

**National Association of Indigenous Institutes of Higher Learning
Board Meeting – October 12, 2001
Delta Barrington, Halifax, NS**

Board Members Present:

Murray Maracle, Director, First Nation Training Institute, ON
Amelia Clark, President, Old Sun Community College, AB
Eleanor Bernard, Director, Mi'kmaq College Institute, NS
Barb Morin, Director, George Manual Institute, BC
Brian Madarash, Native Education Centre, BC
Marie Smallface Marule, President, Red Crow Community College, AB
Doreen Beauchamp, Director, Yellowquill College, MB

Others:

Bonnie Andrew, Chair, George Manuel Institute, BC

Chair: Murray Maracle

1. Murray & Marie met with Bayla Kolk, Director of Aboriginal Services of HRDC, and two assistants, in charge of First Nation contracts. There is definite interest in what our institutes are doing; however, they (HRDC reps) were not aware that our institutes were looking for core funding. They are, however, willing to facilitate a meeting with other government departments to look at funding.

Bayla Kolk offered to schedule a meeting in November with other government departments such as Health, INAC and Industry Canada, including HRD. She will also prepare a briefing to her Minister on our issues. Marie presented Bayla with documentation from AIHEC on **the process of funding available in the U.S. to support Tribal offices/Institutions with adequate resourcing.**

A cabinet committee has been created to deal with native issues over a short period of time and no one really knows what is going on. Bayla also indicated she would try to get us an audience with this committee. (Barb to provide more information on this to the Board members.)

2. WIPCE Motion
Support in the form of a cash pledge to WIPCE will be sent next week.
3. A draft of the information put together on proxies will be emailed to members next week.
4. Invoices for membership with NAIHL have been mailed. Everyone is encouraged to pay as soon as possible.

5. Murray is waiting for quote on cost of producing brochures on NAIHHL.
6. Discussion on the post-secondary review report. There needs to be some feedback provided by the Board. There needs to be a proactive approach in dealing with ISSP funding and there is also a need to look at previous funding formulas, legislation and acts dealing with post-secondary institutes, such as AIHEC. Decision made that Red Crow College and George Manual Institute will draft discussion/position papers to come up with recommendations on strategies for funding of our First Nation institutes. Decision that each institute will receive **\$2,000** each for their work on this. Barb to have draft prepared for the November meeting. Issues regarding ISSP funding will be drafted for the annual meeting in March. **Barb will draft Critique of ISSP funding—Marie (Red Crow) will draft a paper on Possible models for funding for Aboriginal Institutes.**
7. The **annual meeting** has been rescheduled for **March 22 & 23, 2002** in **Vancouver, BC**.
8. Discussion on the need for staff to do work for the Board. Members cannot do the work alone. Suggestion that HRD may be able to provide funding.
9. Discussion on post-secondary recommendations. Decision that a letter be sent to the Grand Chief of AFN offering services of NAIHHL members in carrying out some of the recommendations, particularly those concerning post-secondary institutional funding.
10. Celeste Kinsey, of INAC, is asking for more information and ideas on what is needed for our institutes in terms of capital funding. Murray to send further information.
11. Murray has been doing a lot of the board work on his own time. **Motion** made to pay Murray \$1,000 for the work he has completed to date. Moved by Eleanor Bernard; seconded by Brian Madarash. Carried.
12. Next board meeting in Winnipeg at the end of November. Breakfast meeting at 10:00 am on Saturday in the Stone Café.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m..