



## Indian Impact Schools of Montana

931 Main Street SW,  
Ronan, Mt. 59864

IISM Board Meeting  
November 16, 2021  
Lewistown, MT  
Yogo Inn

### MINUTES

**Board members:** President Corrina Guardipee-Hall, Vice President Dan Schmidt, Secretary/Treasurer Mark Johnston, Chad Johnson, Dawn Bishop-Moore. Past President Voyd Pierre was absent.

**Executive Directors:** Brian Gallup and Lonnie Morin

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President Guardipee-Hall.
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of minutes from June 18, 2021: Chad Johnson **moved** to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on June 18, 2021. Dan Schmidt **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously.
4. New Business:
  - a. Treasurer Reports: Mark Johnston presented current bank statements and dues payments.
    - i. Bank Account: Discussed current balance of \$157,559 and moving funds from Native Bank to Glacier Bank in Ronan, MT. Chad Johnson **moved** to move funds from Native American Bank to Glacier Bank in Ronan, MT by December 2021. Mark Johnson **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously.
    - ii. Memberships Dues: Majority of dues have been paid, outstanding - \$484.00 from member districts. Discussed current dues. Mark Johnston **moved** to set dues for FY2023 at the membership meeting in June. Chad Johnson **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously.

At this time the contract for Brian Gallup was discussed. Dan Schmidt asked how Brian is separating his time between the different Boards he is currently serving on. Brian explained that IISM is paying to send him to represent Indian Lands in Montana. This includes lobbying and attending conferences. Brian will log his time representing IISM and submit to President Guardipee-Hall for approval.

- b. Discuss communication strategies to reach newly elected Tribal Boards: Board Members discussed frustrations in communication with Tribal Boards.

- c. NAFIS Fall Conf. Update: Brian Gallup: Brian is pushing for funds over 100% to go to construction versus CWD. He has met with Tester and Daines, they are on board for Impact Aid support. Met with Rosendale and felt he listened and talked but is still learning about the program.
- d. Clarification of Expectations for Executive Officers: Board determined that Lonnie Morin and Brian Gallup should attend the following conferences annually: NAFIS Spring (March) and Fall (September) in Washington D.C., as well as NIISA in Las Vegas in December. Lonnie will ask her Arlee Board of Trustees if they will cover one of the trips to Washington D.C. each year. Brian will request NAFIS present a FISEF training at MCEL in October. Lonnie will secure the space and meeting time for this training. Lonnie and Brian will communicate when needed to determine what needs to be accomplished, and separate duties as appropriate.

Recess at 10:24 a.m. Reconvened at 10:41 a.m.

- e. Next Steps for IISM:
  - Brian Gallup requested a phone upgrade. Dawn Bishop-Moore **moved** to approve a new phone for Brian Gallup. Mark Johnston **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously.
  - Board discussed current Bylaws and Constitution. Lonnie presented a current version from 2013, Board had been making changes to a version from 2010. Lonnie will update the 2010 version and send out in Google Docs to Board members for comments and suggested changes that will be approved at the June membership meeting.
  - Discussed current Board members and when they were elected. Lonnie will work on this rotation and once bylaws are confirmed, create staggered elections for the members. At this time it was noted that the Board only has six members and their bylaws require seven. Chad Johnson **moved** to appoint Marcy Cobell from LameDeer as the seventh member. President Guardipee-Hall **seconded**. Motion **carried** unanimously. Ms. Cobell will serve as appointee until the June meeting where she will be up for election as a member.
  - Set membership and Board meeting for June 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at KwaTukNuk. Brian will see if John Forkenbrock can present at the meeting. Communication for this event should be high so we can get as many school board trustees and membership schools present as possible. Dan Schmidt requested a calendar be created with all important conferences for schools reflected so we can make future plans for membership meetings; Lonnie will work on this.
- f. For the good of the order: Nothing further to discuss.

5. Adjourn: President Guardipee-Hall adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.