



**Meeting Minutes
Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)**

February 20, 2019

Eiteljorg Museum, 500 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Voting Members Present: Chairman, Scott Brewer; Felica Ahasteen-Bryant; Dorene Red Cloud; Paul Strack; Sally Tuttle; Kelly Flynn; Dr. Ken Folks, (DOE); Elizabeth Gamboa, (DNR); Anthony Jones, (DWD); David Liebel, (DOC)

Voting Members Regrets: Antoniette Holt, (ISDH); Sean Tierney, (CHE); **Absent:** Pete Magnant; **Vacant:** 2 Native American Positions

Non-Voting Members Regrets: Sen. Greg Walker - **Absent:** Rep. Dan Leonard

Call to Order / Opening Remarks: Chairman, Scott Brewer called the meeting to order at 1:03pm. He introduced himself as the new Chair adding a brief description of his background. Each of the other Native commissioners gave their own similar introduction. The Chair recognized the Civil Rights Commission Executive Director, Gregory Wilson in attendance for the swearing in ceremony.

Roll Call taken and a quorum was declared.

Invocation was given by meeting guest, Alvin Tsingine

Swearing in Ceremony: All appointed Native American Commissioners took the Oath of Office administered by Honorable Judge, Caroline Ryker

Agenda Approved

Motion: To approve the Agenda as circulated

Motion By: Sally Tuttle

Seconded By: Elizabeth Gamboa

Carried

Minutes Approved

Motion: To approve minutes of the December 19, 2018 meeting as circulated

Motion By: Paul Strack

Seconded By: Sally Tuttle

Carried

The Offices of Vice Chair, and Secretary filled

Motion: To elect (unopposed) Sally Tuttle as Vice Chair.

Motion By: Elizabeth Gamboa



Seconded By: Paul Strack
Carried

Motion: To elect (unopposed) Paul Strack as Secretary
Motion By: Sally Tuttle
Seconded By: David Liebel
Carried

Director's Report: The Executive Director gave a summary of activities between Commission meetings along with a list of ongoing projects.

Director's Report Approved

Motion: To approve the Director's Report
Motion By: Sally Tuttle
Seconded By: Dorene Red Cloud
Carried

Financial Report: The Executive Director presented the financial report showing \$32,146.49 remaining in the Operating Account, and \$473,052.49 in combined BMV and INA Trust accounts.

Financial Report Approved:

Motion: To approve the Financial Report
Motion By: David Liebel
Seconded By: Elizabeth Gamboa
Carried

Old Business: Director Williams gave an update after following up with the Warrick County School Superintendent regarding a parent complaint from the previous Thanksgiving regarding Native stereotypes and mis-represented messages promoted in an event at John H. Castle Elementary School in Newburgh, IN.

Motion: To authorize Director Williams to follow up with Warrick County Community Schools for professional development / sensitivity training there.
Motion By: Dorene Red Cloud
Seconded By: David Liebel
Carried

New Business

Future Meeting Dates / Location



Motion: To set April 17th and June 19th as the next two public meeting dates, to be held at the Eiteljorg Museum from 1:00 PM to 3:00PM, with a strategic planning session for commission members from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM before the April 17th meeting.

Motion By: Sally Tuttle

Seconded By: David Liebel

Carried

Legislative Breakfast discussed as a possible vehicle to promote the commission agenda to state legislators.

Motion: To start the planning process of scheduling a Legislative Breakfast

Motion By: Paul Strack

Seconded By: David Liebel

Carried

Overlooked Scholarship Application A scholarship application for the fall 2018 was missed in the award process in an oversight.

Motion: To award the overlooked \$3,000 scholarship retroactively since it met all qualifications, was submitted on time, and awarding it does not exceed the number of fall scholarships previously approved for that semester.

Motion By: Paul Strack

Seconded By: Sally Tuttle

Carried

Informal Discussion - Felica Ahasteen-Bryant volunteered to head the Education Subcommittee, and Sally Tuttle asked to join it. Scholarships fall under that sub-committee's purview.

Request for Interns - The Executive Director presented a request to authorize hiring interns to assist in the office.

Motion: To have the Executive Director provide detailed proposal (Native student, only? Lodging required? Source of funding? Specific project, or continuous opening/s? etc.).

Motion By: Dorene Red Cloud

Seconded By: Felica Ahasteen-Bryant

Carried

Public Comments - Gayle Green proposed an Eagle Staff for the Statehouse. She also asked if the April 17th strategic planning session was open to the public. (Chairman Brewer replied it would be a closed session.)

Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn the meeting

Motion By: Paul Strack

Seconded By: Sally Tuttle

Carried 2:44 PM

