

**2004 Fall Board of Directors' Meeting
Hilton Phoenix East/Mesa
Mesa, Arizona
October 27, 2004**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order.** AIHEC President Dr. Joe McDonald called the 2004 Fall Board of Directors' meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.
- II. **Opening Prayer.** A prayer was offered by Mr. Ferlin Clark, President of Diné College.
- III. **Roll Call.** Dr. Gerald Gipp, AIHEC Executive Director, called the roll.

Members Present:

Bay Mills Community College
Blackfeet Community College
Cankdeska Cikana Community College
Chief Dull Knife College
Crownpoint Institute of Technology
Diné College
Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College
Fort Belknap College
Fort Peck Community College
Haskell Indian Nations University
Institute of American Indian Arts
Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
Leech Lake College
Little Big Horn College
Northwest Indian College
Oglala Lakota College
Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College
Salish Kootenai College
Sinte Gleska University
Sisseton Wahpeton College
Si Tanka University
Sitting Bull College
Stone Child College
Tohono O'odham Community College
Turtle Mountain Community College
United Tribes Technical College

Members Present by Proxy

College of Menominee Nation
Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
White Earth Tribal and Community College

Represented By:

Michael Parish
Ron LaDue
Cynthia Lindquist Mala
William Wertman
James Tutt
Ferlin Clark
Dr. Donald Day
Carole Falcon Chandler
Dr. James Shanley
Dr. Karen Swisher
Charlene Teters
Dr. Betsy McDougall
Leah Carpenter
Dr. David Yarlott, Jr.
Cheryl Crazy Bull
Thomas Shortbull
Dr. Jeffrey Hamley
Dr. Joe McDonald
Dr. Lionel Bordeaux
Dr. William LoneFight
Francine Hall
Ron His Horse is Thunder
Melody Henry
Dr. Robert Martin
Wanetta Bennett
Phil Baird

Proxy Held By:

Cheryl Crazy Bull
Dr. Karen Swisher
Leah Carpenter

Members Absent

D-Q University
Fort Berthold Community College
Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Little Priest Tribal College
Nebraska Indian Community College
Red Crow Community College

A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

- IV. World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC).** Dr. Lionel Bordeaux introduced Dr. Toroa Royal, Executive Chair of WINHEC and Mr. Trevor Moeke, General Manager, Business Relations, Te Wananga o Aotearoa (University of New Zealand). Dr. Royal gave a presentation on WINHEC, including its history and the WINHEC accreditation model. He noted that AIHEC is a member of WINHEC and announced that WINHEC will hold their annual meeting just prior to the next World Indigenous People's Conference on Education (WIPCE) in November 2005 in New Zealand.
- V. Change in Agenda.** Ms. Wanetta Bennett asked that the election officers be moved up on the agenda.
- VI. WHITCU Report.** Ms. Diane Cullo, Executive Director of the Office of the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, presented the WHITCU report. She also introduced Mr. Anselm Davis, who recently joined the office as the Interagency Specialist.
- VII. Committee Reports.**

Communications and External Relations Committee

Dr. Hamley presented the committee's report and the following motions referred to the Board by the committee.

Unsolicited Proposal to Continue Funding for the Tribal College and University TRIO Initiative

MOTION: Dr. Hamley moved that an unsolicited proposal be prepared by the Salish Kootenai TRIO Institute and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium to continue the funding by the Office of Federal TRIO Programs for the Tribal College and University TRIO Initiative.

SECOND: Dr. LoneFight seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Recognition of the Opening of the National Museum of the American Indian

MOTION: Dr. Hamley moved that the Board accept the following resolution:

WHEREAS Tribal Colleges and Universities have been working to preserve and vitalize our cultures and traditions since 1968;

AND WHEREAS the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) opens new windows for Indian people to share information vital to our history, cultures, and Native languages;

AND WHEREAS the NMAI also makes it possible for others to understand and learn about the unique role and contributions that we as indigenous peoples have made in this world;

AND WHEREAS the NMAI has taken efforts to design exhibits that present not only ancient history, but more recent history, as well.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) Board of Directors applauds the opening of the NMAI and the leadership efforts of Senators Daniel K. Inouye and Ben Nighthorse Campbell to make it happen.

SECOND: Dr. McDougall seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

American Indian College Fund's Fundraising Efforts on Behalf of Tribal Colleges and Universities

MOTION: Dr. Hamley moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors recommends that the American Indian College Fund (A*CF) expand its fundraising efforts in the private sector on behalf of TCUs to include any area that is practical, feasible, and directly benefits the missions of the colleges. These solicitations will: (1) be closely coordinated on a monthly basis in writing with the AIHEC Executive Staff; (2) focus on flow-through funds to the colleges, and (3) not create significant programmatic initiatives administered by A*CF. Further, A*CF will identify resources that support AIHEC's mission and will refer those opportunities to AIHEC.

SECOND: Dr. McDougall seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Public Programs Committee

Dr. Robert Martin presented the committee's report and reviewed the committee's motions forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Working Group for Vocation and Adult Education (OVAE) Issues

- MOTION:** Dr. Robert Martin moved to name the Federal Agencies Subcommittee of the Public Programs Committee as the working group for Vocation and Adult Education Issues.
- SECOND:** Ms. Carpenter seconded the motion.
- OUTCOME:** The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Additional Resources to Support the Work of the Central Office

- MOTION:** Dr. Robert Martin moved to seek new and additional resources to support strategic initiatives and to help identify additional resources to support the functions of Congressional Affairs and Federal Relations advocacy and public relations.
- SECOND:** Mr. Parish seconded the motion.
- OUTCOME:** The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Research Committee

Ms. Crazy Bull presented the committee's report and reviewed the committee's motions forwarded to the Board for consideration.

New Merriam Report Dissemination

- MOTION:** Ms. Crazy Bull moved that AIHEC staff finalize and disseminate, electronically and through bound copies, the four New Merriam Reports authored by Dr. Paul Boyer.
- SECOND:** Dr. LoneFight seconded the motion.
- OUTCOME:** The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

AIHEC Research Policy

- MOTION:** Ms. Crazy Bull moved that a subcommittee of the Research Committee be established to develop a Research Policy, including Preamble, for committee consideration. Phil Baird and Dr. Karen Swisher will serve as members.
- SECOND:** Dr. McDougall seconded the motion.
- OUTCOME:** The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Student Satisfaction and Student Engagement Surveys

- MOTION:** Ms. Crazy Bull moved that the Board of Directors supports the drafting and submission of a proposal by AIHEC to develop culturally relevant student satisfaction and student engagement tools, which could be considered and adapted by TCUs.
- SECOND:** Dr. McDougall seconded the motion.
- OUTCOME:** The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

BIA Technical Assistance Funding

MOTION: Ms. Crazy Bull moved that to improve the ability of the AIHEC to provide adequate technical assistance to Tribal Colleges and Universities, the AIHEC Board of Directors recommends that the Bureau of Indian Affairs allocate an additional \$100,000 to the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

STEM Committee

Dr. Day presented a report on the committee's activities.

Athletic Committee

Dr. Yarlott presented the committee's report and reviewed the committee's motions forwarded to the Board for consideration.

Athletic Eligibility Standards

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved that the AIHEC Board adopt the Athletic Eligibility Standards developed by the AIHEC Athletic Commission. In addition, the proposed standards shall be deemed the minimum required of each institution. Institutions may exceed these standards, but not adopt less stringent standards.

SECOND: Dr. McDougall seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Annual Membership Fee

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved that a \$100 annual membership fee be required of each Tribal College and University (TCU) that sends sports teams to participate in AIHEC-sponsored/sanctioned athletic events. The \$100 fee would be paid to AIHEC by September 1 of the academic year in which the athletic competitions would take place. The proceeds of this fund would be divided as follows: 75 percent would go to the host institution(s) of the tournament or event and 25 percent would remain with AIHEC to be reserved as seed money for future events.

SECOND: Mr. Baird seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Athletic Funding Directive

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors approve a concept paper discussing unmet needs of Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) in the area of building and sustaining athletics programs. The paper, drafted by the AIHEC Athletic Commission, seeks to serve as a baseline proposal for use in securing funds for the purpose of building and sustaining athletic programs at TCUs.

Further, that the AIHEC Board approval be contingent on the addition of language that addresses Title IX (Civil Rights Higher Education Act) provisions.

Further, that the AIHEC Board empowers the AIHEC Executive Director and its Director of Membership Services to procure funds sufficient to meet the needs outlined in the Commission's proposal

SECOND: Dr. Robert Martin seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Dr. LoneFight requested that a survey be conducted to identify sports and games that are available in each community.

VIII. American Indian College Fund Report. Mr. Rick Williams, President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund (A*CF), presented a report on the College Fund's recent activities. He noted that A*CF had developed and adopted a new strategic plan for next three years. He announced that A*CF had secured a significant donation of \$1 million to permanently endow scholarships for male students at tribal colleges. Mr. Williams announced that the Lumina Foundation is funding an angel fund to be established at each college in the amount of \$10,000 to fund student emergency situations.

IX. Approval of Minutes.

MOTION: Mr. His Horse is Thunder moved to approve the minutes, as presented, of the March 19, 2004 meeting of the Board of Directors in Billings, Montana.

SECOND: Dr. McDougall seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

X. National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Report.

Dr. David Beaulieu, incoming president of NIEA, presented remarks about creating a partnership between AIHEC and NIEA and expressed a desire to work with AIHEC over the next year in more deliberate ways. He noted that NIEA is considering developing a Political Action Committee or PAC and increasing collaborations with other Indian organizations with respect to better advocate for Indian education in Washington, DC. He also suggested that NIEA would seriously consider having a student member from AIHEC sit on its Board.

XI. Announcements.

Dr. Swisher noted that the website for the 2005 AIHEC Spring Conference will be available in mid-November. Conference hosts include: Crownpoint Institute of Technology, Diné College, D-Q University, Haskell Indian Nations University, Institute of American Indian Arts, Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute and Tohono O’odham Community College.

Dr. John Phillips, AIHEC’s USDA Liaison announced that the upcoming conference of the National Association of State Land Grant Colleges and Universities will commemorate the 10-year anniversary of Tribal Colleges and Universities securing Federal land grant status.

XII. Executive Director’s Report and Treasurer’s Report.

Dr. McDonald announced that the Executive Director’s Report and Treasurer’s Report would be deleted from the agenda. Written reports were including in the Board books compiled for the meeting.

XIII. Election of Officers.

Ms. Hall thanked Dr. McDonald on behalf of the entire membership for his leadership and work as president of AIHEC.

President

Ms. Carpenter nominated Mr. His Horse is Thunder for President.
Dr. Bordeaux nominated Ms. Crazy Bull for President.
Ms. Bennett nominated Dr. Hamley for President.

MOTION: Ms. Falcon Chandler moved that the nominations be closed.
SECOND: Ms. Hall seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The nominations were closed.

Ms. Crazy Bull was elected President by secret ballot.

Vice President

Mr. His Horse is Thunder nominated Dr. Littlebear for Vice President
Ms. Bennett nominated Dr. Hamley for Vice President.
Dr. McDougall nominated Mr. His Horse is Thunder for Vice President.

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved that the nominations be closed.
SECOND: Mr. Clark seconded the motion.
OUTCOME: The nominations were closed.

Dr. Littlebear was elected Vice President by secret ballot.

Secretary

Dr. McDougall nominated Mr. His Horse is Thunder for Secretary.
Mr. Clark nominated Dr. Hamley for Secretary.
Mr. Shortbull nominated Mr. Clark for Secretary.

MOTION: Dr. McDougall moved that the nominations be closed.

SECOND: Ms. Carpenter seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The nominations were closed.

Dr. Hamley was elected Secretary by secret ballot.

Treasurer

Dr. Shanley and Dr. McDougall were nominated for Treasurer.

MOTION: Mr. Clark moved that the nominations be closed.

SECOND: Ms. Bennett seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The nominations were closed.

Dr. Shanley was elected Treasurer by secret ballot.

Member At-Large.

As immediate past president, Dr. McDonald will serve as the member at large on the 2004-2005 Executive Committee.

Dr. McDonald turned the meeting over to Ms. Crazy Bull, AIHEC's new President.

XIV. A*CF Board Vacancies.

Mr. Shortbull announced that he will not seek reelection to the A*CF Board. Mr. Williams explained that, therefore, three nominations were needed for A*CF Board membership.

Dr. McDonald nominated Ms. Hall.
Mr. Baird nominated Dr. LoneFight.
Mr. Tutt nominated Mr. Clark.

MOTION: Ms. McDougal moved that the nominations be closed.

SECOND: Ms. Teters seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The nominations were closed.

The nominees were agreed to by voice vote.

XV. AIHEC/USDA Leadership Group. Dr. John Phillips discussed leadership group and noted that there was a vacancy created by Mr. Steve Galbavy's departure.

It was agreed that Ms. Hall will serve on this panel. Additionally, it was agreed that Dr. Gerald "Carty" Monette will continue to represent the 1994 Institutions on the panel.

XVI. Athletic Commissioners.

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved to approve Jamie Sluys from Northwest Indian College and to ask for a representative from Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute to provide a replacement.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

It was further agreed that if there were any additional suggestions for nominees for the Commission that they be forwarded to Dr. Yarlott.

XVII. New Business.

Establishment of a Finance Committee

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved to establish a Finance Committee, with Dr. Shanley AIHEC's Treasurer, serving as chair.

SECOND: Dr. McDonald seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

Finance Committee Membership

MOTION: Dr. Yarlott moved that Mr. Shortbull, Mr. His Horse is Thunder, and Ms. Hall serve as members of the Finance Committee.

SECOND: Dr. McDougall seconded the motion.

It was suggested that an additional member be named so that there would be an odd number of committee members in the event of any tie vote.

MOTION: Ms. Lindquist Mala nominated Dr. McDougall.

SECOND: Ms. Carpenter seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: Both motions were agreed to by voice vote.

XVIII. Upcoming Meetings.

Dr. McDougall said that Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College will look into hosting the 2005 AIHEC summer meeting.

Ms. Crazy Bull suggested that consideration be given now to the Fall 2006 and 2007 meetings of NIEA, which will be held in Alaska and Hawaii, respectively. Since AIHEC generally holds its fall meetings just prior to the NIEA Conference, some members have expressed concerns about the costs associated with traveling to those locations. It was suggested that perhaps AIHEC select a location en route to these meetings, in lieu of holding them at the NIEA selected sites.

XIX. Commendation of AIHEC Staff.

MOTION: Dr. McDonald moved that the AIHEC Board of Directors extends its thanks to the AIHEC staff for the excellent and dedicated work they do in carrying out the Central Office's responsibilities and in the preparation of our Board meetings.

SECOND: Dr. Yarlott seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

XX. Evaluation of Executive Director Position.

MOTION: Dr. McDougall moved to establish an evaluation process and that a team be established to evaluate the Executive Director position.

SECOND: Ms. Carpenter seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voiced vote.

XXI. Membership and Scholarship Issues.

Concern was expressed about tying scholarship funds with membership issues. There appeared to be general consensus that the two issues should not be tied together and that there needed to be some opportunity to discuss options.

XXII. Code of Ethics and Professional Standards of Conduct.

MOTION: Mr. Baird moved to reaffirm the Board of Directors' commitment to a code of ethics and standards of conduct and asked that the Executive Committee review the matter and establish specific parameters.

SECOND: Dr. Swisher seconded the motion.

OUTCOME: The motion was agreed to by voice vote.

XXIII. Announcements.

Dr. Robert Martin thanked AIHEC staff and presidents for their assistance in helping Tohono O’odham Community College achieve 5-year accreditation and for helping the college to attain Federal land grant status.

It was also announced that White Earth Tribal and Community College received candidacy status.

XXIV. Closing Prayer. Dr. Bordeaux offered a closing prayer.

XXV. Adjournment.

President Crazy Bull adjourned the meeting at 1:05 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.

Dr. Jeff Hamley, Secretary
American Indian Higher Education Consortium

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