

**Association of American Indian Physicians**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**July 26, 2023**

**Agenda:** Dr. Day reviewed the board agenda which covers the annual meeting, fundraising, collaboration regarding NNAYI and getting it start for next summer. Any specific items that the board wants to talk about.

**Roll Call:** **Dr. Day** - Antoinette Martinez, Blair Matheson, Dan Calac, Lori Alvord and Lynnae Lawrence, established a quorum. Staff: Tom Anderson and Margaret Knight

**Minutes:** June minutes approval however Dr. Martinez has not received them. Dr. Calac has reviewed and entertains a motion to approve the June minutes. Dr. Day informed Dr. Martinez that minutes could be sent to her for review. Tom Anderson will send minutes to Dr. Day and he will send to Dr. Martinez.

**Financial Reports/comments:** Dr. Matheson will report on the financials while waiting to approve the June minutes. Dr. Matheson reports:

- The financials were sent out and everything is pretty much the same
- Looking at the bottom, all the trends are listed. The trends are exactly as you would expect.
- There is a spike in the trends under grants right after the start of the new year which is exactly where it starts.
- Expenses match up with two big meetings and revenue from membership is always after the first of the year.
- Trends are exactly what you expect which is nice because there are no expected bills or things that might be coming in that we do not know about.
- Annual meeting – will have to pay some bills to get there and of course after the meeting there will be some bills.
- There will be revenue from the meeting, from membership, registration fees and should show up in the next few weeks.
- Fundraising – talked to Stanford and Biohaven who had a booth last year and sent information to contact at Biohaven who was bought out by Pfizer.

**Executive Director Report** – Tom Anderson reports that issues with gmail accounts in regard to sending minutes to Dr. Martinez and emails to students and hope to resolve this problem soon.

- Wrapping up SAMHSA Year 5 and requested extension due to COVID which amounts to around \$400,000 and talked to project officer and does not seem to be an issue. He will advocate for use and other grantees who had issues with COVID.
- Also, received \$68,000 in funding from ASTHO (Association of States, Territorial, Health Organizations) to do some grant activities which have already been done and getting paid for these activities.
- Collaborated with the Sac & Fox Nation of Oklahoma for a 988 grant which is revenue for AAIP and should be awarded and is around \$300,000-350,000 per year that was submitted
- Worked with the hotel for the annual meeting regarding Food & Beverage and other related costs will be sent to Tom
- AIHPP will coming up this week that the AAIP office has been involved with and helping Dr. Stern with this.

Dr. Alvord's question: Are those grants mentioned helpful to the annual meeting expenses or primarily earmarked for running the office or expenses related to that? Tom stated that the monies from ASTHO are related to the activities that were performed and that goes to the AAIP bottom line and allocated according to how AAIP sees fit. The 988 grant that we applied for with the tribe because we could not apply for that. Many of the tribes have challenges in management of grants and asking AAIP is going to be grant manager for that funding. Funding is earmarked for grant activities and AAIP will be getting a 28% indirect cost that will going to AAIP's bottom line.

**Membership Committee Report:** Dr. Martinez reports that she is not ready to present new applications since she only received them last night and has not reviewed them and requests postponement of her report for next month.

**Governance/Election Report:** Will pass until the Annual Meeting report by Dr. Day.

**Rites & Ceremonies:** Lynnae Lawrence reports that Dr. Kelliher has scheduled a meeting tomorrow night (7/27/23). That will be the first time she will be involved. Dr. Day is the regular scheduled Annual Meeting call but will give Dr. Kelliher some time to have the committee to meet at that time regarding annual meeting planning, she will be running the call that will be from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Pacific time. Anyone who wishes to attend the call are welcome. She has a list of things that she will need help with such as the pow wow, men's and women's retreat, and sweat ceremony.

**Policy and Legislation:** Report by Dr. Alvord regarding SCOTUS statement. Dr. Day. Dr. Roubideaux and Dr. Alvord have been working on it and Yvette had one part of a paragraph

that needed wordsmithing and she will finish by the end of the weekend. Nearly done and that it's definitely a statement that expresses disappointment in the decision and describes the long history that our tribes have had with the United States and our unique political status.

Advocates that universities consider that in their decisions for admissions and talks about how our applicants contribute to the diversity in ways that are not directly related to race and their status as first generation, economic status, very unique background and experiences, distant traveled which means overcoming extraordinary obstacles. Just reminding the admission committees that they can consider us though not directly by race but find many other ways to consider our applicants for admissions. Dr. Day thanks Dr. Alvord for her work on this statement.

#### Discussion:

- Dr. Calac says issues were addressed such as culture and economic status and would like to mention the impact of social determinants of health in the community as they provide the care and how social determinates of health permeates all communities.
- Dr. Alvord stated there is a line that we have significant health disparities and that our students are able to help meet the need to address those health disparities.
- Dr. Day states how they will return to serve their communities and imperative that admissions committees take that into consideration giving the high vacancy rates and the lack of physicians in our communities. Dr. Day also states that it's close to being finished and will post on our website, share with our members and send to medical schools across the country to extend our reach and are open to suggestions for other ways to disseminate the message.
- Dr. Alvord would like to share the close to final draft of the statement with the Executive Committee before it is posted on the website to make sure everyone has a chance to weigh in. Dr. Day is ok once edits from Dr. Roubideaux are received it will be posted on the website and disseminated to medical schools.
- Dr. Martinez suggested the statement be sent to AMA as well.
- Dr. Alvord mentioned sending statement to undergraduate schools.
- Dr. Lawrence sending out to medical schools but possibly hand delivering it, such as personal touch by sending to medical schools they have attended.
- Dr. Day send out the final copy and get approval and get suggestions for distribution.
- Dr. Alvord suggests doing both and point to be made about the personal touch or connections, which will go a long way coming from an alumni or employee.
- Dr. Martinez – sounds fine with her and every medical school should have a spot for an American Indian student on the basis of political relationship with US government and health care manpower shortages that we have. However UND, it was their legislation that mandated a certain number of medical school class members are given a slot if they are American Indian.

- Dr. Day stated that the schools that are already doing it do not need the letter but other schools that aren't will need the letter to rethink it.

**Minutes:** Dr. Antoinette has reviewed the minutes and are fine. **Motion by Dr. Matheson, second by Dr. Martinez to approve the June minutes, there being no discussion, motion passed.**

**Annual Meeting Update** – Dr. Day reports his list of plenary speakers that include the following:

Thomas Sequist, MD (Chief Medical Officer at Mass General Brigham)

Roselyn Tso (Director of Indian Health Service)

David A. Acosta, MD (Chief Diversity & Inclusion Officer, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (AAMC))

Erica Pinto (Chairwoman Jamul Indian Tribe) to get final date and time

Dominic Mack, MD, MBA (Director National Center for Primary Care, Professor of Medicine, Morehouse School of Medicine)

Christina E. Snider (Tribal Affairs Secretary, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom)

David Wilson, Ph.D. (Senior Policy Advisor White House Council on Native American Affairs)

Cutcha Risling Baldy, Ph.D. (Associate Professor and Department Chair of Native American Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt)

Assemblymember Ramos who is the only American Indian in CA legislature however they are in session during Annual Meeting, sends his regrets.

Invited and waiting for confirmation from U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, hope to hear by next week

Break out sessions – This is the last week to receive submissions for breakouts and there are some local institutions sessions that are already planned. Also, partnered with ANAMS and they will have 1 breakout session to parallel our breakout sessions. We wanted to offer parallel sessions for students and physicians and ANAMS has been working hard and has most of the items together. Dr. Day hopes to have a finalized agenda out by the end of next week. Any questions on plenary and breakout sessions. Margaret reported that there were 19 abstracts submitted for breakout session as of July 25, 2023. One of the abstracts was an ANAMS abstract.

Dr. Alvord – The surgeon's group that wants a panel regarding surgery as a career and a breakout to discuss the discussion of a surgeon's group. When are the dates and times and to get certain people for the panel. Dr. Day has sessions thinking of a Friday and Saturday and will let Dr. Alvord know.

Current conference registrations: 54, early registration still open.

Current number of hotel days booked – Dr. Day wants to emphasize the required 80% or 900 rooms booked by 8/16/23. At 331 room booked and need to encourage members who you know who are coming and students to book their rooms to get a discount, so if we do not meet

that 80%, we will get penalized. Comment by Tom, once the abstracts are selected there will be more rooms booked. Registrations are at 63 today. Last year, we did not meet our room nights and we received a hefty penalty. Dr. Alvord asked if based on last year were numbers downgraded this year to mitigate that problem? Tom stated we downgraded about 300 rooms and be sensitive to August 16<sup>th</sup> date and once abstracts are selected there will be more rooms. Registrations need 110 and Dr. Matheson had a mad rush at the end and ran out of rooms and send out reminders to books rooms. We not only ran out of rooms but got penalized. If people hesitate may not be able to get a room and try to encourage them to book a room. Cancellation policy of the room is 72 hours without a penalty. Margaret submitted the AV needs and waiting on a quote and don't know if you want to get fancy on your presidential reception.

Dr. Day segwayed into fundraising and stated the goal of \$250,000 goal, 54% achieved. So far, we are at \$143,000 and a list of organizations, contacts and amounts pledged, top of the list is Morehouse and ORN and several tribes committed to sponsor as well as universities. Dr. Day has reached out to 400 groups and submitted grants to a small amount of this group. If there are any ideas and would like to reach the goal to cover expenses, sponsor students and to make the conference as successful as possible. Tom commented that Mayo Spirit of Eagles has gone by the wayside. They used to sponsor students to the annual meeting, it might be defunct. Dr. Day will reach out to Dr. Baines. Dr. Calac will double efforts to local tribes for additional support. Margaret will reach out to the Marshall Foundation who usually supports the student/physician mixer. Dr. Day will share list of sponsors with the board.

Physician of the Year Award that is bestowed upon one of our members who have been gone over and above in the community and provided exceptional service. Two nominees so far are past winners as well, Dr. Joey Bell and Dr. Donna Galbreath. Other members that are being considered and if these two are ok with people have won the award before. Dr. Calac it would be good to recognize Dr. Joey Bell at this time. Dr. Matheson also is considering Dr. Bell and he is an amazing human being and discussion of Don Warne because of his recent efforts. Dr. Lawrence asked if there is a list of past winners. Margaret stated the list of past winners is on the AAIP website under the Nomination packet. Tom would be good to let them know around the first week of August.

Discussion on Rites and Ceremonies will defer to Dr. Kelliher. Annual meeting getting closer and closer. Tom stated a board meeting is set for the evening of September 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a board meeting. The goal of the board meeting is to set some high level topics but to finish any last minute details. Thursday night will be the student/physician mixer, Friday night is the Presidential reception and Saturday is the pow wow. Dr. Matheson will be coming in on Tuesday and will help with last minute details to work with Dr. Day and Tom.

Next topic is the NNAYI which was last held in 2018 and is a high school program that has been held for well over a decade. Students come out for 10 days and is an outstanding program and Dr. Day has heard from a lot of people to try to bring it back. Thanks to Dr. Adriann Begay who has a colleague at Harvard and there is a program called Lift that has an anonymous donor to fund the NNAYI for one year but want to go for 2 years. The higher cost of the program, we

would have to fundraise to cover the staff and other logistical items. The \$90,000 would cover the student costs, travel, housing, meals and there is a \$40,000 gap and working on final details and have the program next summer 2024. The AAIP staff has been working on the timeline and all the documents and final details of the MOU, start the recruiting of students, securing the housing for the students in Washington, DC. We hope to get the funding for three years and continue afterwards. The program we are working with really wants to sustain the NNAYI and has offered to help with grant writing and using their connections. Dr. Stern has also reached out to the Commonwealth Program, they have an interest in the program. There is a lot of excitement regarding resurrecting the program. Tom adds that we will be submitting to Shakopee for a matching grant and we have a member that has close ties to the tribe and mY help us to fund the program. Dr. Day's goal as president is get the program up and running because it is such a successful program and many of our members have been in the program and is a shining star in AAIP's programming.

End of the agenda and any other topics to raise? Dr. Day thanks everyone on the work on the annual meeting and NNAYI.

Meeting adjourns at 9:00 pm CST