



N.A.I.I.H.L.

National Association of Indigenous  
Institutes of Higher Learning

# Report from the Chair

Trevor Lewis

2005/2006

# MISSION/MANDATE

- *The establishment of the National Association of Indigenous Institutes of Higher Learning (NAIHL) is an exercise of self-determination to meet community needs, and addresses the development of self-realization through the promotion and enhancement of Indigenous languages and cultures.*
- *The NAIHL is a vehicle to represent and assert our distinctiveness, and affirm our Inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty rights and responsibilities as Indigenous nations.*

# VISION

*To advance, advocate for and support post-secondary, technical, adult and related Indigenous education for the betterment of Indigenous people, communities and institutions*

# IIHL In Canada

- Approximately 61 Indigenous Institutes nationally

# Regional Consortia

- B.C. – IAHLA
  - Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association
  - 29 members
- Alberta – FNAHEC
  - First Nations Adult and Higher Education Consortium
  - 11 members
- Ontario – AIC
  - Aboriginal Institutes Consortium
  - 8 members

# Regional Institutes

- Saskatchewan
  - FNUC – First Nations University of Canada
  - SIAST - Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology
- Manitoba
  - Yellowquill College
- Nova Scotia
- New Brunswick

# Regional Institutes

- Quebec
  - Recent announcement (October 26, 2006) of a new Indigenous, French-English post-secondary Institute, possibly located in Kahnawake

# Executive of NAIHHL

- Historically meets approx. 6 times throughout the year to discuss the work plan and carry the mission and vision forward
- Current executive board is made up of 8 members
- Broken down regionally
  - B.C. has 3 seats
  - Alberta has 2 seats
  - Manitoba has 1 seat
  - Ontario has 2 seats

# 2005/2006 Activities

- National PSE working group
  - ISSP Chignecto/Katenies, CoO, AFN
- Established web site [www.naiihl.com](http://www.naiihl.com)
- Correspondence
  - Various Ministers, PM, HRSDC, INAC, Finance
  - ACCC, AFN, INAC
- CCL, Aboriginal Learning Knowledge Centre

# Activities cont'd

- Premiers' summit
- AHRDCC planning session – Trades and Apprenticeship
- WINHEC
  - NAIHHL has 2 (of 4) seats for Canada
  - August 2006 Fond Du Lac Indian reservation
  - Tabled 6 resolutions which were carried

# Activities cont'd

- Strategic Plan
  - August planning session
  - Draft strategic plan
- Standing Committee on Finance
  - Written submission
  - Oral presentation

# Activities cont'd

- Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs
  - Post-secondary education hearings
  - Submitted presentation and request to present
  - Possible opportunity to present at hearings for Bill-292 (Kelowna)

# Funding / Finance

- INAC HQ - \$100,000
  - Late agreements
  - Short timeframe to accomplish objectives
  - Limited on scope of work required
- Member Fees
  - 05/06, 18 members
- Relocated financial and secretarial services to Brantford Ontario

# The Future for NAIHHL

- IIAB
  - Indigenous Institutes Accreditation Board
- Aggregation
- Logo
- Head Office / Staff
  - Funding
- Membership
- Number of Meetings vs. Research or Other Work