

**AAIP Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 22.2023**

**Attendees:** Lukejohn Day, Daniel Calac, Allison Kelliher, Blair Matheson, Antoinette Martinez, Tom Anderson, Margaret Knight

**Absent:** Lynnae Lawrence, Lori Alvord

Call to Order/Roll Call: Meeting commenced at 8:00 PM (CST)

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
<b>Call to Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lukejohn Day, AAIP President</li> <li>• Quorum Established</li> </ul>	
<b>Approval of February 2023 board minutes</b>	<p>Dr. Day – Dr. Martinez has not received them and Dr. Day would like to do an electronic vote on the meeting minutes from March 2023, to give everyone an opportunity to review the minutes. Minutes are very comprehensive and thorough and comments from AAIP members indicate they appreciate the minutes as well.</p>	
<b>Financial Update</b>	<p>Dr. Matheson, money looks no different and the trends are included every other month and is interesting such as everybody paid their dues in December which is the end of the year. Financial report is broken out by dues, expenditures, grants. There is a huge spike because everyone paid their dues at the end of the year, another spike in July during the meeting and after that we had to pay our expenses. Expenses are a big wave and the trends are what you might expect and follow a pattern. No concerns and the electronic filling for the taxes and came back last week. We are doing well and no surprises and nobody handed in an invoice 6 months late.</p> <p>Report on the Wall Street meeting in Boston which was attended by Dr. Matheson and Tom – Were the token Indians. Discussed the future of health care. Chelsea Clinton and CEO of Moderna spoke and protesters who want him to be part of some vaccine program Biggest things – investment banking getting into our business.</p>	

	<p>Amazon bought out One Medical for 3.9 billion, CVS bought out Oakcreek partners for 3.6 Billion. Mass General trying to expand in the states and the government is worried about their market share, they only have 25% of the market share and 82,000 employees, Mayo has 43,000. Another thing of interest to Natives is everything is data driven. Data is gold and they talked about variables like fitbits and apps, such as glucose monitors that you stick on your skin and all of that generates data, that is collected, analyzed and sold. If they start going to IHS, who owns the data the tribes or the federal government? The tribes and federal government are going to say that is ours. Coming soon are questions on who owns the data and venture capitalists and companies are talking about harvesting data. Dr. Day – Any potential donors there for our cause? Dr. Matheson talked with several people and they were interested. Just had a zoom interview with one of their health care reporters, talking about rural setting access because they are talking about Artificial Intelligence but we are just happy to have a computer or cell phone. Talked in length about how Indian health care and access, why it takes 3 months to get an appointment and why can't we get admitted to the hospital in town. She is going to get back with Dr. Matheson and put that in an article in the Wall Street Journal. So, there is going to be a spotlight on something that affects the world instead of just New York, Boston and Miami, Florida. Tom also talked to a couple of people and some big companies fronting some money and gave them a card and will talk with them again.</p>	
<p><b>Executive Director Report</b></p>	<p>Tom reported - A proposal was submitted to Morehouse for additional \$50,000 COVID funds although original amount was \$25,000 but was able to negotiate to \$50,000 for the next six months. COVID Response Network led by Dr. Dominic Mack for Morehouse and yesterday Dr. Roubideaux volunteered to present on a panel regarding the impact of COVID on American Indians/Alaska Natives and a dramatic presentation on the rise and fall of vaccination rates</p>	

<p><b>Committee Updates</b></p>	<p>and why American Indian are dying at a much high rate than other populations. We will be posting her slides on our website. A lot of rich data from not only IHS, but CDC and tribal EPI centers as well. Thanks to Dr. Roubideaux for representing AAIP. The other is working with the media group and doing a focus group with the Osage youth on underage drinking and use of non-prescription drugs. We are doing PSAs, billboards, radio spots that will be kicking off soon. This is written in the work plan and we are following guidelines. The grant concludes September 29th but we have a carryover year of \$500,000. AAIP is looking at 2 other potential opportunities and one is a 1.75 grant that includes stipends for behavior health and be offered thru training to post bac students and the proposal is due in early May and reaching out to other entities such as AMP. We have not done something like this before and the grant is through SAMSA. FYI if you are unable to attend the CCMW, let Dr. Kelliher and Tom know. Dr. Day – let everyone know by next week to avoid a penalty at the hotel if you are not attending. AAIP has a direct bill that includes board member’s rooms at the hotel. Staff very busy with prep for CCMW. Dr. Martinez comments that with the grants being written, if there could be a line item for promotional items, we educate people and provide items with health information. Tom stated suggestion for items will encourage students to go into psychiatry/behavioral health and will be included in the grant. Tom will be celebrating his 5<sup>th</sup> year with AAIP. Dr. Day thanked Tom for his work and grateful for his leadership and work.</p> <p><b>Governance and Election</b> – Don’t have anything to update, probably in April, Dr. Day will pull in the full committee and start thinking about our election process.</p> <p><b>Cross Cultural Medicine and Rites &amp; Ceremonies Committee</b> – Dr. Kelliher reports the committee is working hard on specifics for the CCMW. Shares an overview of the agenda. Dr. Day successful fundraising of \$90,000 to cover costs of the CCMW and support 50</p>	
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	<p>students to attend. Dr. Kelliher reviews the draft agenda, starting with Thursday evening on the 27<sup>th</sup> for the board to meet. On Friday, we are having some guests that will be talking about traditional healing and Dr. JP Sanchez from UNM conducting a mentorship workshop followed by a hands on experiences with traditional healers and it decided to have medical releases of liability, lunch sponsored by United Healthcare and will have an honoring for a traditional healing award to Dr. Shaw's wife Lesa Shaw. The afternoon will be a panel with Dr. Jimmie Charlie and Kathy Morse and others followed by Sage and Sustainable Harvest with Antoinette Martinez, a Prayer and Cleansing Ceremony after which we will travel to the Pueblo Cultural Center, including a buffalo dance performance for cultural immersion. Saturday will have potentially a California dance group for opening prayer and traditional blessing, followed by Harvey Pratt sharing about his experience in medical anthropology and the mysterious such as Sasquash, the in-between science and the sacred. A panel for Resiliency in Delivering Multidisciplinary Care with dentist, veterinarians, Don Warne from Johns Hopkins and researchers from the area. Lessons and Resilience in Native Country with Dr. Lance Whitehair, medicine people and knowledge bearers and Cross Cultural Research Agenda discussion by Maria Brave Heart, A Trade and Barter session by Terry Maresca. Dr. Day thanks to Dr. Kelliher, Dr. Martinez, Dr. Alvord and Dr. Begay for their work on the CCMW. Finalized agenda will be coming out soon. To date only 12 people registered and 12 students but expect number to go up. Let Tom know if you are not attending and if we do not hear from you, we will assume you are attending and you will have a room for you.</p> <p><b>Membership Committee</b> – Dr. Martinez reports there are two applicants and were not taken to the committee but rather than delay, brings applicants to the board. The first applicant is Monica Stratton who is training in OBGYN at UCLA, and has been very involved with ANAMS and founded the ANAMS chapter at UCSF and</p>	
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	<p>developed the Native health elective for Internal medicine department. She is a tribal member of the Chickahominy Tribe of Virginia which has 875 members. Question regarding all required material when submitting an application. Her degree is included and will do exciting things. Recommends her as a full voting member of AAIP. A second applicant is non-Native, Dr. Samuel Franks, pathologist and mentioned in a note that he attended a CCMW and is interested in being involved with AAIP. Graduated in the mid 2000 and could be voted in as a non-voting member. He has done research during residency in clinical and surgical pathology and cytopathology and currently works in Indianapolis. Dr. Stratton can be voted as a full voting member and Franks can be as an affiliate member. He attended in 2016 CCMW. (Question for Dr. Calac regarding contact information for the dance group and he will forward contact phone number to Dr. Martinez)</p> <p><b>Motion to approve Dr. Stratton as full voting member by Dr. Matheson and second Dr. Calac. Motion passed. Motion to approve Dr. Franks as an affiliate member by Dr. Kelliher, second Dr. Calac. Motion passed.</b></p> <p>Tom asked Dr. Martinez regarding Dr. Hampton and payment of dues, Dr. Martinez asked Echo to contact Dr. Diana Hampton who is a Native Ophthalmologist and accepted as a member a long time ago and wanted to be active again.</p> <p><b>Annual Meeting</b> – Dr. Day has no updates however the planning committee will be meeting soon. Work is finalizing the subgroups on various aspects of the annual meeting. We also have new members who are from California, so the list is growing. Tom and Dr. Day talked about the current fundraising around the annual meeting is currently under \$100,000, so in a good spot moving into the meeting. Also, reaching out to some of the plenary speakers, those are the ones that will be taking some time. One person that has agreed is Dr. Wilson who is recently been appointed to the Native American Council at the White House. He chairs or co-chairs the committee</p>	
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	<p>and he will be speaking. We have several invites pending to other speakers for the conference itself and once more information is received, will let the board know. Very much in the early planning stages. Any questions on the annual meeting and we are about 6 months out. Dr. Calac has contacted several casinos and no one has said no. Alec Calac commented regarding the surgical panel and other ways to maximize institutional support for students to attend. He is also reaching out to the San Diego community for their involvement, A point related to Cross Cultural Medicine, Hailey Baker and Alec submitted MBME BGAP sponsored by Dr. JP Sanchez on the Importance of Traditional Healing and medical students/physicians valuing the that perspective in the delivery of Western health care in coordination with community knowledge holders. Expect to hear on Friday morning with Dr. Calac the sponsoring faculty member.</p> <p><b>2024 Annual Meeting in Hawaii</b> – No update since Dr. Lynnae Lawrence is not on the call. More it to the next meeting agenda.</p> <p><b>Other Discussion</b> – Dr. Calac reported a meeting with Tribal Consortium with the 9 tribes that they coordinate care under 638 in Southern California. The discussion was regarding the opioid settlement monies that will be coming out and it may be a little preliminary but wondering what the board would think. The abatement is very general and could cover a number of things. From an AAIP standpoint not a lot of money but offering technical assistance to guide the process for the use of this program with a cultural/healing component. Dr. Day thanks Dr. Calac for bringing this up and is a great idea. Dr. Martinez agrees and should show a presence, provide technical assistance and develop relationships more. Dr. Calac will ask the CEO and Hobbs Stauss if they would be willing to share the powerpoint to review and see if we can come up with some ideas, people are thinking about in patient placement, cultural liaison and covers the whole gamut and there are some good ideas that we can come up with and he will try to get a copy of the</p>	
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	<p>powerpoint and forward to the board members for the next board meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Kellier shared that a discussion is being held at the United Nations about the social determinants of health. It's a new publication and new initiative coming out next month to bring awareness to the unique experience of indigenous peoples who protects 80% of the world's biodiversity and 6-20% of the global population. Recently there have been a couple of initiatives at the National Academy of Medicine to create a writing group around the effects of racism on health. There are several different racial groups being developed and Dr. Kellier has been identified on the writing group over the next few months will be assembling data and information in that regard. There is also a group convening for a White House initiative exploring data and science behind traditional healing in order to advocate for getting a payer group the includes traditional healers for Medicare and Medicaid payment and considering traditional American Indian/Alaska Native traditional healing as a validated form of medicine for reimbursement in our country's health care system. So those conversations are being led by David Wilson at the White House and will be meeting soon and initiative that you should be aware of and also Johns Hopkins is rolling out a mental health certificate that will include traditional healing concepts and certify nurses, other health care providers and mental health competency and those will be available to tribes by this fall. Dr. Martinez commented she would like to get Dr. Catchabaldy, to the AAIP conference, she is not a physician but is the director of Native American studies at Cal Poly Humbolt. The way she puts it, so nails it on the head. We have Been here for 100,000 years especially in California, we have been doing our research all this time, it's not evidence based and survived. But using all these medicines and have our own science and surviving.</p>	<p>Dr. Day – Two action items is doing an electronic vote on the minutes of the February minutes and send a vote to Tom. Let Tom or Allison know if you are not coming to the CCMW, so we can release the room or reallocated. We have rooms reserved for all the board and need a final count so we don't get penalized.</p>
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