

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

Friday, March 4, 2016

The Education Subcommittee meeting was called to order at 2:04pm.

Commissioners Present: Erin Oliver, Tracy Locke, Pete Magnant

Commissioners Not Present: Sen. Randy Head, Sarah Ancel, Shannon Turner

Staff Present: Kerry Steiner

Volunteers Present: Debra Haza

The Education Subcommittee meeting conference call was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting was to give the Education Subcommittee members an opportunity to review the Scholarship Application and MOU between the INAIAC and the American Indian Center of Indiana (AICI), who will serve as the third party administrator of INAIAC's scholarships.

Kerry Steiner opened the discussion by explaining that the deadline dates for both the academic year scholarships and the summer school scholarships have been changed in order to accommodate AICI's deadlines.

Erin Oliver asked where we have been advertising the scholarships and Kerry Steiner stated that so far, the initial press release, social media, the website and in the AICI newsletters.

Erin Oliver asked if there was an update on the Wea tribe, referring to AICI's efforts to get approval to include them within their own programs and services, and Kerry Steiner stated that in the last conversation she had with Doug Poe at AICI, he'd not yet received a response from the email he'd sent them.

Kerry Steiner asked if the members had any ideas on other places we could advertise the scholarships and Erin Oliver asked if it was possible to distribute the information to all of the colleges and universities across the state. Kerry Steiner said she would look into it and report back.

Kerry Steiner reiterated that the Education Subcommittee had discussed creating a separate selection committee for scholarship awardees and suggested we limit that committee to three people in order to help ensure quorum. The Subcommittee members agreed that creating a separate committee is still the intent; however, Erin Oliver asked if it might not be a better idea to have the selection committee comprised of five people in case one or two people were absent, or if there was a disagreement or tie, so they would still have quorum and be able to make their selections; the Subcommittee members agreed.

Tracy Locke mentioned that the essay portion of the scholarship application may include the student's tribal involvement in another state, such as Oklahoma, and Erin Oliver said she believes the students can still speak to that.

Kerry Steiner asked if the Education Subcommittee members anticipated there being a verification process with respect to any community and tribal involvement the student identifies on their application and Erin Oliver responded that it would depend on what the student had to say.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.