**AAIP November Board Meeting Minutes**  
**November 18, 2020**

**Attendees:** Tom Anderson, Jana Harkins, Mary Owen, Charlene Hansen, Shaquita Bell, Missy Begay, Allison Kelliher, Jonathan Baines

**Absent:** Walt Hollow

**Guests:** Brian Thompson, Gerald Hill, Melvina McCabe

Call to Order/Roll Call: Meeting commenced at 20:15 PM (CST)

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| Approval of Oct. AAIP Board meeting minutes | • Agenda reviewed and accepted without changes  
• Approved Oct. AAIP Board meeting minutes                                                                                             |                                                                              |
| Financial report             | • AAIP financial report  
• See report                                                                                                                             |                                                                              |
| Membership                   | See below                                                                                                                                  |                                                                              |
| Funding updates              | See below                                                                                                                                  |                                                                              |
| Committee reports            | • P&L Committee:  
One hospital closed Acoma Pueblo, no ER, no inpatient unit  
Urgent Care only.  
Acoma funding was shifted to establish urgent care elsewhere for a different tribe. Changes were expected but not until 2021. By law,  
tribal nations are supposed to get a year’s notice. Reason given by IHS for closure was because of short staffing (employees resigned, retired, transferred elsewhere). No plan for patients. Unknown whether EMS was preserved  
Sage Memorial also affected  
Phoenix L&D unit closed without consultation, patients without options. IHS reason is the facility needs renovations of $50M.  
• Governance Committee will meet to select replacement Treasurer | AAIP plan: Advocate for change—will write letter to IHS, AAIP to provide oversight, change upper level management, cc to Harris/Biden et al.  
Support Southwest providers in some way. Revise the narrative, there are more issues than an old facility.  
Meeting on 11/27 with RADM Toedt |
- Rites & Ceremonies, Dr. Shaw and Dr. Vainio on committee, will meet soon.
- Finance. Can we set up recurring contributions on a regular basis?
- Policy. AAIP invited to post election online event, Sunday Nov. 9th by AAMC, asking what policies are we interested in; committee recommends increased funding for substance abuse treatment centers; Indian Health Care Improvement Act; advance appropriations for IHS; make IHS funding non-discretionary; increased ability for IHS to get more providers; full funding of IHS; addressing invisibility of our communities; use and specify native doctor expertise; hearings and briefings should have doctor input; recruitment of providers; eliminate tax on IHS scholarship.
- Membership—recruitment of members needed
  First Dr. Hansen
  Second: Dr. Bell
  Vote: yes unanimous
- Marketing and Website—has website proposal for feedback and approval. Social media accounts are more actively promoting Wellness events. Created page for AAIP community. ANAMS fundraising $4,365 raised ended Oct. 15.
- Wellness—weekly meetings are on Thurs nights. First two wellness sessions were on Nov. 7-14. Next one is Dec. 12. Insomnia, stress and anxiety was the topic for the second session. 17 people attended. Much appreciation expressed and Dr. Maresca shipped out the plant medicines. Shipments were sent for a suggested donation of $25; physician members covered the cost of student shipments. Talking circles will occur monthly for general members and a women’s talking circle. Survey results are very helpful. Work Life Balance and other topics will be covered in the New Year.
- Proposal for sustaining web site pending
- Discussing rotations at native clinics; residency recruitment

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<td>Missy Begay to research possibilities and will submit to Board</td>
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Toolkit for medical schools to know whether a candidate is American Indian/Native American.
Native American medical competencies

Announcements:
Dr. Kelliher “Wisdom Traditions” will be published this month.
Dec. 2 annual meeting planning committee
Sunday ANAMS meeting

Lifetime membership option was proposed.

- AAMC representative-- no report
- CONACH—no report

501(c)4 need to know what we can do re writing to legislators

Survey re mentoring interest

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<td>First motion to accept report: Dr. Hansen</td>
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<td>2nd: Dr. Baines</td>
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<td>Yale/ED grant—writing NIH grant re substance abuse treatment upon presentation to the ED; starts now. Wants AAIP to provide physicians to provide guidance. Just sent specific requests, will follow up with us. AAIP to help disseminate information to ED’s.</td>
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<td>Semi-Annual Business Meeting—something fun, covid update, something on mental health, plus business meeting. Dates Friday Jan. 29th</td>
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Exercise event Missy to check in with Erica;
Meeting adjourned at 10:17 PM (CST)

Next meeting on December 16, 2020 at 8:15 PM (CST)