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

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018**

**1:00pm-3:00pm**

**Eiteljorg Museum**

**500 West Washington Street**

**Indianapolis, Indiana 46204**

**Voting Members Present**

Sally Tuttle, Paul Strack, Pete Magnant, Shannon Turner, Dave Liebel, Ken Forks, Elizabeth Gamboa, Kylie Flynn

**Voting Members Not Present**

Erin Oliver, Tracy Locke, Nathan Underwood, Sean Tierney-(Lost in phone call) Antoniette Holt (Lost in phone call)

**Non-Voting Members**

Senator Greg Walker, (Present)

Representative, Den Leonard (Present)

**Vacancy**

Native American Indian (Traditional) appointee position

**Staff Present**

MeLissa J. Williams, Director

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm. by Chairwoman, Sally Tuttle. Director Williams performed the roll call that resulted in a quorum being at the start of the meeting. Chairperson, Sally Tuttle welcomed new commissioner from Department of Education, Dr. Ken Folks. He is the Chief Academic Officer. He replaces Patrick McAlister.

**Invocation**

Commissioner Pete Magnant read the Native American Indian Ten Commandments.

**Review the June 20, 2018 Minutes**

Chairperson Tuttle offered the June 20, 2018 minutes to be reviewed. Commissioner Strack suggested to Director Williams to add the date and the location to the top of the page of the minutes. Director Williams stated that she would add them. Motion was made to accept the minutes with the changes by Commissioner Elizabeth Gamboa, second by Commissoiner Pete Magnant and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Director’s Report**

Director Williams discussed the importance of attending the variety of events in creating partnerships for the future. She thanked Chairperson, Sally Tuttle and Commissioner Shannon Turner for helping at the Eiteljorg Museum Indian Market that was held on June 23/24, 2018. She thanked Chairperson Sally Tuttle and Vice Chair Paul Strack for working the booth with her for the two day Columbia City Pow Wow. During September 5-7, 2018. Director Williams stated that Chairperson Sally Tuttle and her will be traveling in September to Clinton, North Carolina for the NC Native American Commission. They will be talking to the commissioners and attending the American Indian Indigenous Women’s Conference too. On September 8 &9, the Director will be at the Anderson Town Pow -Wow. On September 25-28, Chairperson and the Director will be attending the Governor’s Interstate Indian Conference in Custer, South Dakota to learn more about Native American Indian Commissions and the government process that manages them. The last thing that Director Williams talked about was that she promotes Civil Rights so if anyone has a complaint then she can take it then turn it into the Indiana Civil Rights Commission so they can investigate and take further action if necessary. She has received training from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission to take complaints.

**Financial Report**

Director Williams discussed that the upcoming events in November will have a budget and then individual line items for each expense under that event. She also explained that the State had invested $100,000 from the License Plate Trust in 2014 and it will mature in 2020. The motion was made to accept the report by Commissioner Paul Strack. It was seconded by Commissioner Pete Magnant and it was passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

Since Subcommittee Chair of the Education was absent, Director Williams spoke about the INAIAC Teacher Grant. She stated that the form needed to be updated in the area of destinations. Director Williams stated that she spoke with Commissioner Locke about the Potawatomi Trail of Death is only a marker. The commission heard from Friends of Angel Mounds member about the importance of Angel Mounds. The commission heard from Doug Peconge, Preservation Officer of the Miami Oklahoma regarding the problem of promoting the Miami Indian Village School. He stated that the school was built on top of an Indian cemetery. He also stated that it was his family that was in that cemetery. Director Williams stated that in the future there will be a policy and scoring procedures for the education subcommittee to use in selecting the teacher that receives the grant. A motion was made to delete Fort Ouiatenon, Tippecanoe County Historical Society Association. Native American Indian Days at the Capitol would be added to the list of selected destinations. The motion was made by Commissioner Magnant. It was second by Commissioner Liebel. It was passed unanimously.

Motion was made to increase the teacher grant to a total of $6250.00 per academic year by Commissioner Elizabeth Gamboa. It was seconded by Shannon Turner.This increase would serve up to least 25 teachers in the State of Indiana. Each teacher could request up to $250.00 for their school. The education subcommittee would use scoring sheets and procedures to decide the chosen schools to receive the grant. It was seconded by Commissioner Shannon Turner. It was passed unanimously.

Director Williams stated that she has only received two scholarship applications. She requested that the deadline be extended to August 30th. The motion was made by Commissioner Shannon Turner. It was seconded by Commissioner Dr. Folks. It passed unanimously.

Director Williams discussed the importance of increasing the scholarship amount. She requested that the students receive $3000 per semester. Chairperson Sally Tuttle decided to table it and have the Scholarship Subcommittee discuss it further then report back to the commission.

Chairperson Sally Tuttle discussed the upcoming events that Director Williams had planned for the INAIAC. Director Williams discussed the importance of the impacting community outreach events that she has planned for November Native American Indian Month.

1. Director Williams applied for the proclamation to be made in November on May 10, 2018. Waiting to hear back from the Governor’s office. Governor’s Proclamation for November 3rd, 2018.
2. Presenting an award to a Native American Indian Veteran at the ceremony on November 3rd.
3. INAIAC Honors the Indiana Native American Indian Veterans on November 3 at the Indiana’s War Memorial, Indianapolis, Indiana from 11:00am to 2:00pm.
4. Native American Indian Days at Indianapolis Veteran’s Hospital
5. Scheduled school presentations in the elementary, high schools, colleges, universities throughout the State of Indiana.

Director Williams also discussed that she needed approval from the commission to set up a budget for each event. The money for each event would come from the license plate fund. She discussed the importance of the impact that this would make on the community.

Native American Indian Veterans Ceremony at the War Memorial=$15,000.00

Here is the example of the type of expenses.

Mailings- $2500.00 (992 have been found to live in the State of Indiana)

Food- $2000.00

Honor Guard $2000.00 (At the most)

Drum $3400.00 (approximately)

Travel $600.00

Gift/Coins $1500.00

Certificate/Frame $500.00

Misc. $2000 (Flyers, posters, etc.)

Motion was made to approve this event and the budget by Commissioner Shannon Turner, Seconded by Commissioner Pete Magnant. It was passed unanimously.

Native American Indian Day at the Capitol

It will be at the Capitol on November 2nd. Each Native American Indian Commissioner will be required to be at this event to present their tribal history. There will be some expenses to this event such as food, etc. The motion was made to accept the budget of $5000.00 for this event. The money would also come from the license plate fund. The motion to accept this event and the budget for the event was made by Commissioner Dr. Folks and seconded by Commissioner Dave Liebel. It was passed unanimously.

Indianapolis Veteran’s Hospital Native American Indian Day on November 5 & 6th.

The requested budget would be $500.00. The expenses would be refreshments and a craft for the veterans. The motion was made to accept this event and the budget for the event by Commissioner Libby Gamboa, seconded by Commissioner Shannon Turner. It was passed unanimously.

New Business

Archaeology Symposium by Cathy Draeger Williams

Public Comments- none were made.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Commissioner Paul Strack and it was seconded by Shannon Turner. It passed unanimously. The INAIAC meeting ended at 2:20pm.