

Meeting Notes – Indiana Native American Indian Affairs Commission (INAIAC)

Wednesday, June 21, 2017
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Eiteljorg Museum
500 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Voting Members Present

Sally Tuttle, Shannon Turner, Pete Magnant, Stacy Townsley, Paul C. Strack, Molly Deuberry, David Liebel

Voting Members Not Present

Nathan Underwood, Erin Oliver, Tracy Locke, Antoniette Holt, Cameron F. Clark, Allison Taylor

Non-voting Members

Senator Randy Head (not present)
Representative Dan Leonard (not present)

Two Vacancies:

Indiana Department of Workforce Development delegate
Native American Indian appointee

Staff Present

Kerry Steiner, Executive Director

Invocation

At the request of Chairperson Tuttle, Commissioner Turner provided the invocation.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by Chairperson Tuttle. Executive Director Steiner performed a roll call which resulted in seven voting members being present at the start of the meeting. As a result, quorum was not established.

Guest Presenter

Chandler Lighty, Executive Director of the Indiana Historical Bureau, presented on historical markers relating to Native American history in Indiana.

Discussion

Podcasts/Videos

Commissioner Turner stated she had narrowed down the list of videos which were appropriate for the classroom and she provided a description of each one. Commissioner Liebel asked if there was a cost for these videos and Commissioner Turner responded in the affirmative adding that she thought it was around \$1,000 based on information previously provided by Executive Director Steiner. Commissioner

Strack asked if that was a one-time expense and Chairperson Tuttle stated it is. There was some discussion about the videos eventually being used by teachers and Commissioner Deuberry offered to share the information if or when the Commission purchased the licensing rights.

Back to School Supplies

It was the Commission's original intention to purchase school supplies for Native families in the Marion County area; however, Executive Director Steiner stated she had received a call from an organization called Friends of Turtle Island who had offered to donate 19 backpacks filled with school supplies. Executive Director Steiner stated she would be picking them up and taking them to the American Indian Center of Indiana where they would be distributed to the families.

Cultural Competency Conference

Chairperson Tuttle mentioned that Executive Director Steiner had received a phone call about an upcoming conference for health care professionals and asked her to explain the details. Executive Director Steiner stated she was in contact with the Equity Institute at IUPUI about a cultural competency conference for nurses and nurse practitioners that they host each year, and it was decided that the keynote speaker for the next conference would be Native American. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Giveaways

Chairperson Tuttle brought up an idea she had about disseminating information on flash drives. She explained that they could go to teachers or the general public, would have the Commission's name imprinted on them, and be encrypted so they were read-only. Executive Director Steiner explained some cost information.

Commissioner Strack asked what day the retreat was scheduled for and Executive Director Steiner stated it was slated for the October meeting and that it was not a formal business meeting so was not open to the public. Chairperson Tuttle added that she would like to see as many commissioners as possible attend.

Adjournment:

Unable to conduct any official business, the meeting adjourned.