

## MINUTES

AIPC Meeting – May 17, 2006 1 to 3:00 p.m. GSA Building 4I – Lakewood, CO

### Attendees:

Najah Lightfoot Bagley	VA HAC	303 398-7182
Joe Ferrara	NLRB	303 844-6000
Bernadetta Lopez	GAO	303 572-7366
William Brown	GAO	303 572-7339
Christy bates	FWS	303 236-4459
Jane Wilson	Public Health	303 844-7859
Bruce Newton	VA*	303 914-5679
Georgia Madrid	NOAA	303 497-6732
Chet Blue Sky	NLRB	303 844-6632
Chi Mui	WAPA	720 962-7037
Michael Werito	USGS	303 286-3306
Daniel T Archuleta	USDA	303 844-6226 cell 303 898-0899

Report by Georgia Madrid, NOAA Research AIPC Representative

### Opening Remarks from the Chair:

Dan handed out information on the American Indian Graduate Center fellowship and asked that we forward the information to any individuals. AIGC website at [www.aigcs.org](http://www.aigcs.org). He gave praise to Najah for her Diversity Day at VA-HAC and showed the certificates for the volunteers who helped Najah. He also mentioned that Carolyn Helstrom will receive a certificate of gratitude and mentioned his attendance at the NLRB meeting where he also provided certificates to Directors for their commitment to the American Indian program.

### AIPC Vice Chair Election:

Najah Lightfoot Bagley, VA-Health Administrative Center, will be the new Vice Chair. Carolyn Helstrom had to withdraw her name due to change in work status. Najah stated that she wants to work with all of us as a team in accomplishing our goals.

### North American Indigenous Games

The training for volunteers will be held on June 17, 06 all day, location TBD. Dan would like for 10 AIPC members to attend the meeting. It was decided that AIPC members sign up as volunteers on their own rather than a group because everyone will have a different time as to when they can help. Dan mentioned that NAIG hired a new manager for training – Yvette Larrea. He also has a DVD of the games if anyone is interested in sharing with their agency.

### DFEB Information Sharing:

Sheila Dolan, DFEB was not present at the meeting. Dan said that our bylaws are ok, we just need to cut and paste and ensure that the roman numerals match the DFEB requirements. Dan said that the AIPC was barely mentioned in the DFEB annual report.

### AIPC – American Indian Heritage Month Training

Discussion focused on the success of the December 2005 training with DJ Vanas as guest speaker and that we should continue the momentum with training during American Indian Heritage Month. What do we want to accomplish? Do we want to keep the same format with time frame? Do we want to expand to one day? Can we expand to one day and what topics should we focus on, e.g. Health, Education, Economics, Eloise Cobell issue, Tribal Sovereignty, etc. What will be the registration fee? Who should be our speaker?

Some topic ideas from AIPC members present included:

Strategies to hire new employees – focusing on the recruitment of American Indians

Helping People Manage Stress – employees are doing more with less. We could bring in a speaker with a Native emphasis.

Who's Who in the Denver Indian Community – Information Booths and or panel – Where do we go for assistance in recruitment of American Indians? Where do we refer American Indians for services? e.g. American Indian College Fund, Denver Indian Family Health Services, Tribal Businesses, etc.

The mission of the AIPC is the hiring, promotion and retention of Native Americans – so we need to focus on this in whatever we do.

A committee was set up to determine the type of training for this year and all AIPC members were requested to talk with their agency managers and supervisors about what kinds of topics they would like the AIPC to focus on. What would make you attend? We all realize that agencies have their own specific concerns but if they could identify 2 or 3 major areas, it could help the AIPC put together a worthwhile agenda. Dan will also check with Larry in regards to funding for a one day training; plans for MLK speaker; and what he would like to see from the AIPC. A meeting will be held sometime in June or July to start the planning.

Committee Volunteers:

Najah Lightfoot Bagley, Joe Ferrara, Bernadetta Lopez, William Brown, Christy Bates, Jane Wilson, Bruce Newton, Georgia Madrid, Chet Blue Sky, Michael Werito.

#### AIPC-Website Update – [www.aipc.osmre.gov](http://www.aipc.osmre.gov)

The website committee (Lori, Georgia, Joe and Carolyn) met on March 15, 2006 and reviewed the website, for content and layout. Lori has been updating the pages based on the decisions made at the meeting. Lori will continue to be our webmaster. All AIPC members should review the website and submit any suggestions and/or changes. Does the website meet our mission and goals? Once all changes are made, Larry Grandison, will be requested to send out an email to all directors advertising our website as a good source of information and explain how they can use the site and provide feedback. Also, any items that AIPC members would like posted on the website will have to be submitted to the AIPC Web committee for approval. An Items of Interest button was created to include all outside American Indian activities that may be of interest to our organization as well as the general public, e.g. Navajo Code Talkers, Lori Piestewa, native notes, etc under this category. However, AIPC members would have to submit the articles ready for posting.

#### Announcements/Information Sharing

Joseph Kerski, USGS sent the following information: I conducted a Geographic Information Systems class for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe this winter; The USGS signed a Memorandum of Understanding - May 2006 - with the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and Sinte Gleska University to update our 2000 agreement, to support careers, GIS, and research; Just last week I finished an article about Geographic Information Systems in Indian Country for the AISES journal "Winds of Change".

Dan handed out information on Three Voices Speaking from the Past brochure. Three Voices is a performance that portrays three conflicting views of Wounded Knee. For more information call 605-688-6113, email: [sdsi\\_sdhc@sdstate.edu](mailto:sdsi_sdhc@sdstate.edu). Website: <http://web.sdstate.edu/humanities>.

There are upcoming Pow-Wow's this weekend. This information can also be accessed on the AIPC website – click on Community News – click on Indian Voices newsletter.

Sixth Annual Indian Market & Contest Powwow, Saturday-Sunday, May 20-21, 2006, from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the historic Fort in Morrison, CO. Look at <http://www.tesorofoundation.org> for more information about the Indian Market.

Spring Bear Powwow & Indian Market, Saturday, May 20, 2006, at Regis University Fieldhouse, 3333 Regis Blvd. (50th Avenue), in Denver, CO. Call (303)648-3414 or email [powwow@ravendancers.org](mailto:powwow@ravendancers.org) Look at <http://www.ravendancers.org> for more information.

**NEXT MEETING:**

August 16, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. tentatively at the Food & Nutrition Service, 1244 Speer Blvd, Denver, CO.

AIPC Training Seminar Planning Committee Meeting – possibly in June or July. Location TBD.