

**2003 SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
RAMADA PLAZA SUITES
FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
March 28, 2003**

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** AIHEC President, Dr. James Shanley called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:**
- MOTION:** Ron McNeil moved to waive the roll call.
SECOND: Phil Baird seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
- III. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**
AIHEC Secretary, Dr. "Carty" Monette presented the minutes of the 2002 Fall Board of Directors' meeting, asking members to review the minutes silently.
- MOTION:** Secretary Monette moved to approve the minutes as presented.
SECOND: Lenee Ross seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.
- IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:**
Treasurer, Dr. Joe McDonald and AIHEC Director of Finance & Administration, Valerie Walker, presented the AIHEC Financial Report for the Period of October 1, 2002 to January 31, 2003. Ms. Walker briefly discussed highlights of the report, noting that a number of member institutions had not paid their 2003 annual dues. She urged members to contact her if they had questions.
- Ms. Walker discussed the status of AIHEC's audits for fiscal years 2001 and 2002, stating that the FY2001 audit had been delayed because of a personnel change in the auditing firm's accounting staff. Ms. Walker stated that a different firm was conducting the FY2002 audit and that both audits would be completed in Fall 2003.
- Thomas Shortbull asked when tribal colleges would receive final FY2003 disbursements from the U.S. Department of the Interior. AIHEC Executive Director, Dr. Gerald Gipp, stated that despite daily inquiries to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, AIHEC had received no definite answer. He stated that AIHEC staff was preparing a letter to Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton on this matter, and would be collecting the signatures of tribal college representatives today. The letter would be faxed to Secretary Norton before the end of the day.
(NOTE: A copy of the letter is attached.)

MOTION: Treasurer, Dr. McDonald moved to approve the financial report as presented.

SECOND: Francine Hall seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dr. Gipp discussed the written Executive Director's Report, noting that it contained a detailed FY2003 federal appropriations' update. He thanked Drs. Monette and Shanley for testifying on behalf of AIHEC at Senate committee hearings on technology programs for minority serving institutions and the President's fiscal year 2004 budget request, respectively. Dr. Gipp thanked AIHEC staff for their work in and near Washington, D.C. given the currently tense times.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Development, Communications & External Relations Committee.

Committee Chair Richard Littlebear briefly discussed the committee meeting held on March 27, 2003. He stated that the committee would meet via conference call on April 15 to complete discussions related to the Tribal College Journal (TCJ).

MOTION: Tribal College Journal Support

Dr. Littlebear moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors encourage the American Indian College Fund to continue support for the Tribal College Journal past 2003.

SECOND: Ron McNeil seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Marjane Ambler, editor of the Tribal College Journal, briefly reported on Journal activities. She announced a "president's perk," whereby tribal college presidents could request one-year free subscriptions for current and potential supporters, donors, and partners. Ms. Ambler distributed free subscription forms, which should be returned to TCJ staff.

Membership & Accreditation Committee. Committee Chair, Dr. McDonald briefly discussed the Committee meeting held on March 26, 2003, stating that between eight and ten Indian tribes or organizations had made inquiries about joining AIHEC over the past year.

MOTION: Establishment of Athletic Committee

Dr. McDonald moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors establish an Athletic Committee.

SECOND: Carole Falcon Chandler seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was approved by voice vote.

Ad-hoc Athletic Committee: Dr. McDonald, Chair of AIHEC's Ad-hoc Athletic Committee, gave a short presentation on the Committee meeting held on March 27, 2003. He stated that to address future controversies over which teams can participate in AIHEC's annual

basketball tournament, the Committee recommends the establishment of an “AIHEC Athletic Commission.” Dr. McDonald noted that 15 women’s teams and 16 men’s teams had participated in the 2003 Spring tournament.

MOTION: AIHEC Athletic Commission

Dr. McDonald moved that the Board establish an “AIHEC Athletic Commission,” which shall report to the AIHEC Athletic Committee.

SECOND: Cheryl Crazy Bull seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

President Shanley stated that the new Commission’s policies should be subject to board review, similar to the process used by the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

MOTION: Initial Commission Membership

Dr. McDonald moved that the Board shall appoint no less than six members to the commission at this time, with an additional member to be appointed by an AIHEC-member institution in the southwestern United States. The initial six members shall be:

Juan Perez	Salish Kootenai College
Alex Prue	Northwest Tribal College
Bob Hall	Si Tanka University
Phil Baird	United Tribes Technical College
Beverly Snell	Little Big Horn College
Judy Gipp	Haskell Indian Nations Univ
TBD	SIFI

Alex Prue to serve as the interim chair of the Commission.

SECOND: Ms. Crazy Bull seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Dr. Monette stated that he would like to submit the names of one or two individuals to serve on the Commission. Dr. McDonald stated that it was permissible to submit additional names because the Commission could have seven, nine, or 11 members, with the knowledge that each institution must pay the travel costs for his or her commission member to attend commission meetings. He stated that the first meeting of the Commission would be scheduled for: (date still not determined).

Public Programs Committees: Congressional & Federal. In the absence of Committee Chair Steve Galbavy (Congressional) and on behalf of Committee Chair Elizabeth Yellowbird Demaray (Federal), Joseph McDonald presented to the Board a motion forwarded by the joint meeting of the two Public Programs Committees (Congressional and Federal) held on March 26, 2003:

MOTION: Initial Amendments to the Tribal College Act

Dr. McDonald moved that the Board recommend initial amendments to the Tribal College Act as follows:

- **Clarify the definition of “National Indian Organization”** by amending the current language as follows: “ "national Indian organization" means an organization, which the Secretary finds is nationally based, not-for-profit, which represents a substantial Indian constituency, and has expertise in the field of **Indian Tribal College and University higher** education;”
- **Clarify accreditation eligibility requirement** by inserting the following language at the end of section 1804: “(4) has been accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency or association determined by the Secretary of Education, to be a reliable authority as to the quality of training offered, or which is, according to such an agency or association, making reasonable progress toward accreditation (candidacy status).”
- **Clarification that technical assistance contract awards be released to AIHEC** by amending Sec. 1805. Technical assistance contracts as follows:

“The Secretary shall provide, upon request from a tribally controlled college or university, which is receiving funds under section 1808 of this title, technical assistance either directly or through contract. ~~In the awarding of contracts for technical assistance, preference shall be given to an organization designated by the tribally controlled college or university to be assisted.~~ **The Secretary shall direct contracts for technical assistance be given to a national Indian organization designated by the affected Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities.** No authority to enter into contracts provided by this section shall be effective except to the extent authorized in advance by appropriations Acts.”
- **Amend the title of the Act to read:** *Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act.*

SECOND: Ms. Demaray seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Dr. Monette asked Dr. McDonald and the Board President, Dr. Shanley whether Board members would have the opportunity to propose additional amendments to the Tribal College Act. President Shanley stated that members would have such an opportunity during the AIHEC Board of Director’s 2003 Summer Retreat and that at least one day would be added to the Retreat to discuss amendments to the Higher Education Act, the Tribal College Act, and other legislation. He stated that the Retreat would include several working sessions.

Research & Database Committee. Committee Chair Cheryl Crazy Bull briefly discussed the Committee’s meeting held on Wednesday, March 27, 2003. She stated that the committee had a discussion regarding the purpose/mission of the research and database committee. Ms. Crazy Bull presented motions and recommendations forwarded by the Committee.

MOTION: Role of Continuing Education & Tribal Colleges.

Ms. Crazy Bull moved that AIHEC staff prepare a briefing paper on the role of continuing education and tribal colleges to be reviewed by the research committee and to be discussed during the 2003 summer retreat.

SECOND: Karen Swisher seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Recommendation:

New Merriam Report: The Committee supports Paul Boyer's work on the "New Merriam Report" and recommends the completion of four position papers on economic development, governance, education, and health, and the pursuit of possible options for funding and publishing the results of these papers.

Role of Tribal Colleges: The Committee proposed the "role of tribal colleges in building tribal nations" as a topic of discussion for the 2003 summer retreat.

Research Conferences: The AIHEC central office staff should work with the Committee to host two research conferences on: (1) Scientific research processes and institutional review boards; and (2) Institutional capacity building for undergraduate research.

Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics (STEM).

Committee Chair, Dr. Monette briefly discussed the Committee meeting held on March 27, 2003. He announced that the Committee meeting's workbook, a resource tool for tribal college presidents and STEM faculty and staff, was available. Interested college representatives should contact, AIHEC Staff, Carrie Billy or Dana Gretz.

MOTION: Advanced Networking with Minority Serving Institutions

Dr. Monette moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors support the continuation of the Advanced Networking with Minority Serving Institutions (AN-MSI) project and urge Congress and federal agencies to provide funding to continue its work with minority serving institutions, including Tribal Colleges and Universities."

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

MOTION: Microsoft Training Through KnowledgeNet

Dr. Monette moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors endorse the North Dakota Association of Tribal Colleges' proposal to assist tribal college IT faculty and staff in participating in on-line Microsoft training through KnowledgeNet.

SECOND: Ms. Hall seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

- VII. AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND (A*CF) REPORT:** A*CF Director of Tribal College Relations, John Gritts, presented an update on recent College Fund developments and activities. Mr. Gritts stated that any institution with funds remaining in its A*CF Cultural Learning Center account must submit a proposal for spending the remainder to A*CF by June 1, 2003. He urged all institutions to ensure that grant/activity reports are current and asked that they send school newsletters to him, as both of these activities assist in making a connection with donors.
- VIII. NATIONAL ARTICULATION & TRANSFER NETWORK: (NATN)**
Ann Zinn, Project Director and Special Assistant to the Chancellor, presented briefly on the National Articulation and Transfer Network. She stated that Susan Faircloth, AIHEC's Director of Policy Analysis and Research, would be attending a Network meeting during the week of April 7, 2003.
- IX. BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS U.S. INDIAN POLICE ACADEMY:**
Representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs U.S. Indian Policy Academy presented on two of the Academy's initiatives: (1) Accreditation of the BIA U.S. Indian Policy Academy in 2003; and (2) Academy's Community Policing Philosophy, which focuses on Native and traditional beliefs and practices.

Mr. Monte Gibson, Deputy Chief of Training, stated that his agency is interested in entering into a partnership with Tribal Colleges and Universities to prepare and train American Indian law enforcement officers. Elements of the partnership could include: courses and training in law enforcement and criminal justice; recruitment of American Indians into law enforcement careers; outreach training programs; and enhancement of training capabilities at tribal colleges and the Artesia New Mexico Law Enforcement Training Facility.

MOTION: Dr. Monette moved that the President of the AIHEC Board of Directors direct the appropriate committee to work with Mr. Gibson and his colleague to further develop this initiative and report back to the Board at the appropriate time.

SECOND: Mr. McNeil seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

- X. AIHEC 2003 SUMMER RETREAT:**
Dr. Gipp announced the schedule for the AIHEC 2003 Board of Directors Summer Retreat to be held at the Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA as follows:
- July 12, 2003:** Tribal College Act-Title I Tribal Colleges & Universities Meeting, hosted by Northwest Indian College in Bellingham, Washington
- July 13, 2003:** IT Executive Awareness Session for TCU Presidents: Information & Communication Technology
- July 14-16, 2003:** Board of Directors Retreat

July 17, 2003: Planning Meeting with the Office of Minority Health,
Department of Health and Human Services

July 18, 2003: Travel Day

XI. AIHEC-W.K. KELLOGG LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE: Deborah Wetsit, Director of the AIHEC Leadership Initiative, gave a brief presentation on the AIHEC leadership initiative. She stated that April 15, 2003 was the deadline for submitting recommendations of individuals to be Tribal College Leadership Fellows. She announced the first meeting of the fellows would be August 2-9, 2003 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel located in Washington, DC.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Dr. Charles Stubbs moved to adjourn the 2003 Spring AIHEC Board of Directors' Meeting.

SECOND: Veronica Gonzales seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Shellee Travers, AIHEC Staff, recorded the meeting minutes.

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

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

Date