



**COCONINO COUNTY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ADVISORY COUNCIL (IPAC)  
MEETING**

**Thursday, January 26, 2023, 5:30 – 7:00 PM  
MINUTES**

**Present: Sharon Doctor (Chair), Diana Cudeii (Vice-Chair), Juliette Roddy, Linda Curley, Steve Smith, Sarah Hunter, Meg Kabotie Adakai, Rose Toehe, Mike Luna**

**Absent: none**

**Guests: Stephen Pelligrini (IPAC Coordinator), Areina Contreras (IPAC Coordinator), Cheyenne Grabiec (Coconino Community College), Dianne Lomahaftewa (FUSD)**

**1) Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions:**

Sharon Doctor, IPAC Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32pm

Member Juliette Roddy called to group to a moment of silence in honor of Brandon Osborn Charley, a man found deceased in Flagstaff due to exposure on 1/25/23.

**2) Opening Public Participation:**

None.

**3) Approval of Minutes**

A. December 8, 2022, IPAC Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve December 8, 2022 meeting minutes made by Vice-Chair Diana Cudeii, seconded by Member Steve Smith. Motion passed on a 6-0 vote by members present.

**4) New Business**

A. Update on Staff Support for Councils: Sharon Doctor

Chair Sharon Doctor explained the County's recruitment of a new Diversity Council Coordinator and introduced Areina Contreras who will be taking over the position from Stephen Pelligrini for IPAC. Areina Contreras introduced herself and spoke about her background, history with Coconino County, and her goals for this new position.

**5) Old Business**

A. Election of Chair & Vice Chair leadership: Sharon Doctor

A motion to elect Member Linda Curley to the position of IPAC Vice-Chair was put forward by Member Juliette Roddy and seconded by Member Sarah Hunter. On a vote of 7-0, Linda Curley was elected Vice-Chair of IPAC with a term expiring 12/31/2024.

A motion to elect Member Juliette Roddy to the position of IPAC Chairperson was put forward by Vice-Chair Linda Curley and seconded by Member Steve Smith. On a vote of 7-0, Juliette Roddy was elected Chairperson of IPAC with a term expiring 12/31/2024.

**6) Finance**

- A. IPAC account status: Stephen Pelligrini, IPAC Coordinator  
Stephen Pelligrini read the current IPAC account balance, no pending expenses were reported since 12/8/22.

## **7) Announcements**

- A. Chair Juliette Roddy gave an update on the postponement of the Coconino Community College resource fair due to weather, and a family emergency that prevented her from representing IPAC on the rescheduled date.
- B. Chair Juliette Roddy gave a re-cap of her presentation to the Northern Arizona University Commission on Ethnic Diversity, presented mission statement, membership, and items important to IPAC. Member Sharon Doctor is a member of the NAU-CED and provided more details on the purpose of the Commission and membership requirements.
- C. Member Meg Adakai announced the Northern Arizona University research grant to study wildfire communications and requested IPAC membership's assistance with research.
- D. Member Rose Toehe discussed the Economic Collaborative of Northern Arizona's strategic plan, and that they are seeing input from Indigenous communities.
- E. Member Rose Toehe re-capped the recent meeting between the Indigenous Initiatives workgroup and Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, planning a series of listening sessions in Navajo and Hopi to provide information about the criminal justice system in Coconino County.
- F. Guest Dianne Lomahaftewa representing Flagstaff Unified School District shared links to a needs assessment survey for parents in the district. Surveys are also available at youth basketball games in Coconino County and Navajo Nation.
- G. Coordinator Stephen Pelligrini solicited new biographical information and pictures of members to include on the IPAC website. Pelligrini also provided an update on pending membership requests and solicited new members from county District 1 and 5, who lack membership on IPAC. Member Mike Luna had a question about existing District boundaries, Pelligrini provided answer.
- H. Member Sharon Doctor explained the new Northern Arizona University "Seven Generations Signature Initiative" aka "7GSI." She discussed the program timeframe, available scholarships, program components, date of launch reception on 2/6/23. Further group discussion about the initiative's benefits to Indigenous students at NAU.

## **8) Closing Public Participation:**

None.

## **9) Next Meeting Dates and Presenters/Topics:**

- A. February 1, 2023 Tri-Diversity Council Meeting (CHAC Hosting) 5:30 – 7:00pm
- B. February 23, 2023 IPAC Meeting 5:30 – 7:00pm  
Discussion about placing an item on the 2/23/23 agenda to move regular monthly meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each calendar month beginning in March 2023.

Motion to change February meeting date from Thursday 2/23 to Wednesday 2/22 was made by Chair Juliette Roddy, seconded by Member Sharon Doctor. The motion passes by vote of 7-0.

## **10) Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:35pm