



*Tuesday-Wednesday, September 10-11, 2019
Minutes of the General Business Meeting
Yakama Legends Resort, Toppenish, WA*

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) at 8:41AM.

Welcome and Invocation

Provided by Yakama Nation Tribal Council Housing Committee Chairman Delano Saluskin and YNHA Housing Board Chairman Elmer Schuster.

Roll Call

Conducted by Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud:

- *Present (20)*: Colville, Coquille, Cowlitz, Grand Ronde, Jamestown S’Klallam, Makah, Metlakatla, Nez Perce, Nisqually, Quileute, Sauk-Suiattle, Shoalwater Bay (arrived later), Skokomish, Spokane, Squaxin Island, Suquamish, Swinomish, Upper Skagit, Warm Springs, and Yakama Nation.
- *Proxies (5)*: Coos-Lower Umpqua-Siuslaw (quorum only), Klamath, Lower Elwha, Lummi, and Siletz.
- *Absent (14)*: Burns Paiute, Chehalis, Coeur d’Alene, Fort Hall, Hoh, Kalispell, Mucklehoot, Nooksack, Port Gamble S’Klallam, Puyallup, Quinault, Samish Nation, Stillaguamish, and Tulalip.
- *Delinquent (1)*: Umatilla was not counted for quorum purposes.

Laurie Ann Cloud announced a total of 25 present including proxies (at the time of roll call) establishing a quorum (25/39 Paid Members ≥ 50%).

Introductions

All those in attendance were given an opportunity to introduce themselves and bring up local projects and any discussion items for the afternoon Roundtable Discussion (closed session).

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Larry Winders (Skokomish) asked that the Elections topic be moved up to be immediately after the Treasurer report; seconded by Ron Ryan (Metlakatla); MOTION amended by Larry Winders to include approval of the agenda; no discussion; MOTION carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes

MOTION made by Liz Kuntz (Squaxin Island) to approve the minutes of the April 2-3 Business Meeting; seconded by Joani Dugger (Grand Ronde); no discussion; MOTION carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- NWIHA Executive Director presented documents included in the Quarterly Business Meeting Booklet beginning on page 8—*Statement of Activities* and *Statement of Financial Position*.
- Larry Winders noted that a correction is needed on the Statement of Activities increasing the budgeted Youth Scholarship donations from \$10,000 to \$15,000.
- Discussion: Tim Horan (Spokane) reminded members that Washington members can make contributions to NWIHA as part of their LIHTC project non-profit commitment. Charles mentioned that NWIHA will also be reaching out to member casino organizations for non-profit contributions.
- MOTION made by Larry Winders (Skokomish) to accept the Treasurer's Report as corrected; seconded by Tim Horan; no further discussion; MOTION carried unanimously.

Election of Officers

Meeting turned over to Executive Director Charles Anderson for election of Chairman.

- **CHAIRMAN:** NOMINATION of Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) by Larry Winders; Laurie Ann Cloud accepts; no further nominations; MOTION by Larry Winders (Skokomish) to approve Laurie Ann Cloud by acclamation; seconded by Tim Horan (Spokane); no discussion; MOTION approved unanimously.
- **VICE CHAIRMAN:** NOMINATION of Sami Jo Difuntorum (Siletz) by Joan Dugger (Grand Ronde); Sami Jo Difuntorum accepts via Letter of Interest; no further nominations; MOTION by Larry Winders to cease nominations and elect Sami Jo Difuntorum by acclamation; seconded by Anne Cook (Coquille); no discussion; MOTION passed unanimously.
- **SECRETARY:** NOMINATION of Diana Phair (Lummi Nation) by Sheryl Bertucci (Cowlitz); Diana Phair accepts via Letter of Interest; no further nominations; MOTION by Larry Winders to cease nominations and elect Diana Phair by acclamation; seconded by Tim Horan (Spokane); no discussion; MOTION passed unanimously.
- **TREASURER:** NOMINATION of Joan Dugger (Grand Ronde) by Tim Horan (Spokane); Joan Dugger accepts; no further nominations; MOTION by Larry Winders to cease nominations and elect Joan Dugger by acclamation; seconded by Tim Horan (Spokane); no discussion; MOTION passed unanimously.
- **ATNI LIAISON:** NOMINATION of Shonn Leno (Grand Ronde) by Joan Dugger (Grand Ronde); Shonn Leno accepts via Letter of Interest; NOMINATION of David Northover (Yakama) by Debra Whitefoot (Yakama); David Northover declines;

NOMINATION of Carlos Calica (Warm Springs) by Debra Whitefoot (Yakama); Carlos Calica declines; NOMINATION of Debra Whitefoot (Yakama) by David Northover (Yakama); Debra Whitefoot accepts; no further nominations; MOTION by Ron Ryan (Metlakatla) to cease nominations; seconded by Joani Dugger (Grand Ronde); no discussion; MOTION passed unanimously. Tim Horan made the comment that NWIHA needs to do a better job of outreaching to ATNI. Larry Winders made the suggestion that whoever finishes second in the voting will be considered for Alternate ATNI Liaison. Laurie Ann Cloud said she would consider this suggestion after the election. ELECTION RESULTS: Shonn Leno 11 votes; Debra Whitefoot 11 votes; Abstain 1 vote; Laurie Ann Cloud suggested election to be decided by coin toss; no objections; winner Shonn Leno.

- ATNI ALTERNATE LIAISON: NOMINATION of Debra Whitefoot (Yakama) by Tim Horan (Spokane); Debra accepts; no further nominations; MOTION by Ron Ryan (Metlakatla) to cease nominations and elect Debra Whitefoot by acclamation; seconded by Liz Kuntz (Squaxin Island); no discussion; MOTION passed unanimously.
- NAIHC LIAISON: NOMINATION of Sami Jo Difuntorum (Siletz) by Anne Cook (Coquille); no further nominations; Sami Jo Difuntorum accepts via Letter of Interest); MOTION by Larry Winders (Skokomish) to cease nominations and elect Sami Jo Difuntorum by acclamation; seconded by Joani Dugger (Grand Ronde); no discussion; MOTION passed unanimously.
- NAIHC ALTERNATE LIAISON: NOMINATION of Douglas Marconi, Sr. (Colville) by Ron Ryan (Metlakatla); Douglas accepts; MOTION by Tim Horan (Spokane) to cease nominations and elect Douglas Marconi, Sr. by acclamation; seconded by Larry Winders (Skokomish); no discussion; MOTION passed unanimously.

Chairperson Cloud declared a break at 10:03 A.M. and declared meeting reconvened at 10:37 A.M.

AMERIND Risk Liaison Update/Report

- Ron Ryan provided the AmerindRisk Report. The report was included in the Program Booklet on page 13. NWIHA can be expected to receive a \$20,000 fire loss incentive award this year.
- Ken Rutherford provided the Safety Services report, included in the Program Booklet on pages 15-16.
- Laurie Ann Cloud asked what would be the deadline for the Annual Safety Poster Awards so that we could vote at our meeting. Charles noted that the voting would be done online so that the deadline would not be an issue.
- Ron Ryan reminded everyone that Cyber Security coverage is now included and that training would be forthcoming.

NAIHC Liaison Update and Report

- Douglas Marconi, Sr. provided the report included on pages 17-19 of the Program Book.
- Associate Member Ed Goodman also provided a Legislative Update with respect to the NAHASDA Reauthorization.

- Tim Horan asked why \$100 million is being allocated via competitive process instead of just building it into the IHBG. Ed Goodman stated that there were a number of Northern Plains tribes that were lobbying for a competitive process because they felt they would fare better due to their having relatively greater need. Ed also said it was politically more acceptable, and therefore more likely to be adopted, to do it this way. On another matter, Ed also stated that HUD VASH program will likely receive Congressional approval later this year.

ATNI Liaison Update and Report

- Chairwoman Cloud provided an overview of the ATNI report provided by Shonn Leno, which was included on pages 21-22 of the Program Book. .
- Chairwoman Cloud emphasized the importance of members communicating information learned at NWIHA and ATNI meetings back their respective tribes. Debra Whitefoot (Alternate Liaison) asked what the process was to communicate NWIHA information to ATNI. Chairwoman Cloud explained that it was important that Shonn and Debra coordinate to ensure that one of them can attend all ATNI meetings.

Chairwoman Cloud declared a lunch recess at 11:26 AM.

Afternoon Session

Chairwoman Cloud called meeting back to order at 1:42 PM; entered into Closed Session at 2:51 PM.

- Roundtable Discussions included the following topics: 1) Cyber Security; 2) Outcome and update on fishing income calculations; 3) Update on resolutions and activities to authorize Section 8 vouchers for Indian tribes.
- Consensus was to create a volunteer work group to come up with a strategy with proposed solutions in regard to the Section 8 voucher program. Volunteers include: Tim Horan, Ed Goodman, Karen Foster, Doug Marconi, Elmer Shuster, Ann Jagger, all Executive Committee members. Associate Member Robin Thorne will also be invited to participate. Work group will communicate via email to get started.

Approximately 3:25pm recessed for the day.

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) at 8:35AM.

Welcome and Invocation

Provided by YNHA Housing Board Chairman Elmer Schuster.

Announcement

Chairwoman Cloud announced the appointment of three At Large Executive Committee members: Larry Winders (Skokomish), Anne Cook (Coquille), and Tim Horan (Spokane).

Presentations

- Shana Radford and Alaina Capoeman of the US Census Bureau provided information about the upcoming 2020 Census and the importance of tribal participation.

Chairwoman Cloud declared a recess at 10:00 am; reconvened at 10:10 am.

- Tim Horan, Executive Director of the Spokane IHA provided a presentation regarding SIHA's Children of the Sun Solar Initiative (COSSI).
- Tom Carney, Julie Kander, and David Boyd of the NwONAP staff provided an update on the HUD/NAHASDA programs.
- All presentation handouts and PowerPoints were sent out to the NWIHA Membership.

MOTION to adjourn by Tim Horan; seconded by David Northover; meeting adjourned at 11:59 AM.