



Tuesday, October 18, 2022

Call to Order and Opening Remarks

- Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) started by welcoming all those in attendance.
- Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce) AT 8:52 AM.

Invocation and Welcome

- Provided by Ron Ryan (Metlakatla).
- Provided by Shirley Blackbear (Kalispel).

Roll Call

- NWIHA Secretary Diana Phair called the Roll. Only members in good standing (2022 dues paid) were called. Twenty members were needed to establish a quorum.
- Present (24): Chehalis, Colville, Coquille, Fort Hall, Grand Ronde, Jamestown S’Klallam, Lower Elwha, Lummi, Metlakatla, Muckleshoot, Nez Perce, Port Gamble S’Klallam, Puyallup (Proxy), Quileute, Quinault, Samish (Proxy), Siletz, Skokomish, Squaxin Island, Swinomish (Proxy), Tulalip, Upper Skagit, Warm Springs, and Yakama Nation.
- Absent (15): Burns Paiute, Coeur d’Alene, Confederated Tribes of CLUSI, Cow Creek, Cowlitz, Hoh, Kalispel, Klamath, Makah, Nisqually, Nooksack, Sauk-Suiattle, Shoalwater Bay, Stillaguamish, and Suquamish.
- With 24 of 39 members present, Diana announced that a quorum was established.

Approval of the Agenda

- MOTION by Liz Kuntz (Squaxin Island) to approve the agenda as presented; second by Anne Cook (Coquille); motion passed without objection.

Introductions: Those in attendance were given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

- The Consent Agenda included the following items:
 - Approval of Minutes of Business Meeting April 19-21, 2022.
 - Approval of Statement of Activities for 9 Months Ending September 30, 2022.
 - Approval of Statement of Financial Position as of September 30, 2022.

- After opportunity given to membership to remove any items from the Consent Agenda, Motion made by Roseann Fonzi (Quileute) to approve the Consent Agenda items; Second by Nancy Michel (Colville); Motion passed without objection.

NAIHC Update: Sami Jo Difuntorum, NAIHC Liaison and Douglas Marconi, Sr., Alternate Liaison

- Sami Jo and Charles Anderson attended the Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. They both met with staff of the Senate (Murray and Cantwell) and staff from the Senate Appropriations Committee. Among items stressed included NAHASDA reauthorization and appropriations.
- Details of the upcoming Legal Symposium and Annual Conference were provided.
- NAIHC is in the process of hiring a new Executive Director.
- The detailed NAIHC Update report can be found on the NWIHA website.

ATNI Update: Shonn Leno, ATNI Liaison

- A written report was not available, but Shonn provided information about the most recent ATNI Meeting. He was unsure when the next ATNI meeting will be held.

AMERIND Update: Ron Ryan, AMERIND Liaison and Felix McGowan, AMERIND Director of Critical Infrastructure

- AMERIND CEO Derek Valdo will be returning from his tribal duties early in 2023. In the meantime, Robert Dahl has been acting CEO.
- Complete reports can be found on the NWIHA website.
- Due to improved loss rates, it was projected that the Northwest Region will qualify for the \$20,000 incentive payment which will be used for NWIHA General Expenses.
- Felix, Ron, and attorney Ed Goodman commented on liability issues raised by the Mael vs AVCP Regional Housing Authority (Alaska) court case whereby the HA was found liable for injuries to a resident of a housing unit that AVCPRHA had continued to inspect even though the home had been conveyed. Ed stressed the importance of conveying homes timely to avoid liability and tribal sovereignty issues.

Elections

- Laurie Ann Cloud took the time to describe the election process that will be used for the elections.
- A list of the nominations received was provided.
- It was clarified that the AMERIND Liaison and Alternate Liaison would be for the final two years of the three-year term which will put the position in synch for the next election in 2024.
- A call for additional nominations was made by the Chair.

- YNHA BOC Member Tim Thompson nominated himself for the positions of NAIHC Alternate and ATNI Alternate. LAC clarified that Tim Thompson’s nominations would need to be authorized by the Yakama Nation.
- Colville Member Douglas Marconi, Sr. nominated Dale Schrock for the Alternate ATNI Liaison.
- The NWIHA Bylaws regarding Liaison eligibility per Article VI, Section 2, was clarified by Ed Goodman to mean that a Voting Member can only nominate one person for a Liaison or Alternate Liaison position. Hearing this, Douglas Marconi, Sr. withdrew the nomination of Dale Schrock for the Alternate ATNI Liaison.
- Jan Lewis of YNHA, after conferring with Elmer Schuster, withdrew the nomination of Tim Thompson for NAIHC Alternate and ATNI Alternate.
- MOTION made by Nancy Michel (Colville), seconded by Liz Kuntz (Squaxin), to accept by acclamation the slate of nominations as presented by acclamation. MOTION accepted with no objections.
- The Chair later announced that she had accepted the offer from Liz Kuntz (Squaxin Island) to serve in the remaining At Large Executive Committee position.
- The following persons now make up the Leadership Team for the NWIHA for the next two years (ending September 30, 2024).

Executive Committee

- Chair – Laurie Ann Cloud (Nez Perce)
- Vice-Chair – Sami Jo Difuntorum (Siletz)
- Secretary – Diana Phair (Lummi)
- Treasurer – Joan Dugger (Grand Ronde)
- At Large – Anne Cook (Coquille)
- At Large - Douglas Marconi, Sr. (Colville)
- At Large - Liz Kuntz (Squaxin Island)

Liaisons

- NAIHC – Sami Jo Difuntorum (Siletz); Alternate Douglas Marconi, Sr. (Colville)
- ATNI – Shonn Leno (Grand Ronde); Alternate Vacant
- AMERIND – Ron Ryan (Metlakatla); Alternate Douglas Marconi, Sr. (Colville)

Other Business

- Laurie Ann announced the award of a \$175,000 grant from Associate Member Meyer Memorial Trust. This funding will be used to develop NWIHA member capacity through the development and implementation of a housing manager curriculum and certification program.

Member Discussions

- Discussions included the impact that increased costs and delivery times is having on current development projects; the difficulty members are having finding qualified construction workers (Force Account).

Meeting recessed at 12:03 PM.

Meeting reconvened at 1:35 PM.

Presentations (full presentations described below can be found on the NWIHA website (nwiha.org)).

- NwONAP Administrator Tom Carney and staff provided updates on funding opportunities, training, and regulatory updates. Margaret Salazar, HUD Regional Administrator also provided an update and perspectives from a regional perspective.
- Tribal Healthy Homes (Gillian Mittelstaedt, Aileen Gagney, & Erin McTigue) provided information on the funding opportunities expected from the Climate Bill (specifically on healthy housing, energy efficiency and weatherization), and how to prepare for funding opportunities by identifying and inventorying climate-related risk factors in the housing of vulnerable populations.

Meeting recessed at 4:27 PM.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Chairwoman Cloud called meeting back to order at 8:33 AM.

Presentations

- Max Sprague, Public Affairs Specialist with USDA Rural Development, provided information about their programs and pathways to funding, including new initiatives that have recently been announced.
- Ed Goodman and Cari Baermann of Hobbs, Straus, Dean, and Walker provided a presentation on the nuts and bolts of evictions, including a discussion of what kinds of issues each tribe/TDHE needs to consider by reference to their own leases, policies, and codes.
- Zack Giffin, carpenter, builder, and co-host of the hit television show "Tiny House Nation" on A&E and Netflix, provided information on how to define the various structures that are referred to as tiny homes, the laws that impede them, the factors that influence their potential and why native communities are well positioned to become leaders in this space.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

*NOTE: all documents related to this meeting and other past meetings can be found via the NWIHA website at <https://www.nwiha.org/past-meetings/>.