



Meeting Minutes
Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)

June 16, 2021

Video/Teleconference call
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Call to Order: 1:02 PM – Chair Scott Brewer

Roll Call: Director Lisa Welch

Voting Members Present:

Felica Ahasteen Bryant, Sara Albertson, Antoniette Holt, Anthony Jones, David Liebel, Matthew Rea, Dorene Red Cloud, Secretary Paul Strack, Vice Chair Tuttle J. Matthew Walsh, Chair Scott Brewer

Voting Members Regrets:

Voting Members Absent:

Pete Magnant,, Secretary Paul Strack, John Adams

Non-Voting Members Present: Senator Shelli Yoder

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Non-Voting Members Regrets:

Senator Greg Walker

Representative Daniel Leonard

Guests:

Director Welch conducted roll call. A quorum was declared with eight (8) voting members present via video/teleconference in accordance with Executive Order 20-09 issued by Governor Eric J. Holcomb. Commissioners Ahasteen-Bryant and Holt joined the call later, bringing the number of voting members present to ten (10).

Chair Brewer asked for review and approval of the May 19 minutes. Motion was given, seconded, and passed unanimously. Chair Brewer asked for a motion to review and approve the April and May 2021 financial reports. Motion was given, seconded, and passed unanimously. Director Welch discussed the director's report, which was accepted.

Old Business

Director Welch provided updates on the scholarship submission. There are currently six (6) scholars applying for the summer semester

New Business

1. Election - of Officer – a motion was made to table the election of commission secretary to the August meeting and was unanimously approved by roll call vote
2. Education subcommittee – Subcommittee Chair Felica Ahasteen-Bryant presented scholarship application revisions for review and the justification for the revisions to increase efficiency and simplify the application process for students.



Chair Brewer requested a motion to vote on the revisions, motion was made and seconded, and approved unanimously via roll call vote.

3. Education/events subcommittee – Commissioner Ahasteen-Bryant, Commissioner Red Cloud, and Director Welch provided updates for the budget and planning for Native American Heritage Month in November 2021. A motion to vote on the budget was requested by Chair Brewer. The motion was made and seconded, and passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Discussion/Announcements

Director Welch discussed opportunities to amend by-laws and develop an initiative to seek a partner to provide research-based recommendations based on commission areas of focus (employment, education, civil rights, health, and housing). Director Welch suggested a review of data already available within commission member agencies as well as an executive committee meeting for strategy development.

Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.