

**National Association of Indigenous Institutes of Higher Learning
Executive Board Meeting – March 22 – 23, 2006
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Ottawa, ON**

Board Members Present:

Trevor Lewis, Vice-President, First Nations Technical Institute, ON
Amelia Clark, President, Old Sun Community College, AB
Brian Madarash, Native Education Centre, BC
Jon Spotted Eagle
Verna Billy-Minnabarriet, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology
Delbert Horton, Seven Generations Education Institute
Doreen Beauchamp, Director, Yellowquill College, MB

Guests: Gilbert Whiteduck,
LuAnn Hill-McDonald, AIC

Meeting chaired by Trevor Lewis, Chairman.
Opening prayer by Delbert Horton.

1. **Agenda**
Review of agenda.
Moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Amelia Clark to adopt the agenda. Carried.
2. Opening remarks and update by Trevor Lewis.
3. **Review of minutes of January 26 & 27, 2006**
Moved by Brian Madarash and seconded by Delbert Horton to accept the minutes as changed. Carried.
4. **Business arising from minutes:**
Working is continuing on the website development. The domain name is being finalized and should be up next week.

Discussion on the Annual General Meeting minutes. Revisions to the draft minutes to be completed.
5. **Update on AFN/INAC Post-Secondary Education Review**
The update was provided by Gilbert Whiteduck. AFN is looking at possible restructuring of the working groups to see if restructuring needed as there has been no movement from the meetings.
The role of NAIHHL representation at the CCOE & NIEC levels is to be reviewed. There is a need to ensure NAIHHL issues are at that level.
A business case needs to be put together; one for institutional support and another for student support for cabinet submission.

6. **WINHEC**

Discussion on NAIHL representation on the WINHEC board. Consensus that Trevor and Jon sit on this consortium with Delbert and Verna as alternates.

Discussion on NAIHL retreat to coincide with WINHEC meeting. The purpose of the retreat will be to work on a five-year strategic plan for NAIHL.

Moved by Jon Spotted Eagle and seconded by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet to set the retreat dates as August 5 – 9, 2006 at Fond du Lac Tribal College in Cloquet, Minnesota, USA. Carried.

7. **Activity Report**

Trevor will draft a final report and send to INAC headquarters. A draft will be sent to members for their input before submitting.

8. **Report from LuAnn Hill-McDonald**

LuAnn shared information from a meeting she attended earlier in the day with the Aboriginal Human Resource Development Council of Canada. An Aboriginal trades & Apprenticeship Project is being established in an effort to encourage and increase Aboriginal participation in the trades and apprenticeship areas over a three year period.

It has been recommended to the Ad Hoc Cte. by LuAnn that representation from NAIHL be present and included in the project at the national steering committee level of AHRDC. Anyone interested in sitting on this committee should submit their names to Trevor or LuAnn as soon as possible. LuAnn will provide further information on this project to members as well as her meeting notes.

9. **AGM Minutes**

Moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Jon Spotted Eagle to accept the NAIHL Annual General Minutes of 2005 as amended. Carried. Minutes to be retyped and sent out.

Invoices for membership will be sent in early summer and payment will be due September 1, 2006.

10. **NAIHL Workplan**

The draft workplan was reviewed, discussed and finalized. The final document will be emailed to executive members for their input.

Moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Amelia Clark to adopt the NAIHL 2006 – 2007 workplan as presented. Carried.

11. Budget

After some discussion, decision was made to submit a budget to INAC for \$100,000. Trevor will prepare final copy for submission.

12. Secretariat Services

Since the contract for secretariat services has expired, a decision was made to notify Tammy Heavy Shields that her services would no longer be required. Trevor will notify her of this in writing.

A discussion was held on the type of services required by NAIHL and after considerable thought, the decision was made to contract with someone who would be able to advance NAIHL's issues with different government groups and organizations.

Moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Delbert Horton that Trevor Lewis and Brian Madarash enter into discussion with LuAnn Hill-McDonald for the purpose of an interim contract for professional services. Carried.

Moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Brian Madarash that NAIHL reimburse LuAnn Hill-McDonald for the time spent on NAIHL business, upon receipt of an invoice. Carried.

Moved by Brian Madarash and seconded by Amelia Clark that action be taken to relocate the NAIHL head office from Alberta to Ontario. Carried.

Moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Jon Spotted Eagle to transfer 80% of NAIHL's bank balance as of March 31, 2006 to the new head office location, with the remainder left in the current account to take care of any remaining expenses and audit. Carried.

Moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Jon Spotted Eagle that the signing authorities be changed with Brian Madarash as the primary signer and Delbert Horton and Trevor Lewis as the secondary signers, as of April 1, 2006. Carried. Note: Electronic signatures to be checked out.

13. Next meeting dates:

May 25 & 26, 2006	Winnipeg, MB (Executive Board Mtg.)
August 5 & 6, 2006	Cloquet, MN (NAIHL Exec. – Strat. Plan.)
September 27, 2006	Vancouver, BC (Executive Board Mtg.)
September 28 & 29, 2006	Vancouver, BC (Annual General Meeting)

Motion to adjourn at 4:30 pm by Amelia Clark. Carried.

Minutes by D. Beauchamp, Secretary