

Native American Indiana Affairs Commission
Wednesday, September 19, 2007 (1:00 pm)
Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians & Western Art
Canal Level Board Room
500 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

- I. Call to Order and Noting of Quorum
 - A. Commission members present: Brian Buchanan, Terry Stuff, Brian Fahey, Steve Hall, Mike Barnhart, Ray Gonyea, Rick Jones, Reggie Petoskey, Dark Rain Thom, Jackie Cissell, Linda Madagame, Joe Baker, Representative Micon, and John Quick. Spiritual Leader Clarence White was unable to attend.
 - B. Terry Stuff - opening prayer

- II. Introduction of Commission

- III. Agenda Approval
 - A. Motion to accept agenda
 - B. Motioned carried

- IV. Minutes
 - A. Motion to accept minutes
 - B. Motion carried

- V. Announcements
 - A. Next meeting November 7, 2007

 - B. Town Hall Information
 - 1. Two more town halls before the end of the year
 - 2. September 29, 2007 – Information on the website

C. Diabetes Walk-a-Thon

1. October 7th – Indiana Historical Society

D. IUPUI Education Conference – November 15-17

E. Native American Proclamation Day – November 1

1. Indiana State Fairgrounds – Booth – need volunteers

F. General

1. White House conference
2. Faith Based Community Initiative - www.fbc.org
3. Ethic Expo in Columbus – Street Festival – Oct. 12-13
4. Inclusion First – Garfield Park – Early September

G. Introductions

1. John Ruckleshaus DWD Dept. Commissioner

VI. Organization of the Commission

A. Commission seat openings

1. One seat open – Governor’s office is aware and have a good list to work from

B. Director Job Review

1. Interviews took place
2. Need to fill position quickly – we have administrative problems to over come – per Brian Fahey

C. November 7, 2007

1. Legislative Recommendations

(a) State Recognition Process

(b) License Plate

Governor’s Intrastate Native American Council – Three delegates from Indiana have been appointed – Ray Gonyea, Reg Petosky, and Brian Buchanan. Ray Gonyea and Brian Fahey attended the conference at Lake Tahoe. They report that this is a grass-roots group that is not very political. They are a people-oriented group – See attached report. They were welcomed and given a pound of corn whose kernels are from the first crop grown from a stash buried along the Trail of Tears. The idea of becoming a resource bank for medicines, tobacco, feathers and other items was discussed. Partnering with the zoo was also discussed.

VII. Committee Reports –

- A. Executive Committee
 - 1. No report
- B. Legislative Funding Committee
 - 1. Change name of committee to Legislative Research
 - 2. Basic proposal is the proceeds from the NA Trust Fund (from license plate sales) will go for the benefit of the commission
- C. Sachem Committee
 - 1. Ray Gonyea met with the museum people and looked at space for the exhibit
- D. DOC Spirituality Committee Report
 - 1. Visits to Wabash Valley and other facilities were made with Dr. Hall
 - a. Lots of letters received along with a poem by Marvin Watkins III called “You can make a Difference”
 - 2. A feather was gifted to the commission from a spiritual leader of a circle
 - 3. Reggie Petoskey, Brian Buchanan, Steve Hall and Johnnie Flynn are visiting New Castle
- E. Directory Committee Report
 - 1. Current Draft – 16 pages, 64 entries. Need to integrate with two additional data bases
- F. State Recognition Committee
 - 1. Met at Columbia Club – outcome good – no report
- G. Housing Assistance Committee
 - 1. No Report
 - 2. Met with Steve Smith the director of the Office on Aging
- H. Health Assistance Committee
 - 1. Joe Baker from the Dept. of Health has been very supportive – See attached report
 - 2. Native Health Center – Looking for Funding
- I. Education Assistance Committee
 - 1. Linda Madagame reported that NAs under reported
 - 2. Survey – other ideas to promote reporting
- J. NAGPRA Committee – Findings Log
 - 1. No Report
 - 2. Rick Jones – restructuring the computer system- Accidental Discovery file - it will have two points of access – General Public and Authorized Personnel

VIII. Future Topics

- A. Town Hall Meetings – Indianapolis in November – Linda Madogame and Lafayette – Terry Stuff
- B. New Document – PDF
- C. Reception for Legislators at Eitelgeorge
- D. PowWow – target for next year

IX. Public Comments

- A. Logo
- B. Selling memberships to tribe that isn't really a tribe

Adjournment

**Governor's Interstate Indian Council
Conference Report
September 19, 2007**

Organized in 1947 by Governor Luther Youngdahl of Minnesota, the Governor's Interstate Indian Council (GIIC) has worked on the state level to promote cooperation between states and their native people and to work towards solutions to their mutual problems. GIIC is highly regarded by Indian people, states, and the U.S. Congress. The Senate and House Committees on Indian Affairs rely on GIIC input as do other Congressional committees and national organizations. It enjoys wide support in the National Governor's Association.

GIIC's goals and missions are:

1. To promote government-to-government relations between the tribes and their states'
2. To respect and recognize the sovereignty of tribes and the states [directed to federally recognized tribes];
2. To support the preservation of traditional Indian culture, language and values;
4. To encourage socioeconomic development aimed at tribal self sufficiency.

The Indian Affairs Commissions in thirty three states are members of the GIIC. As of August 20, 2007, Indiana became the 34th member.

INAIAC was invited to send a delegation to the 48th Annual GIIC Conference in Lake Tahoe, Nevada, November 9-13. Chief Buchanan requested that Ray Gonyea and Brian Fahey attend. As per GIIC bylaws, Governor Daniels appointed Ray Gonyea as the voting member of the delegation. Fifty people, fifteen Indian Affairs Commissions, and seven Nevada tribes were represented at the conference.

Commissioners Gonyea and Fahey went with a straightforward agenda: learn everything they could about the past and current programs mounted in other states by their Commissions, and determine whether the collected resources of these Commissions would help our Commission achieve its goals. Specifically, they were most interested in learning whether any of the member Commissions had sponsored programs to develop supplemental educational materials for grades K-5, and to learn about different outreach and public education methods being used elsewhere.

This is what was learned. Most of the tribes in other states are federally recognized. It is those tribes, not their state's Indian Affairs Commissions, that have developed similar educational materials. The Executive Directors of the member Commissions volunteered to search out such materials for us with the tribes in their state. Similarly, public education programs are most often created at the tribal level, including radio stations (Southern Ute, Colorado), newsletters, and student produced documentaries on modern Indian life, culture and values. Again, the member Commissions offered their active assistance in helping us identify materials which might be used or adapted for our public education purposes (using public television and community programming slots on cable outlets as our venue). On outreach, every Commission said they have fully functioning websites, seek alliances with tribes and Indian organizations, participate in a variety of events at which their stories can be told, and distribute brochures and other materials to native and non-native people alike.

We will be busy for some time to come following up all offers of assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Gonyea
Brian J. Fahey

**Native American Indiana Health Committee Update
September 19, 2007**

1. Outreach Activities

a. 2007 Pow Wows

- April 28-29 American Indian Council: 4H Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Indiana
- June 2-3 Miami Gathering of all Nations: Raccoon Lake, Indiana
- July 7-8 Honoring Thelma Heart Powwow: Marion, Indiana
- Aug 10-12 Mihsihkinaahkwa Pow Wow: Columbia City, Indiana.
- Aug 18-19 American Indian Council: 4H Fairgrounds, Lebanon, Indiana
- Sept 8-9 Andersontown Pow-wow: Anderson Indiana

**Last 2007 Pow Wow Sept 28-30 (Evansville Indian days Pow Wow)*

2. Pow Wow report (2007)—screenings & educational materials distributed

a. Overview: numbers to date

Educational materials

➤ **Brochures** **423**

Health Screenings (Pow Wows Aug 10 – Current)

➤ **Blood Pressure** **126**

➤ **Body Mass Index** **32**

b. Final Pow Wow report to commissioners by the first week of October

3. Final Report by next commission meeting

a. Report draft by mid-October

b. Supplemental

c. Native American health survey instrument

d. 2008 Native Action plan for the state