

**2003 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
GREENSBORO MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN  
GREENSBORO, NC  
OCTOBER 31, 2003**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order.** AIHEC President, Dr. James Shanley, called the 2003 Fall Board of Directors' meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.
  
- II. Introduction of Guests and AIHEC Staff.**
  
- III. Opening Prayer.** The prayer was offered by Rick Williams, Executive Director of the American Indian College Fund.
  
- IV. Roll Call.** Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, called the roll.

Members Present

Cankdeska Cikana Community College	Cynthia Lindquist Mala
College of Menominee Nation	Dr. Verna Fowler
D-Q University	Jim Lamenti
Diné College	Ferlin Clark
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College	Dr. Donald Day
Fort Belknap College	Carole Falcon-Chandler
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
Little Big Horn College	Dr. David Yarlott, Jr.
Little Priest Tribal College	Louis LaRose
Nebraska Indian Community College	Dr. Charles Stubbs
Northwest Indian College	Cheryl Crazy Bull
Oglala Lakota College	Thomas Shortbull
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College	Dr. Jeffrey Hamley
Salish Kootenai College	Dr. Joe McDonald
Sinte Gleska University	Dr. Lionel Bordeaux
Sitting Bull College	Ron His Horse is Thunder
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	Dr. Joseph Martin
Stone Child College	Steve Galbavy
Tohono O'odham Community College	Dr. Robert Martin
Turtle Mountain Community College	Theresa Davis
United Tribes Technical College	Phil Baird

Members Present by Proxy

Crownpoint Institute of Technology  
Fort Berthold Community College

Proxy Held By:

Ferlin Clark  
Dr. James Shanley

Members Absent

Bay Mills Community College  
Blackfeet Community College  
Chief Dull Knife College  
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College  
Leech Lake Tribal College  
Red Crow Community College  
Sisseton Wahpeton College  
Si Tanka/Huron University  
White Earth Tribal and Community College

**A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.**

**V. Executive Session.** Dr. Shanley convened the Board in executive session to discuss a personnel matter and the status of the audits for FY 2000 and 2001. Also raised in executive session was the apparent non-enforcement of the bylaw provision relating to the loss of voting privileges by members that had not paid their annual membership dues.

**VI. Resumption of regular session.** Upon resumption of the regular session, the Board voted on the renewal of Dr. Gerald Gipp's contract as Executive Director of AIHEC.

**MOTION:** Dr. McDonald moved to renew Dr. Gipp's contract for three years.

**SECOND:** Dr. Stubbs seconded the motion.

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

**VII. Secretary's Report.** In the absence of AIHEC Secretary, Dr. Monette, Dr. Shanley presented the minutes of the 2003 Spring Board of Directors meeting.

**MOTION:** Dr. Verna Fowler moved to adopt the minutes as presented.

**SECOND:** Ms. Warrior seconded the motion.

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

**VIII. American Indian College Fund Report.** Mr. Rick Williams, A\*CF Executive Director, presented a report on recent A\*CF activities and the status of their fund raising activities. He noted a significant decline in giving, including individual bequests and corporate contributions, and that the advertising campaign is in jeopardy due to the lack of a sponsor.

**IX. Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Education.** The Board heard comments from Mr. Ed Parisian, Director of the Office of Indian Education, via a telephone conference call regarding the status of the FY 03 continuing resolutions and conference report relating to the FY 04 Interior appropriations legislation.

Dr. Shanley told Mr. Parisian that AIHEC's Board is recommending that Titles I and II of the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act receive separate marks for annual appropriations. Mr. Parisian requested that a copy of the motion be sent to him as soon as possible.

**X. WHITCU Report.** Mr. Thomas Luna, acting executive director of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities Office, said that the office was working to become an effective arm of the White House to advocate for TCUs and to promote the TCUs' agenda. He announced that the next WHITCU Board meeting is scheduled for December 1-3 in Las Vegas, NV.

**XI. Executive Director's Report.** Dr. Gipp presented his written annual report to the Board and acknowledged the work of the AIHEC staff over the past year to achieve the goals and objectives noted in his report. He made special note of talks with the Lumina Foundation regarding a prospective grant that will focus on funding for tribal college data collection and the development of tribal college student success indicators.

**XII. Treasurer's Report.** Ms. Valerie Walker, AIHEC's Director of Finance and Administration reviewed the current financial report and presented the budget for the coming year – FY 2004. She noted an anticipated deficit of approximately \$131,000 for FY 2004. The FY 2004 budget includes projected contributions and gifts at \$150,000. If these contributions are not realized, the total deficit could be \$281,000. Dr. Gipp noted that AIHEC will continue seeking resources and take necessary administrative action to offset the anticipated deficit for FY 2004. Not achieving that, the reserve account would be used as a last resort.

**MOTION:** Dr. McDonald moved to adopt the FY 2004 budget as presented.

**SECOND:** Ms. Warrior seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION:** Mr. Galbavy moved to adopt the financial report as presented.

**SECOND:** Dr. Stubbs seconded the motion.

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

**MOTION:** Ms. Warrior moved that all financial information should be included in the books mailed out to Board members prior to Board meetings in order to provide members with adequate time to review the materials.

**SECOND:** Mr. Galbavy seconded the motion.

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

### **XIII. Committee Reports.**

#### Development and Communications Committee.

Dr. McDonald presented the committee's report and the following motion.

**MOTION:** Dr. McDonald moved to support an initiative proposed by a collaborative of funders for a language immersion program that will be administered by the American Indian College Fund and without limiting other funding for similar purposes by AICF, AIHEC or individual tribal colleges.

**SECOND:** Mr. His Horse is Thunder seconded the motion.

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

#### Membership Committee.

Dr. McDonald presented the committee's report. He then introduced Mr. Ron Burgess, President of the Comanche Nation Community College, who briefed the Board about his college's activities. Mr. Burgess noted that his college was in the process of applying for membership in AIHEC.

Public Programs Committee. Mr. Galbavy presented the committee's report and the following motions.

#### **Continuing Education Units.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Galbavy moved to seek to amend the Tribally Controlled College of University Assistance Act to limit continuing education unit (CEU) credits that may be counted toward an institution's Indian Student Count (ISC) to 10 percent beginning in FY 2005.

**SECOND:** Mr. His Horse is Thunder seconded the motion.

**OUTCOME:** The motion passed by voice vote with Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College voting no and United Tribes Technical College abstaining.

#### **College Literacy in Finance and Economics (College LIFE) Act.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Galbavy moved that the Board of Directors of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium send a letter to Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) in support of his proposed legislation entitled: College Literacy in Finance and Economics (College LIFE) Act.

**SECOND:** Dr. Robert Martin seconded the motion.

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

**Tribal College Financial Empowerment Initiative.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Galbavy moved that the Board of Directors of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium agrees to the following resolution:

“The AIHEC Board of Directors recognizes and supports a Tribal College Financial Empowerment Initiative. The Board finds that financial education is a critical need in tribal communities and that tribal colleges can provide the education and training to improve the financial health of their constituents.

The Public Programs Committee recommends that each member institution consider incorporating financial education into their strategic plan at the earliest opportunity, and assigning at least one faculty or staff member to become a representative to the Initiative within 30 days.

*“Now, therefore be it:*

*Resolved, that* The Board of Directors of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium recognizes and supports a Tribal College Financial Empowerment Initiative; and

*Resolved, that* John Phillips is recognized as the AIHEC representative to the Native American Financial Literacy Coalition, a national group of public, private, and nonprofit organizations involved in financial education.”

**SECOND:** Mr. Jim Lamenti seconded the motion.

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

**First American’s Land-Grant College Organization and Network (FALCON).**

**MOTION:** Mr. Galbavy moved that the Board of Directors of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium agrees to the following resolution recognizing the establishment of a Tribal College Land Grant Professional Association entitled First American’s Land-Grant College Organization and Network (FALCON):

*”Be it resolved:*

*That* the Board of Directors of the American Indian Higher Education recognizes and supports a Tribal College Land-Grant Professional Association, entitled First American’s Land

Grant College Organization and Network (FALCON). The Board finds that an association for tribal college land grant professionals will benefit tribal colleges through improved cooperation, professional development, and communication to the public.”

**SECOND:** Mr. Louis LaRose seconded the motion.

**OUTCOME:** The motion agreed to by voice vote.

**Appointments to USDA/AIHEC Leadership Group and NASULGC.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Galbavy moved that the Board of Directors of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium appoints the following AIHEC presidents to both fill the vacancies on the USDA/AIHEC Leadership Group and to serve as AIHEC representatives to NASULGC:

Cheryl Crazy Bull, Northwest Indian College; and  
Dr. David Yarlott, Little Big Horn College.

**SECOND:** Mr. LaRose seconded the motion.

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

**Funding Programs and Initiatives:**

**MOTION:** Mr. Galbavy moved that the AIHEC staff should continue to pursue the following funding and program initiatives:

- A separate authority and new funding for a tribal college program within the Department of Health and Human Services;
- Retain facilities program in Title III and establish working group to examine proposed formula including the change of allotment criteria from Pell recipient to ISC;
- Additional operating funds under the Higher Education Act, subsequent to the reauthorization of said Act; and
- Conduct further study regarding supplemental funding being attained within the Department of Defense.

**SECOND:** Mr. Ferlin Clark seconded the motion.

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

**Allocation of operating funds to Title I and II colleges under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Galbavy moved that the Board of Directors of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium recommends that Titles I and II of the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act receive separate marks for annual appropriations.

**SECOND:** Dr. Stubbs seconded the motion.

**AMENDED:** Mr. Clark moved to amend the motion to add “based on the language of the Navajo Community College Act, as amended, and the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act, as amended.

**OUTCOME:** The amendment was accepted and the motion as amended was agreed to by voice vote.

**Diabetes prevention program.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Galbavy moved that the Board of Directors of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium recognizes the extreme need for expanded diabetes prevention and training programs in Indian Country. Further, the Board recognizes that tribal colleges are uniquely positioned and qualified to serve as effective agents of change, notwithstanding the lack of adequate funds and outside recognition of their ongoing efforts in this area. Therefore, the Board directs the AIHEC Project Director of the CDC Diabetes Prevention Grants program entitled: Honoring Our Health: Tribal Colleges and Universities Working with Communities to Prevent Diabetes to create a video documenting the process followed by grantees of this program to implement their diabetes prevention projects, and secure the funding to do so.

In addition, the Project Director shall develop other methods and tools to better assist tribal colleges with engaging their respective communities in diabetes prevention efforts.

**SECOND:** Mr. LaRose seconded the motion.

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

**Research and Database Committee.**

Ms. Cheryl Crazy Bull presented the committee’s report, including information regarding a prospective grant from the Lumina Foundation that focus on tribal college data collection and the development of tribal college student success indicators.

**Support for Northwest Indian College's National Indian Center for Marine Environment Research and Education (NICMERE).**

**MOTION:** Ms. Crazy Bull moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors reaffirms the ongoing development and expansion of the National Indian Center for Marine Environment Research and Education, housed at Northwest Indian College (NWIC), and urges all interested Tribal Colleges and Universities, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and other federal agencies to work with NICMERE and NWIC on relevant marine, oceanographic, atmospheric and fisheries sciences, economic development, and environmental restoration education and research projects.

**SECOND:** Dr. His Horse is Thunder seconded the motion.

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

**Support for Research Conference at AIHEC 2004 Spring Conference.**

**MOTION:** Ms. Crazy Bull moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors urges the hosting institutions for the AIHEC 2004 Annual Spring Conference (the Montana Tribal Colleges) to work with the AIHEC Research and Database Committee to include a *Tribal College Research Conference*, potentially titled "Claiming Our Own History: Building Institutional Capacity for Undergraduate Research," as a component of the conference to be held in Billings, Montana.

**SECOND:** Ms. Falcon-Chandler seconded the motion.

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

**Athletic Committee.**

Dr. McDonald presented the committee's report and briefly discussed the proposed Athletic Competition Policies and Guidelines that had been drafted by the committee.

**Athletic Competition Policies and Guidelines.**

**MOTION:** Dr. McDonald moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors adopt the Athletic Competition Policies and Guidelines as presented.

**SECOND:** Ms. Crazy Bull seconded the motion.

**AMENDED:** Dr. Bordeaux move to amend the guidelines to provide that students must carry 9 hours/credits.

**SECOND:** Mr. Shortbull seconded the motion to amend.

**OUTCOME:** The amendment was agreed to and the motion as amended was agreed to by voice vote.



**Athletic Commissioners.**

**MOTION:** Dr. Bordeaux moved to appoint the following individuals to serve on the AIHEC Athletic Commission: Cheryl Crazy Bull, Northwest Indian College; Phil Baird, United Tribes Technical College; Judy Gipp, Haskell Indian Nations University; Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC; Juan Perez, Salish Kootenai College; Joe Jaramillo, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute; Beverly Snell, Little Big Horn College; Bob Hall, Si Tanka University; and Ron Randall, Oglala Lakota College.

**SECOND:** Dr. Yarlott seconded the motion.

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

**XIV. Recognition of John Phillips.**

Dr. McDonald and the rest of the Board congratulated John Phillips, the AIHEC/USDA Liaison, on the receipt of his Ph.D. and his work to expand land grant opportunities for tribal colleges.

**XV. American Council on Education (ACE).**

Mr. Rick Chavolla gave report on ACE activities and asked for two AIHEC presidents to fill vacancies on ACE's Commission on Minorities in Higher Education. Dr. Jeffrey Hamley, President of Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College and Dr. Charles Stubbs, Acting President of Nebraska Indian College volunteered to represent AIHEC on the Commission.

**XVI. President's Report.** President Shanley noted that he was completing his third year as President of AIHEC and thanked the staff, Dr. Gipp, and the members for their support during his tenure. He also indicated that he wanted to serve in some capacity on the 2003-2004 Executive Committee so that the knowledge and insights he gained while President could be utilized to advance the agenda of tribal colleges. Dr. McDonald suggested that an amendment be drafted to the bylaws that would provide that the outgoing president serve for one year as the member at-large on the Executive Committee and that the amendment to the bylaws be considered at the 2004 Spring Conference.

**XVII. Election of Executive Committee Officers.**

**Member at Large**

**MOTION:** Dr. McDonald nominated Dr. Shanley for Member At Large.

**SECOND:** Mr. Galbavy seconded the nomination.

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

**Secretary**

**MOTION:** Mr. His Horse is Thunder nominated Dr. Day for Secretary.

**MOTION:** Dr. McDonald nominated Dr. Hamley for Secretary.

Nominations were closed.

**OUTCOME:** Dr. Day was elected Secretary by secret ballot.

**Treasurer**

**MOTION:** Mr. Clark nominated Dr. Joseph Martin for Treasurer.

**MOTION:** Ms. Debra Parrish nominated Dr. Hamley for Treasurer.

Nominations were closed.

**OUTCOME:** Dr. Martin was elected Treasurer by secret ballot.

**Vice President**

**MOTION:** Dr. Robert Martin nominated Ms. Crazy Bull for Vice President.

**MOTION:** Ms. Parrish nominated Dr. Fowler for Vice President.

Nominations were closed.

**OUTCOME:** Ms. Crazy Bull was elected Vice President by secret ballot.

**President**

**MOTION:** Mr. His Horse is Thunder nominated Dr. McDonald for President.

**MOTION:** Ms. Crazy Bull nominated Dr. Fowler for President.

**MOTION:** Ms. Parrish nominated Dr. Monette for President.

Nominations were closed.

**OUTCOME:** Dr. McDonald was elected President by secret ballot.

**XVIII. American Indian College Fund (A\*CF) Board Members.**

Mr. Williams asked the Board to reaffirm AIHEC presidents currently serving on the A\*CF Board, whose terms have not expired, and to fill three vacancies.

**MOTION:** Mr. Baird moved that the following Presidents be reaffirmed to serve on the A\*CF Board: Dr. Fowler, Ms. Falcon-Chandler, Dr. David Gipp, and Mr. Schuyler Houser.

**SECOND:** Ms. Crazy Bull seconded the motion.

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

At the request of the President for volunteers, the following four individuals were put forth to fill the three vacancies on the A\*CF Board: Mr. Clark, Dr. Hamley, Dr. Robert Martin, and Dr. Charles Stubbs. The following three individuals were selected by secret ballot: Mr. Clark, Dr. Hamley, and Dr. Robert Martin.

**XIX. New Business.**

**2004 Native American Voter Education Initiative**

**MOTION:** Mr. Baird moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors supports the 2004 Native American Voter Education Initiative in coordination with the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGA), along with other interested organizations.

**SECOND:** Mr. LaRose seconded the motion.

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

**XX. Recognition of President Shanley.**

Dr. Gerald Gipp thanked Dr. Shanley for his three years of service as AIHEC's President and called upon Dr. Bordeaux for his comments. Dr. Bordeaux commended Dr. Shanley not only for his service as President of AIHEC but also for his decades of commitment to Indian Education. Dr. Bordeaux presented Dr. Shanley with a framed certificate of appreciation and a letter from AIHEC indicating that Dr. Shanley's name would be inscribed on the honor wall at the new National Museum of the American Indian on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. Mr. Clark sang an honor song during which all those present personally thanked Dr. Shanley.

**XXI. Closing Prayer.**

Mr. LaRose offered the closing prayer.

**XXII. Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Minutes taken by Jean B. Foster, Special Assistant, Grants Oversight and Strategic Planning

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

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Dr. Donald Day, Secretary  
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

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