	Francine Hall
Sitting Bull College	Ron McNeil
Turtle Mountain Community College	Dr. Carty Monette
United Tribes Technical College	Phil Baird
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
Red Crow Community College
Sisseton Wahpeton Community College

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

V. Introduction of Presidents, Guests, and Staff.

VI. William Mehojah, Director, Office of Indian Education, BIA. Mr. Mehojah addressed the Board on developments relating to the FY 04 budget and OMB Director Mitchell Daniels' directive to utilize PART (Performance Accountability Reporting Tool), which will tie future funding for Tribal Colleges to results based on specified benchmarks and standards.

VII. Secretary's Report. Secretary Monette presented the minutes of the 2002 Spring Board meeting.

MOTION: Mr. Davis moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

SECOND: Ms. Demaray seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Mr. Yarlott moved to approve the minutes as presented.

SECOND: Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

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

VIII. Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Treasurer McDonald, President Shanley requested Ms. Valerie Walker, Director of Finance and Administration, present the financial report.

MOTION: Dr. Swisher moved to accept the financial report presented by Ms. Walker.

SECOND: Dr. Littlebear seconded the motion.

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

MOTION: Mr. Ross moved to accept the FY 03 budget as presented.

SECOND: Ms. Warrior seconded the motion.

NOTE: Although no further motion was presented, it was agreed at the request of Mr. McNeil that the *Tribal College Journal* budget would be amended at a later date to address the anticipated shortfall in revenues due to a potential decrease in subscriptions by the American Indian College Fund. A*CF will make its decision by the end of the year.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote with one abstention.

MOTION: Mr. McNeil moved to approve the treasurer's report submitted by Dr. McDonald.

SECOND: Dr. Swisher seconded the motion.

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

IX. President's Report.

Liaison Appointments.

President Shanley appointed Mr. Yarlott to serve as AIHEC's representative to NASA, replacing the late Mr. Briggs. He also appointed Mr. Shortbull to serve as AIHEC's representative to NSF's Education and Human Resources Advisory Board to replace himself.

Working Group on CEUs.

President Shanley appointed the following individuals to serve as a working group to address issues relating to CEUs: Dr. McDonald, Mr. Shortbull, Mr. Houser, Mr. Baird, Ms. Crazy Bull, Ms. Carole Davis, and Mr. Tom Davis. President Shanley directed staff to develop written options and submit them to the working group for consideration. Executive Director Gipp will schedule a meeting.

Working Group on the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act.

President Shanley appointed the following individuals to serve as a working group on the revision of the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act and related issues: Mr. Ross, Ms. Manuelito-Kerkvliet, Dr. Bordeaux, Dr. Monette, Mr. Baird, Ms. Warrior, Mr. McNeil, and himself.

Updates on the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium and the American Indian University Proposal.

At President Shanley's request, Dr. Bordeaux provided updates on the development of the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) and the National American Indian University proposal supported by Senator Innouye (D-HI).

X. Executive Director's Report. Dr. Gipp discussed his written annual report highlighting key accomplishments in 2002 and areas of major emphasis in the coming year.

MOTION: Ms. Hall moved that the Board commend the Executive Director and staff for all of their hard work and efforts over the past year.

SECOND: Dr. Bordeaux seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Gipp then discussed the success of the committee system and proposed changes designed to: (1) eliminate some of the overlap in the committees' areas of jurisdiction, and (2) better mirror the new organizational plan and issue structure. The new committee structure proposed includes: Executive Committee; Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; Development, Communications and External Relations; Membership and Accreditation; Research and Database; and Public Programs (with two subcommittees – Congressional/Policy and Executive Branch/Federal Programs.)

MOTION: Dr. Swisher moved to adopt the new committee structure and revised assignments as presented.

SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the motion.

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

XI. Committee Reports.

Joint Committees on Institutional Operations, Research, and Technology.

Dr. Fowler presented the motions forwarded to the Board by a meeting of the Joint Committees on Institutional Operations, Research, and Technology.

1994 Land Grant Institutions Vision Statement.

MOTION: Dr. Fowler moved to adopt the following 1994 Land Grant Institutions' vision statement:

“The 1994 Land Grant Institutions seek to ensure the well being of America’s indigenous peoples and their tribal nations through discovery, learning, and community engagement.”

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion as amended.

MOTION: Mr. Baird offered a substitute motion to amend the Vision Statement as follows:

“The 1994 Land Grant Institutions seek to ensure the well being of America’s indigenous peoples and their tribal nations *and their tribal homelands* through discovery, learning and community engagement.”

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion as amended.

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

Indian Student Count (ISC).

MOTION: Dr. Fowler moved that AIHEC staff study different definitions of “Indian Student,” including lineal descendency, enrollment in Indian tribes (Canadian and Mexican) and federal recognition, and report back to the Board their findings.

SECOND: Ms. Crazy Bull seconded the motion.

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

Deletion of Section 1801(b)(6) of the TCU Act.

MOTION: Dr. Fowler moved that during the reauthorization of the TCU Act, AIHEC seek the deletion of 1801(b)(6), which states: “No credit hours earned by an Indian student who is not making satisfactory progress toward a degree or certificate shall be taken into account.”

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: By a show of hands, the motion passed 10/6.

External Relations Committee.

MOTION: Ms. Demaray moved that one student per college participates in the AIHEC Winter Conference in Washington, DC.

SECOND: Ms. Warrior seconded the motion.

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

Research and Database Committee.

MOTION: Dr. Swisher moved that the following resolution be adopted and included in future grant application packages:

WHEREAS the American Indian Consortium’s Board of Directors by board action has identified and reaffirmed the collection, analysis and dissemination of tribal college data as an urgent priority and has incorporated this effort as a component of the mission of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, and

WHEREAS the American Indian Higher Education Consortium agrees to fully support and substantially leverage grant applications of the Consortium to be submitted to appropriate federal, state, and tribal entities for the purpose of maintaining and expanding the collection, analysis and dissemination of data related to Tribal Colleges and Universities,

Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the Board of Directors, that AIHEC reaffirms its commitment to gathering and disseminating accurate and timely data regarding the Tribal Colleges and Universities.

SECOND: Mr. Ross seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion agreed to unanimously by voice vote.

Special Initiatives and Student Support Committee.

Task Force on Health Care Needs of Native Communities.

MOTION: Dr. Fowler moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors establish a Task Force to work with Medicare/Medicaid staff on the 3 planning indicators, as well as any others, which pertain to the health care needs of Native Communities.

SECOND: Dr. Monette seconded the motion.

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

TCU/Head Start Legislation.

MOTION: Dr. Fowler moved that AIHEC should seek TCU/Head Start legislation, which would authorize funding for Headstart related program development at all Tribal Colleges and Universities. Such legislation will be a priority for AIHEC Congressional activity in the upcoming session of Congress.

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

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

Diné College Summer Research Enhancement Program.

MOTION: Dr. Fowler moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors endorse the Diné College Summer Research Enhancement Program and the Public Health Summer Fellowship Program, sponsored by Morehouse School of Medicine, both of which are funded by the Centers for Disease Control; and the Board encourages further collaboration with the programs.

SECOND: Mr. Davis seconded the motion.

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

TCU Library Construction Initiative.

MOTION: Dr. Fowler moved that the AIHEC staff be directed to study the feasibility of initiating a public-private TCU Library Construction Initiative, which would become part of the AIHEC facilities initiative.

SECOND: Ms. Warrior seconded the motion.

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

Technology and Infrastructure Committee.

MOTION: Dr. Monette moved that the AIHEC Central Office be directed to work with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other agencies as appropriate, to coordinate and strengthen support for the AIHEC Spring 2003 Annual Conference, which will focus primarily on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education. Specifically, the Board directs the AIHEC Central Office to secure authorization to expend up to \$60,000 under the NASA "Building Bridges" grant and up to \$28,000 under the current EPA Cooperative Agreement with AIHEC to: (1) conduct faculty development workshops in STEM content development, instructional improvement, and best practices at the 2003 Annual Conference; and (2) support attendance by tribal college faculty at the 2003 Annual Conference and workshops.

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

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

XII. American Indian College Fund Report. A*CF Executive Director, Rick Williams, presented an update on recent College Fund developments and activities.

XIII. Presidential Advisory Board on Tribal Colleges and Universities (PABTCU). PABTCU Board member Kathy Domenici discussed the WHITCU initiative and the top priorities determined by the Board, which include institutional operations, facilities, research and data collection, endowments, and technology.

XIV. New Representatives to the A*CF Board. Mr. Williams asked that the AIHEC Board appoint five new representatives to the A*CF Board, in addition to continuing members Drs. Monette and Swisher.

MOTION: Mr. McNeil moved that Mr. Ross, Ms. Hall, Ms. Warrior, Mr. Whitright and Mr. Yarlott be appointed as AIHEC's new representatives to the A*CF Board.

SECOND: Mr. Davis seconded the motion.

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

XV. Tribal College Journal Report.

Editor Marjane Ambler distributed a copy of the 30th Anniversary issue of the *TCJ* to each college represented at the meeting.

XVI. Election of Officers for 2002-2003.

Member At-Large.

MOTION: Mr. Davis moved to nominate Dr. Swisher to serve as Member At-Large.

SECOND: Ms. Warrior seconded the motion.
The nominations were closed.

OUTCOME: Dr. Swisher was elected unanimously by acclamation.

Treasurer.

MOTION: Mr. McNeil moved to nominate Dr. McDonald to serve as Treasurer.

SECOND: Dr. Swisher seconded the nomination.

The nominations were closed.

OUTCOME: Dr. McDonald was elected by acclamation.

Secretary.

MOTION: Mr. Davis nominated Dr. Monette to serve as Secretary.

SECOND: Ms. Ross seconded the motion.

MOTION: Ms. Falcon-Chandler nominated Ms. Demaray.

SECOND: Ms. Warrior seconded the motion.

The nominations were closed.

OUTCOME: There was a tie by secret ballot. The decision was made by a coin toss with Dr. Monette remaining as Secretary for the coming year.

Vice President.

MOTION: Mr. Ross nominated Dr. Fowler to serve as Vice President.

SECOND: Mr. Houser seconded the nomination.

The nominations were closed.

OUTCOME: Dr. Fowler was elected by acclamation.

President.

MOTION: Ms. Warrior nominated Dr. Shanley to serve as President.

SECOND: Dr. Stubbs seconded the nomination.

MOTION: Ms. Demaray nominated Dr. Littlebear to serve as President.

SECOND: Mr. Whitright seconded the nomination.

The nominations were closed.

OUTCOME: Dr. Shanley was elected President by secret ballot.

XIV. Closing Prayer. Dr. Bordeaux, President of Sinte Gleska University, gave the closing prayer.

XIII. Adjournment.

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved to adjourn the 2002 Fall Board of Directors' Meeting.

SECOND: Dr. Fowler seconded the motion.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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

Executed and acknowledged by the undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation.

/s/

Dr. Gerald "Carty" Monette, Secretary
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

Date