

AIC Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
6:00-8:00pm

Meeting held by webinar in order to protect Board members from retaliation by certain community members

1. Call to order, opening prayer
  - A. Meeting called to order at 6:05pm
  - B. Attendees: Les Begay, Sharon Taylor, Chantay Moore, Samantha Selby, Heather Miller  
Guests: David Bernie, Andrew Herscher and Ana Maria Leon
2. Review and Approve August minutes
  - A. Les motioned to approve minutes, Sharon 2nd, minutes approved.
3. Logo Proposal
  - A. David Bernie came to AIC with a new logo concept and idea. He would like to be more involved with the community and use his skills to help organizations. He voluntarily created a new logo concept and design for AIC which he presented. His proposal was well received and the Board would like to present this new logo idea to the community.
  - B. In addition- rebranding is a strategic plan goal for the AIC so this makes us one step closer to completing our strategic plan.
4. Staff and ED Report
5. Board Business
  - A. Upcoming events:
    - Native Americans in Philanthropy Gathering: Reception at Newberry Library on Sept 18th, panel session on Sept 19th.
    - Powwow: Still trying to secure location, lack of powwow committee and other factors making it difficult to plan and get it together.
    - Newberry Library Fundraiser: Due to timing and unavailability of selected guest speakers we are rescheduling the event to February. Have reached out again to selected guest speakers for February dates.
    - Chicago Architectural Biennial: Land acknowledgement panel on Sept 19th. Land acknowledgement sign posted in the Chicago Cultural Center now through January 2020. Andrew and Ana Maria both introduced themselves and talked briefly about the Settler colonialism project that they are working on in partnership with AIC. The project is installed in the cultural center and events will be taking place at AIC.
    - NWPWM Ribbon Cutting: The Schiller Woods mound is set for construction and the ribbon cutting ceremony will occur at Schiller Woods on Indigenous Peoples Day, October 14th from 11-4.
    - Art Institute: The land acknowledgement ceremony will be occurring on Sept 27th. The ceremony will be followed by a reception and all are welcome to attend. This ceremony is designed to be an acknowledgement in the change in relationship with the American Indian community and the Art Institute. Although not perfect it is a step in the right direction to working better in partnership with the community.
  - B. Legal Situation Update
    - Due to pending litigation and recent events a conversation occurred regarding revoking Joann Maney and Judy Palomino's memberships to AIC. The Board will send a letter to these individuals explaining the situation. There was an additional discussion regarding the safety of additional Board members. Heather has been talking to lawyers about AIC's next steps as well as options to protect all Board members from various acts of retaliation by individuals from the June 20th, 2019 group.
    - Les motioned to go through the discovery process to determine if other police reports have been filed on current AIC Board members and staff, Chantay 2nd, motion approved.
    - Les motioned to begin the process of removing Joann and Judy's members to AIC, Sharon 2nd and motion approved.

6. Adjourn

A. Les motioned to adjourn, Chantay 2nd, meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.