### AAIP Board Meeting Minutes  
**May 18, 2022**

**Attendees:** Tom Anderson, Mary Owen, Blair Matheson, Lukejohn Day, Charlene Hansen, Allison Kelliher, Lori Alvord, Dan Calac, Antoinette Martinez  
AAIP Members absent: Melissa Begay  
Call to Order/Roll Call: Meeting commenced at 8:05 PM (CST)

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<td>I. Meeting: Call to Order</td>
<td>Mary Owen, MD, AAIP President at 8:05 PM CST</td>
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<td>II. Roll call:</td>
<td>Quorum established</td>
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<td>III. Introductions &amp; Comments: Mary Owen, MD, AAIP President</td>
<td>Approval of Minutes: Minutes unavailable and will bring up to date as soon as possible.</td>
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<td>IV. Financial Report – Dr. Matheson, Treasurer</td>
<td>Dr. Blair reported that AAIP received loan forgiveness on the entire loan amount. The Indirect Cost Rate was increased from 20% to 29.8%. Cross Cultural Medicine Workshop bills are still coming in and will find out later if in the black. Tom sees no issues with bills that needs to be sent out and the Cross Cultural Medicine Workshop should be in the black. Event went smoothly with no glitches. Dr. Day also stated the workshop was good with favorable reviews from participants. Dr. Owen stated it was a healing event for members and students who attended.</td>
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| V. Executive Director Report – Tom Anderson. | Tom presented 4 parts to his report:  
1. Cross Cultural Medicine Workshop was one of the largest attended, with 60 students and 110 attendees overall. |  |
## VI. Bylaws Report – Dr. Antoinette Martinez

2. Funding opportunity – submission on May 1, 2022 to CDC for supplemental funding regarding vaccine for children, ages 0-5. Base funding of the CDC grant is $900,000.

3. Opioid Response Network – As a result of outreach to ORN, an increase of $500,000 per year for the next 3 years. AAIP acts as a subcontractor rather than a grantee.

4. AAIP working with Dr. Stern to provide the AIAHP Workshop that will be held early August, 2 weeks after the annual meeting. Gary Lankford is the staff person working with Dr. Stern. There is more funding coming in for the workshop, i.e. CUSN is contributing $2500 and another $5000 is coming in. Stanford will be housing the students.

Discussion - Potential change to bylaws - Does membership want to change identifying AI/AN for membership rather than providing proof. Associate membership AAIP bylaws proposed revisions. Membership requires AI/AN heritage/ancestry or self-identification. Proof as previously required a letter from tribal leadership verifying heritage or no change. Add AI/AN Naturopathic doctors to be voting members – Yes or no. Question came up at CCMW, why are they included.

Dr. Martinez presented potential bylaws changes through a powerpoint presentation:

There are 3 current areas for proposed changes – Change categories of non-voting membership:

Option One
- Associate members – allopathic or osteopathic physicians, or other healthcare professional including but not limited to tribal health public health personnel, tribal health care administrative professionals, and elected tribal officials are eligible to become a member. Associate members will pay dues.
- Honorary members – change language from financial contributions to “significant contributions”. Honorary members are exempt from paying dues.
- Students members – Any person who is a member of the Association of Native American Medical Student (ANAMS) is eligible to be a student member. Student members are exempt from paying dues.

**Option Two**

- Associate members – allopathic or osteopathic physician, or other healthcare professional are eligible to become a member.
- Supporting members – including but not limited to tribal public health professional, tribal health care administrative professionals, and elected tribal officials are eligible to becomes a member.
- Honorary members – same as above
- Student members – same as above

Dr. Owen stated the primary issue from Dr. Begay was separate associate and supporting AI/AN nurses,
pharmacists and non Native. Dr. Maresca suggestion was to combine all and not make them separate. Dr. Henson commented that student members are already members of ANAMS and AAIP is the parent organization. Other medical organizations have student members but are non-voting. Dr. Kelliher commented that students who graduate are eligible to become members but some don’t have AI/AN proof. Dr. Alvord commented that student members of ANAMS can easily slide into AAIP with very little paperwork which means getting more members and could be of benefit to AAIP.

Tom reported that the board allowed residents to be AAIP members for 1 year without cost as long as they are in training. Dr. Owen calls for a vote on when to separate out AI/AN from other groups.

Motion by Charlene Henson to establish an associate members category for health professionals who are not AI/AN. Discussion: Creating more categories instead of opening it up; should be recognized as more akin to AAIP; Be more open for AI/AN health professionals and be non-voting; Have a closer connection with AAIP and attend conference but be non-voting; ANAMS bylaws includes all other health professions.

Dr. Owen - all in favor of the motion to have associate membership separate to only AI/AN self-identified health care professionals. All board members present voted no. The outcome was to keep one group and not two separate
### VII. Committee Reports

**Wellness Committee Report** – Charlene Hensen reported that the Bling event was postponed and will do a poll for new dates before the annual meeting.

**Annual Meeting Report** – Dr. Mary Owen reported major changes to the agenda, Georges Benjamin of APHA will help lead off the meeting followed by a keynote address, panel discussion of health of health professions. The meeting will start at noon on Thursday with a keynote from a speaker from update New York. Presidential Reception will be held on Thursday at the Museum of the American Indian which will have awards and looking for music. Friday will begin a little later at 9:00 AM due to the Fun Run which has been organized will include virtual walks and runs. International known Dr. Michael Marmot and a Native researcher followed by concurrent sessions. Sponsored luncheon by AAMC and Dr. Skorton will be speaking after which he will meet with AAIP and ANAMS boards. Concurrent sessions will follow with a panel of HRSA, AAMP and other government agencies, ending with the business meeting. Dr. Hensen explained the fashion show in the ballroom, followed by the student/physician mixer. Saturday will begin with the Initiation Ceremony, plenary sessions, AAMP, his and Conach luncheon with Joey Bell’s talk. The pow wow is on Saturday evening at the hotel.
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<td>Governance Report – Dr. Lukejohn Day reported the committee met 3 weeks ago and provided information regarding nomination and voting processes. An initial slate will be presented and accept nominations from the floor. 3 board and 1 secretary positions are up for nomination. Will follow the process and may have virtual and online voting. Tom also mentioned paid dues are necessary to vote and will work technicalities on voting electronically.</td>
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<td>Membership Committee Report – Dr. Melissa Begay is not present on the call</td>
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<td>Policy and Legislation Committee Report – Dr. Owen reported that a meeting was scheduled with NIHB but was pushed back and committee wanted to discuss concerns with the proposed IHS Director appointment.</td>
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<td>Academic Medicine Report – Dr. Lukejohn Day will be finalizing speakers and has meeting with Dr. Melvina McCabe and reaching out to Dr. Don Warne and Dr. Siobhan Wescott. Suggestion to reach out to Noami Bender of WSU regarding the clinical simulation centers for Native Students. Dr. Bender will also be presenting at the annual meeting. Dr. Owen reports IHEAL – the indigenous health curriculum group.</td>
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<td>Workforce development session will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday sponsored by AAMC and held at AAMC. Dr. Owen hopes to have 100 people to create pathways and</td>
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“grow your own”. Organizations participating ANAMS, IHS, AAMC, AAP, NIEA and tribal colleges.

Need silent action donations for the Presidents reception and invitation have gone out. Tom asked if all board members will be attending the annual meeting. Dr. Hansen stated she is unable to attend and Dr. Alvord will be there for a short time. Physician of the Year update – In recognition of Navajo physicians and their efforts during COVID an scholarship award will be presented to one of the students.

Meeting Adjourned