

**National Association of Indigenous Institutes  
Of Higher Learning  
Annual General Assembly  
September 29 & 30, 2005  
Carriage House Inn, Calgary Alberta**

**1. Opening Prayer by Vivian Ayoungman**

The Executive Board gives special thanks to Vivian Ayoungman for opening the meeting with a prayer.

**2. Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Opening remarks and welcome given by Marie Smallface-Marule, Vice-Chair for NAIHL, Chair of First Nations Adult and Higher Education Consortium, and President of Red Crow Community College.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Previous meeting minutes are included in the information packets distributed.

*Moved by Trevor Lewis and seconded by Seaneen O'Rourke that we adopt the agenda as corrected. Carried.*

**4. Introductions**

Larry Gauthier – First Nations University of Canada, Director of Student Success Services and Acting Registrar.

LuAnn Hill-MacDonald – Aboriginal Institutes Consortium of Ontario

Delbert Horton – Seven Generations Education Institute

Trevor Lewis – First Nations Technical Institute

Rosie Mosquito – Oshki-Pimache-O-Win Education and Training

Verna Billy-Minnabarriet – Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

Christine Migwans – Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute

Brian Madarash – Native Education Centre

Tammy Heavy Shields – Red Crow Community College

Andy Black Water, Elder/Chair of RCCC

Seaneen O'Rourke – Yellowhead Tribal College

Amelia Clark - Old Sun Community College

Marie Smallface-Marule – Red Crow Community College

Vivian Ayoungman – FNAHEC

Jon Spotted Eagle, Board Member, NAIHL

Dawn Maracle – Senior Research Policy Advisor, AFN and Doctoral Student

## **5. Review of Minutes from the 2004 Annual General Meeting**

There were a few minor corrections that were made to the AGM Minutes of June 24 & 25, 2004.

*Moved by Larry Gauthier and seconded by Delbert Horton to adopt the minutes with changes and corrections. Carried.*

The Board would like to thank LuAnn Hill-MacDonald for doing the minutes of last year. Very well done and appreciated.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Update on WIPCE conference provided.
- b) A communication strategy and a database of member institutions will be incorporated as part of the NAIHHL 5 year plan.
- c) Feedback provided by Lu Ann McDonald on the Equity Act.

## **6. Treasurer's Report by Brian Madarash**

On the Audited statement that we have this year, two interesting things happened. Our Annual budget the year before was \$75,000. Last year we had applied to INAC to increase that amount to \$100,000 and we received the additional \$25,000. Our membership for the previous year was 13 members compared to last year's membership of 22.

The travel budget also included our Annual General Meeting. Last year we had a large group of about 22 people that we had to reimburse. That included travel for \$84,360. Consultation Fees were \$7,000.

## **7. Approval of Audit**

*A Motion was made by Marie Smallface-Marule and seconded by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet to accept the auditors report. Carried.*

## **8. Approval of Auditors**

*A Motion was made by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Larry Gauthier to approve the auditors BDO Dunwoody for this year's audit. Carried.*

***Blair Stone Child:*** A request was made by the members that Blair Stone Child's Report to be emailed to everyone. Dawn Maracle will send to everyone.

***Andres Lopez:*** The report commissioned by NAIHL needs revisions and a final report will be reviewed and completed by Marie and sent out to board members.

## **9. Update on Post Secondary Education Review by Dawn Maracle**

A handout was given out and a power point presentation made by Dawn Maracle, AFN Education Secretariat, to the membership not familiar with the PSE Working Group.

Discussion on Dawn's report followed.

***Moved by LuAnn Hill-MacDonald and seconded by Brian Madarsh to amend our agenda that the ISSP/PSSP discussions be on Day 2 and Amendments to Bylaws and then the 5 year Business Plan moved to Day 1 after lunch. Carried.***

Introduction of visitor, Mr. John Holloway, Post-Secondary Coordinator, Piikani.

## **10. Amendments to the Bylaw:**

The proposed change is that the head office of the NAIHL be moved from Tyendinaga Territory in the province of Ontario to Cardston, AB – Blackfoot Territory.

***A Motion was moved by Larry Gauthier and seconded by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet to adopt the first amendment proposed and that is the address of the Head Office. Carried.***

***A Motion was moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Jon Spotted Eagle to amend the bylaws, "that the location of the head office will be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Carried.***

***Item 14,*** The annual membership is suggesting that we delete item 14 which says "annual membership fees in each category of membership, for the following year, together with the installment amounts and due date, if any, will be determined by the Members at each annual meeting, based upon a recommendation from the Board". It is proposed that we amend Item 13 to delete the second part "provided that the initial period of membership for a member is twelve months".

***A Motion was moved by Larry Gauthier and seconded by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet. Carried***

**Item 17**, to delete the clause “or any installment by the due date” membership will be terminated if failing to pay the annual membership fee and add “on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year.”

*A Motion was moved by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Brian Madarash. Carried.*

**Item 38**, to change “each” to “an”

*Motion to change “each” to “an” on Article 38 by Marie Smallface-Marule and seconded by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet. Carried.*

**Amendment to Bylaw**: *Motion that we add to the second sentence in 32, the following clause; “Who shall ensure that there is regional representation when possible by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by LuAnn Hill-MacDonald. Carried.*

*Motion to add a sentence in Clause 39, “That there be consideration to the regional composition of the board in filling any vacancy during the term”, by Jon Spotted Eagle and Seconded by Seaneen. Carried.*

*Motion that we accept Delbert Horton and Trevor Lewis to fill the vacancies on the Board by LuAnn Hill MacDonald and Seconded by Christine Migwans. Carried.*

*Amendment to that motion to add Verna Billy-Minnabarriet by Jon Spotted Eagle and seconded by Seaneen. Carried.*

**Nominations for the position of Chair:**

Verna Billy-Minnabarriet nominated Marie Smallface-Marule and she declined. Marie Smallface-Marule nominated Trevor Lewis for the position of Chair. Trevor Lewis accepted the position of chair, by acclamation, for the remainder of this term.

**11. Goals and Deliverables 2005/2006:**

*Motion to accept the goals and deliverables for 2005/2006 as amended by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet and seconded by Marie Smallface-Marule. Carried.*

**Membership:**

Discussion on recruitment of new members to NAIHL and it is noted that it is one of our goals in the 5-year work plan.

A suggestion was made by Marie Smallface-Marule that we need to do another summit. It is important to communicate our dissatisfaction about not being included in the First Ministers Conference.

**12. New Business**

*The Lois Hole Project.* To make digital library resource to link universities, colleges, and schools, etc. available to Aboriginal First Nations communities.

*Aboriginal Knowledge Centers.* Daryl Rock will be coordinating function, and taking applications for various grants.

**13. AGM 2006 – Date and Location**

*Motion that the next AGM be held in Kamloops, British Columbia on September 28 and 29, 2006 or to be determined by the working group in BC by Marie Smallface-Marule and seconded by Verna Billy-Minnabarriet. Carried.*

**14. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn meeting by Marie Smallface-Marule and seconded by Amelia Clark. Carried.*