

**Indian Education Advisory Committee Report Provided by
Saundra Mitrovich, Chairwoman
For February 13, 2017 Meeting of the Nevada Indian Commission**

Meeting: Indian Education Advisory Committee (IEAC)

Date: January 3, 2017 9:30am to 11:30am

Location: Western Nevada College, Carson City Nevada and other videoconference sites

Agenda:

Approval of Education Advisory Committee for American Indian and Alaska Native Appointment of Representative Forms

- We have several members that need to submit forms for membership and some were confused as to if their term was expired. Some members have either changed positions or left their position of employment. The following members updated their positions:
 1. Jonathan Lowery (JOM Program Coordinator, Nevada Urban Indians)
 2. Constance Barnes (Education Director, Washoe Tribe)

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Education Advisory Committee for American Indian and Alaska Natives

- Saundra Mitrovich, Intertribal Higher Education Program at the University of Nevada, nominated by Fredina Drye-Romero, NDE, and Seconded by San San Tin of the Reno Sparks Indian Colony for Chairman. Saundra Mitrovich accepted and was approved.
- Lori Pasqua was nominated, and approved by the same.

Review and First Reading of Revisions to the Education Advisory Committee for American Indian and Alaska Native By-Laws to include Provisions to Address Early Childhood Education

- Committee reviewed the by-laws of the Indian Education Advisory Committee for the Nevada Indian Commission. The following items were discussed as we reviewed the by-laws:
 1. Under Article II paragraph 2 what does “Indian Set-Aside” mean?
 2. Suggestion under Article III Membership that there are three representatives from ITCN rather than only two.
 3. Under Article III Membership section e. title should read “Education Programs Professional from Indian Education”.
 4. Under Article III Membership sections f. and g. we should combine language for one

representative from Title VII.

5. Under Article III Membership section i. and h. we should combine both and clarify the language.
6. Under Article III Membership section j. add Great Basin Community College.

Discussion and Decision on Participation at Nevada Tribes Legislative Day, February 14, 2017

- Sherry Rupert discussed the date and agenda items for Nevada Tribes Legislative Day. She discussed that 2017 is the year of the Native American Veteran and also discussing how we can promote programs within tribes and for tribes in Nevada.
- On the 2nd Floor Senate Atrium the Great Basin Artists will also display their artwork. Some other items that will be included in the discussion included proposed bill to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day, SB 391, the Every Student Succeeds Act, and Legislative Day Information Boards.
- Action taken included save the date information going out to the list serve and inviting organizations to bring their students to event.

Committee Member Comments and Announcements

- It has been encouraged by the committee that if any organizations are preparing strategic plans for their programs or if they need support in aligning those plans with larger statewide initiatives, to bring to the committee for some assistance. There are a lot of goals for this year as it relates to education and the committee would like to engage in focusing on the strategic plans goals and curriculum development.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- The committee will be focused on revisiting the by-laws, strategic plan, Indian Education plan from the Office of Indian Education and CCSSO.

Next Meeting of the Indian Education Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 7th 2017 at Western Nevada College in Carson City, Nevada and other videoconference sites.

This report has been prepared and respectfully submitted by Sandra L. Mitrovich, IEAC Chairman