

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN CAUCUS (NAIC)
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 19, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair Alex Betancourt.

Those in attendance: Alex Betancourt, Jennifer Jensen, Joy Hall-Villareal, Bella Barela, Solomon Barela, Arvelia Via Cooper-Whigham, Maria Luis Gutierrez (guest), Micaela Garcia, Lucia Sapiens, Mai Thao (staff) and Mariam Alvarez (staff).

Treasurer's Report: not available. Chair Betancourt shared that the amount of the NAIC Budget for 2016 is not known as of yet. He stated that there are still two outstanding expenses: \$250 for TANF and \$250 for Turtle Lodge.

Secretary's Report: minutes from previous meeting were reviewed. Arvelia via Cooper-Whigham made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Bella Barela. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.

Old Business:

- Harvest Fest: Chair Betancourt reminded members the APALA Caucus is having its first
- Harvest Fest Saturday November 14, 2015 from 1:00P.M. – 5:00P.M.
- Mission Statement: Jennifer Jensen felt that in the first paragraph second line political justice should not be used as each tribe has their own internal council to deal with issues. There was much discussion on this issue. Other changes/corrections were: to add Local 521 to the first paragraph, beginning of second line; the third paragraph adding Mission after NAIC on the first line and moving this to paragraph to the second paragraph; the last paragraph add environmental after social. It was decided to table until next meeting.
- White Sage Purchase: tabled until next meeting

New Business: none

Donation Requests:

- Building Our Future (BOF): tabled until next meeting
- APALA Jacket Drive: tabled until next meeting

Open Forum:

- No meetings held in June, 2015 and July 2015
- Community Political Organize Mai Thao spoke on the following issues to bring members up to date: COPE, Fredrich's Case (awaiting Supreme Court Decision – can make difference in membership); pledge cards (significant changes); and Fight 4 \$15 National Day Of Action November 10, 2015.

Adjournment: Joy Hall-Villareal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18P.M. Seconded by Jennifer Jensen. Vote taken. Motion passed as presented.