

**AAIP Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2021**

Attendees: Tom Anderson, Mary Owen, Lukejohn Day, Lori Alvord, Allison Kelliher, Charlene Hansen, Missy Begay, Blair Matheson, Margaret Knight

Absent: Dan Calac

Guests: April McKasson, Joseph Bell, Levi Rickert, Siobhan Wescott, Nicole Stern

Call to Order/Roll Call: Meeting commenced at 8:15 pm CST

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
I. Meeting: Call to Order	Mary Owen, MD AAIP President at 8:15 PM CST	
II. Roll Call:	Mary Owen, MD Quorum Established	
III. Approval of: Agenda & Minutes	<u>Motion by Charlene Hansen, second by Lukejohn Day approval of agenda with changes, motion passed. Motion by Lukejohn Day to table September minutes second by Charlene Hansen, motion passed.</u>	
IV. Financial Report/Comments Kyle Dover, CPA, Red Oak Accounting Advisors	Dr. Matheson reported nothing different and that invoices are coming in every month instead of by 2's and 3's and we are where we need to be. April McKasson presented the financial reports starting with the Financial Position which shows no significant changes from the prior month. There is an increase in grants receivable due to Indirect Cost billing, and trying to be more regular and consistent which was not done on a regular basis in the past. Will flow out of receivables once the checks are processed and deposited. Affects our accounts payable which is up and the only significant difference in the Statement of Financial Position. The Statement of Activities not a lot of change and shows the grant of \$112,000, event revenue (annual meeting) of \$10,000 and IDC billing of \$18,000. There is \$210,000 in federal grant revenue and \$36,000 in Indirect Cost revenue and will continue to rise by keeping up with billings, and membership dues of just shy of \$5,000. Statement of Functional Expenses shows expense detail and where we are on grants, a jump in fringe benefits in general administrative line item due to Tom Anderson reimbursement for excess amount withheld in	

	<p>prior years which was owed back to him. It is a one-time affect to get him caught up. <u>Dr. Day - Motion to accept finance report for October, second by Dr. Alvord. Motion passed.</u></p>	
<p>V. Discussion and Updates</p>	<p>Dr. Owen proposed that reports by accountants be done quarterly. <u>Motion by Dr. Hansen to have quarterly reports from accountants, second by Dr. Day. Motion passed.</u></p> <p>Guest – Mr. Levi Rickert Dr. Owen introduced Mr. Levi Rickert, a member of the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation to give a 10-minute presentation regarding a proposal from the Native News Health Desk online. Mr. Rickert states the publication is in its 11 year and is the most read American Indian publication in America, with 5 million page views every year, and with 3.2 million people coming to their site, right up there with Indian Country Today. A recent survey said that 80% Americans don't know that Indians exist in the US and the challenges that we face as Native people. The intent this gives voice to Native Americans and for many years celebrating Native voices. During COVID 19, there were 250-300 articles on COVID-19, Navajo Nation and across Indian Country. One thing that we came to agree as editorial staff, is that we need to do more regarding the vast disparities on health with Native American and all those things that really matter to us. Health is something to zero, need to be healthy to have a good job, etc. Starting the Native New Health Desk, January 2022 not here to ask for money but will take sponsorships and advertisement. More important is to have communication with the AAIP. Dr. Rickert's sister is a dentist and a founder of SAID, graduated in 1975 University of Michigan dental school and the second American Indian ever to become a dentist. In meeting with her, after COVID across the country right now there are only 18 American Indians enrolled in any dental school in America. He is coming to AAIP for friendship and to develop a relationship. When he gets differing information from various federal agencies, he would like to come to AAIP. Earlier this year a doctor from Seattle came to him and wanted him to run an OpEd. It was a pulmonologist and cautioned him not to run the OpEd. We need to be prudent and cautious, and cannot afford to give out misinformation as a journalist and publication that serves Native Americans and very well read and do not want ever to give out misinformation, critical to align with NIHB, AAIP and SAID etc. He has developed a nice relationship with the Michigan State Medical School, knows Dr. Reddog</p>	

Sina who wrote an article on frequently asked question that had to do with a vaccine booster. In developing the Native News Health Desk, want to bring in journalists who really know science. Wants to tell what they are doing and seeking partners for an editorial advisory board, content data, access, application and sponsors. Any way that AAIP can help them would be appreciated. Key is communication is so important and have great meetings and would like to send an email and get a response especially to be cautious and timely. Dr. Begay, any other partners? Working with organizations such as NIHB, IHS, One Sky, Office of Minority Affairs, University of Arizona medical school. He reached out to Dr. Don Warne at University of North Dakota. Dr. Owen would like a member from AAIP on the advisory board, to avoid what happened with competition and it happened again and had push back by some members to respond to another OpEd. Good to have a close relationship with Native News. Dr. Kelliher is supportive for the collaboration, and Dr. Alvord stated that partnership is helpful since the grant required dissemination of health information to Native communication. Partner to provide valuable information and enhances our grant dissemination. Dr. Owen since we have grant monies for this disseminate to vaccination information. Mr. Richert replied that open to being written into grants and is a for profit corporation, are a small business and have a sales team but contact him first. Dr. Owen stated she is happy to be on an advisory board. Mr. Richert and Tom will be in contact. Dr. Alvord made a comment regarding funding for the organization. Dr. Owen informed them, AAIP does not have a budget and knows not to ask. But if money set aside from the grant regarding vaccine we can use that.

CONACH Report – Dr. Joseph Bell, as AAIP liaison reports on behalf of Chairperson and AAIP member, Allison Emphy. The Committee added Sarah Swaboda, a general pediatrician, who has worked on Navajo and Chinle, AZ, is a welcome addition to the group.

- A virtual pediatric consultation visit in July to Albuquerque and Phoenix area. Did virtual visits to Albuquerque Health Center, Santa Fe Service Unit, Whiteriver Hospital and Hopi Health Care Center.
- Helped the Canadian Pediatric Society to sponsor the 9th Annual Indigenous Child Health conference, September 10-11, 10 hours of CME and had 274 attendees, good event and well attended.
- Policy statements, CONACH is still working on ethical considerations in research with the American Indian Alaska Native communities. There is a draft manuscript

	<p>that is under development for that right now.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy and External Partnerships, CONACH is working closely with APA external affairs team to monitor federal legislation and regulatory topics that apply to Native Americans. • Most recently AAP has been in support of the American Rescue Plan Act that was signed into law in March 2021 which included COVID 19 relief and over 6 billion for IHS and tribal health systems included response needs, behavioral health and vaccination distribution. • In March 15, 2021, CONACH members met with representatives and held a virtual field day in DC, the topic was to build a stronger health infrastructure for American Indians and Alaska Native with investment in IHS, tribal water, sanitation and recruitment and retention of health professionals. • Also, APA with support by CONACH, sent a letter to Secretary Deb Haaland regarding the federal Indian board school initiative because of the atrocities and findings of burial sites in Canada. • APA also supports the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian School Policy United States Act which established a first ever national commission to investigate and document the harmful board school policies, historical trauma resulting from those policies and make recommendations for federal resources and assistance to aid in that healing • The committee continues to work with partners such as NIHB, NCUIH and other organizations that are members of the American Indian/Alaska Native Health Partners Coalition. <p>CONACH is a full AAP Committee and has been for many years and is made up of selected members who have either worked in Indian Country as pediatricians or have done research with Native health issues, committee has 9 full members and an AAIP liaison, ACOG, APA, Canadian Pediatric Society and has a total of 14-15 members. The chairperson is Allison Empey. Dr. Owen asked who is developing research protocols? Dr. Bell explained that is the work of the committee with input from APA and with special statements will draw in members of research with expertise. Don't know who is helping with the draft but have different people with expertise and are researchers. Good idea to let more people in our members to know about CONACH and to report at the midyear AAIP meeting. Asked Dr. Bell to help with summit as a facilitator. Dr. Owen stated that Norma Poll will be there to</p>	
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help and the purpose is to bring people together. Tom Anderson stated that the CONACH report was sent to the board.

AMA Liaison Report – Dr. Siobhan Wescott

COVID related talks. Discussion regarding strategic plan which is 80 pages and apologies to all regarding racist things that AMA has done. Center is growing and doing a CME podcast or activity. Given conversation and wide range of conversations. 1 hour to go to other resources and start a Native medical school. Dr. McCabe not a good hit at this time. Tom Anderson reports that AMA sent AAIP an email regarding \$20,000 for items of health equity and brings the total to \$50,000,

Executive Director Report – Tom Anderson stated his report was sent to everyone. The 2021 audit is underway and the staff is busy with items needed by auditors. Getting \$125,000 from ASTHO collaboration but need to get clarity. PSA filming is going on and going to different regions for messaging. Workforce Summit, a December 10 – Town Hall with the American Cancer Society. January 21 is the annual mid-year business meeting. Applications and interviews were done but challenges since positions were put in the budget as salaried but switched to consultant. Continuation grant is due October 30th and will submit a carryover due to salary money unspent. SAMSH grant required a budget modification for the extra funds that we received. **Charlene Hansen motion to accept Executive Director’s report, Missy Begay second. Motion passed.**

B. Governance – No meeting was held.

C. COVID 19 Task Force – No meeting was held

D. Policy and Legislation Committee – Issues regarding 1) What is going on at PIMC, 2) ABQ PHS and the loss of 6-8 family medicine residents, 1 primary care physician is left to supervise the residents and is overwhelmed. Need some support and assistance from AAIP. Not sure where residents are going. Charlene Hansen reports that residents are scrambling for another place. Dr. Begay read an email from Candace Watts. AAIP needs to go to area IHS and Laurie Christianson. Dr. Owen stated she has a meeting with them and to hear what is going on, inviting Charlene Hansen, Lukejohn Day and Blair Matheson of the P&L

Committee to see if anything can be done. 2) CDC put out a neonatal report and the visibility of Native Americans, Executive Committee and P& L to meet with CDC.

3) Project Veritas – reporting replication is being very biased. A physician and nurse bad vaccine and total falsehood.

4) Indian Country Today – OpEd that made a big deal about cardiovascular problems. Will work with NIHB to respond. Indian Country Today playing a game of sensationalism. Dr. Alvord – date of vaccination, Navajo Nation is 90% vaccinated. Dr. Kelliher stated need a blanket stand, science is open to a basic tenet to look after each other. Need to have a response. Dr. Begay agreed there is a need to send a unified message.

E. AMP – Dr. Owen report that each organization will come up with \$5,000 and working with an attorney.

F. Dr. Alvord – Reports that she is working on a list of surgeons and has 4-5 to start a core group.

G. Membership Committee – Dr. Begay reported that there were 6 applicants for membership. The membership committee recommend the following for full membership:

1. Stephen Drywater
2. Josephine Howard
3. Katherine Jeffress
4. Mahate Parker

Motion by Charlene Hansen to accept these 4 applicants as full voting members, second by Lori Alvord. Motion passed.

Dr. Begay presented the following for Affiliate membership:

1. Scott Wilkie
2. Erica Kiemele

Motion to accept the 2 applicants as affiliate members by Missy Begay, second by Allison Kelliher. Motion passed.

Discussion regarding blood quantum and Dr. Owen requested the membership committee to write a paragraph and send to Tom Anderson.

H. PR/Marketing Committee – Dr. Begay reported social media going ok however Ivy

Vainio is not doing anything on it and if there is anything for Facebook, Twitter, send to Dr. Begay and she will post it as soon as she can.

Motion by Missy Begay to accept bid from New Media Campaigns for the new AAIP website. Second by Allison Kelliher. Motion passed

Tom reported a communication person is being hired for social media.

I. Rites and Ceremonies – Dr. Kelliher reported that PRIDoC annual meeting met with traditional Hawaiian healers. Visit.org wants to partner with AAIP to offer any courses. Visit.org is supported by Fortune 500 companies. Would like to provide info about indigenous topics and they have created curriculum for wellness and could be offered on visit.org to bring awareness. They can help us and offer some wellness and vaccine awareness and representative to offer courses for their employees and serve one agenda. Will create a plan and is an opportunity for regular messaging and visibility getting to our members.

J. Physician Wellness – Dr. Hansen reported a committee meeting is scheduled for October 28. Mary Roessel has played a major role and other members would like to think about their continued participation. An invitation will be sent to members to join the committee. There is a need to put activities on the AAIP website to see what's on the calendar for members only. Some members didn't know about the activities and emails are not working, not sure about options. Will not have the same level of activities, more quality and not quantity.

AAMC Liaison Report – Dr. Stern reported that need for another MOU with AAMC and the need for a new representative but can push off until January, there is no hurry.

ANAMS – Request from Brandon Postoak for a representative to the board. Not make them voting member but can sit in on the board meeting. Board members said yes and strongly agree.

LIME Network – Learners of Indigenous Medical Education network, Dr. Owen reported that schools are still meeting and developing competencies with AAMC. Anxious to get this done and get schools in line with Indigenous health. Dr. Alvord stated Washington State Medical School is working on this and Melissa Lewis is also doing something.

VI. New Business	<p>Health Workforce Development Summit for October 25 and 26, 2021. Develop regional hubs and have 270 people registered. Short on K-12. Dr. Alvord stated Navajo Prep and Hawaii might be interested. Missy Begay has connected with Navajo Prep.</p> <p>AAIP 50th – Tom Anderson reported that he will go ahead with a contract with the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC. Room rate is \$189.00 per night.</p>	
VII. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm	

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 8:00 PM CST