

VCNAA Meeting Minutes
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Members Present: Luke Willard, Chairman; Melody Walker, Vice-Chair; Charlene McManis, Secretary; Takara Matthews, Shirly Hook, Fred W. Wiseman.

Guests: Fred Wiseman, JSC; Chief Don Stevens, Nulhegan; Roger McManis, Montpelier; Doug Bent, Braintree.

Luke brought the meeting to order at Johnson State College at 6pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approved Minutes of November 16, 2010

Fred moved to approve the minutes after removing the word “testimony” and replacing it with “discussion”. Melody seconded. All agreed.

2. Update of Scholar’s Active List

Melody has made attempts to contact Lisa Brooks to join the scholar's list but has yet to receive a response. Melody will create an updated Scholar’s list with Paul Tamburro and Scott Dillon.

3. Update/Distribution of New Dawn Curriculum

After much discussion, it was decided to start fresh with the curriculum. The commission will work with scholars, educators, agencies, etc to develop the curriculum. This will take time. A draft resource guide was presented for review. Discussion was held and commissioners were very happy with the draft which was approved and will be updated and made available in December.

4. Meeting Locations

Updates will be posted to the website.

5. Applicant’s Review Panels

Fred moved to accept Eloise Beil, David Skinas and Bill Haviland for Koasek’s review panel. Takara seconded. All agreed. Melody moved to limit scholars to two petitions for review at a time so as not to overload them. Fred seconded. All agreed. Additional information for Koasek’s application was passed to commission members. Charlene moved to accept Fred Wiseman, Dave Lacy and Eloise Beil for Elnu’s review panel. Takara seconded. All agreed. Takara moved to accept Kevin Dann, David Lacy and David Skinas as Nulhegan’s review panel. Fred seconded and all agreed. Luke excused himself from participating in this decision. Chief

Don Stevens announced that there are 5 members listed in the Nulhegan application who are deceased. They are listed to honor the memory of their commitment to achieving recognition. Charlene stated that there are deceased tribal members on the Grand Ronde's tribal rolls.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Work Groups to review applications

Discussion was held regarding creating work groups to review applications. Luke, Takara, and Nathan will review the Elnu application. Melody, Shirly, and Fred will review the Nulhegan application. Dawn, Charlene, and David will review the Koasek application.

2. Projects

Fred Wiseman informed the commission of three projects in which the commission may consider supporting: The Vermont Indigenous Ethnobotany Project, The Vermont Indigenous Summit, and The Vermont Indigenous Cultural Center. After a summary of each project, the commission agreed to lend whatever support is necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Charlene McManis