

**National Association of Indigenous Institutes of Higher Learning
Executive Board Meeting – May 12 & 13, 2005
Carriage House Inn, Calgary, AB**

Board Members Present:

Murray Maracle, Vice-President, First Nations Technical Institute, ON
Marie Smallface-Marule, President, Red Crow Community College, AB
Amelia Clark, President, Old Sun Community College, AB
Brian Madarash, Native Education Centre, BC
Fran Hunt-Jinnouchi
Doreen Beauchamp, Director, Yellowquill College, MB
Tammy Heavy Shields, Administrative Assistant

Guest: Dawn Maracle, AFN

Meeting chaired by Murray Maracle, Chairman.
Opening prayer by Brian Madarash.

1. **Agenda**
Review of agenda.

2. **Board Representation**
Murray advised members that he has received two calls regarding the empty board seat on NAIHHL.

Moved by Marie Smallface-Marule and seconded by Fran Hunt-Jinnouchi that a letter of invitation be sent to Gilbert Whiteduck asking him to fill the empty seat. Carried.

3. **PSE Conference - Regina**
Discussion on observations made at the post-secondary conference held in Regina in April. Some of the comments included noted that a lot of the information presented has been discussed in previous forums and that there was no time for group discussions.

Discussion on the need for First Nations' institutions recognition and the need for relationships with the federal and provincial governments.

4. **Group Work**
The remainder of time on the first day of the meeting was spent drafting the 2005-2006 NAIHHL goals & objectives; preparing the 2005-2006 NAIHHL budget and drafting a revised job description for the NAIHHL Administrative Assistant position.

5. **Accreditation**

Discussion on the need to look at the First Nation Accreditation Board and make connections with others as to what is going on; i.e. compliance, etc. A letter should be sent to FNAB to make a presentation at the post-secondary conference coming up in Calgary in September.

A letter of invitation and information should also be sent to the Indigenous Adult & Higher Learning Association in BC regarding the conference.

6. **AFN**

An update on activities at AFN was provided by Dawn Maracle. A number of staffing changes and additions being made in education. AFN is also working to support FNTI in their position. An administrative assistant position will also be in place soon for the PSE working group.

7. **WIPCE Representation**

After some discussion, a decision was made that Murray Maracle be the NAIHL representative for WIPCE at the international level.

Next NAIHL Executive Meeting – July 21 & 22, 2005 in Winnipeg, MB.

Minutes by D. Beauchamp, Secretary