



ICI Board of Directors Agenda 6PM Rose Room  
November 27, 2018  
Called to Order at 6:00 pm

1. Invocation – Michael Wolfe
2. Roll Call

Chair Frank Bearkiller, <b><i>Present</i></b> Vice Chair Earl Pilcher Jr. <b><i>Present</i></b> Treasurer Kirk Dombrowski <b><i>Present</i></b> Secretary Steve Tamayo, <b><i>Excused</i></b> Director Marshall Pritchard, <b><i>Present</i></b>	Director Antoine Edwards, <b><i>Present</i></b> Director Charlene Walking Bull, <b><i>Present</i></b> <b><i>Vacant Seat</i></b> <b><i>Vacant Seat</i></b> Interim Exec. Dir. Georgiana Ausan
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Quorum: 6 of 7 sitting board members present

3. Approval of Agenda Items
  - 1) Community Forum
  - 2) ICI Advisory Council Update – Renee Baier, ICI Advisory Council Representative
  - 3) Appointment of Directors
  - 4) Role of Director – Frank Bearkiller, Chairman
  - 5) Approval of Minutes from ICI Special Board Meeting on October 17, 2018
  - 6) Program Reports
    - a. Commodities and Supplemental Food Grant (CSFG) – Sara Zimmer, Program Director
    - b. Native Connections for Life – Rose Springer, Program Director
  - 7) Treasurer’s Report – Kirk Dombrowski, Treasurer
  - 8) Executive Directors Report – Georgiana Ausan, Executive Director
  - 9) New Business
    - a. Revision of ICI Bylaws – Frank Bearkiller, Chairman
4. Community Forum – 12 community members attending. No speakers
5. ICI Advisory Council Update – Renee Baier
  - a. Background of the Advisory Council and work of the last month.
  - b. Goals of the Advisory Council—transition to greater emphasis on youth and culture as a way of bringing the community back to the center; importance of building a donor list and sponsor community that can take the pressure off of the grant funding. Other items are available in the minutes of the AC meeting



(attached) and plans to meet monthly in the week prior to the ICI Board Meeting in order to provide feedback and update for the Board.

- c. Strategic Plan recommendations: Importance of changing the public image to help establish a long-term donor basis. Month to month goals are important to making continuous progress. We also need volunteers to help take the pressure off the leadership (which has limited time to meet all the day-to-day and strategic steps as necessary). And finally, we need to maximize the use of our current facility and space. We could use community survey to find out more about what our community needs and what the general community thinks about the IC.
6. Appointment of Directors (there are currently 2 open Board Seats, vacated by G. Ausan 11/18 and C. Walker 10/18)
    - a. Introduction by Chair Bearkiller explanation of the board election process and nominations, and whether we take into account the runner up in the last community election. Introduction of the candidates by Interim ED Ausan.
    - b. Nomination of Erin Poor and David Ambrose by Director Prichard, second by Director Edwards.
      - i. 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Erin Poor and David Ambrose are elected as new members of the Board of Directors.
  7. Role of Director – Frank Bearkiller, Chairman
    - a. Invitation and importance of community connection and our cultural events.
    - b. Administration of the Director’s Oath of Service. Confirmed: David Ambrose, Erin Poor. Admitted to the Board.
    - c. Introduction of sitting Board members to the community attendees.
  8. Approval of Minutes from ICI Special Board Meeting on October 17, 2018.
    - a. Motion to approve by Director Ambrose, second by Director Pilcher. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
  9. Program Reports
    - a. Commodities and Supplemental Food Grant (CSFG) – Sara Zimmer, Program Director
      - i. Exec Dir Ausan presented an update on the billing and accounts receivable, issues related to reimbursement. No service report is available at present.
    - b. Native Connections for Life (see attachments) – Rose Springer, Program Director (report enclosed)
      - i. Exec Director Ausan updated the personnel changes and program attendance, as reported in the report. New website should allow easier enrollment and access for Native parents.
    - c. Sweat Lodge – Michael Wolfe
      - i. Update on the use and introduction to the procedures for use, its history, and past use. Recently taken down because its condition had deteriorated



and was vandalized recently. Some items were stolen or are missing. Needs to be rebuilt this Spring. Need to keep from dumping stumps and wood refuse there. He also talked about how much additional cultural activity and education goes on alongside the healing. We could use the help of some volunteers.

- d. Parking – Michael Wolfe
    - i. Prices were raised (from \$15 to \$25) and we lost some business so the price was lowered, but still higher than was before (\$20). Mike suggested that we do more advertising to get the word out more. Another possibility would be to get a vendor to sell food or do it ourselves, or make space available for Indian craft sales. We need vests and cones for the people working.
10. Treasurer’s Report – Kirk Dombrowski, Treasurer
- a. October financial report (see attached): Accounting process, Cash accounts, Statement of financial activities, Accounts receivable, Accounts payable, Notes.
  - b. Motion to go to Executive Session: Recommendations and Discussion by Director Dombrowski, second by Director Prichard. Motion withdrawn by Director Dombrowski
11. Executive Directors Report – Georgiana Ausan, Executive Director (see attached)
- a. Debt issue and pro bono lawyer, update on the HVAC, activities, Sustain Group from UNL, Building cleanup. Director Ambros drove up to Scottsbluff to retrieve the records. Director Tamayo will pick up Omaha.
  - b. Plans for building use as classrooms, meeting with St. Monica’s.
  - c. Need for bookkeeping help. Payroll issues and undocumented pay system have really slowed this down.
12. New Business
- a. Revision of ICI Bylaws – Frank Bearkiller, Chairman
  - b. Sue Badmoccasin has suggestions on behalf the Advisory Council.
    - i. Article 2 would like to see change in voting vicinity and lobbying.
    - ii. Article 1 Section 3: Director Compensation—clarify to include other monies than salary
    - iii. Article 2 Section 6: Issue on calling a meeting and relationship to quorum and decisions.
    - iv. Article 4 Section 4: Contributions—Board can accept a gift on behalf of the Center.
    - v. Article 8 Section 2: Location of the Minutes?
  - c. Motion to go to Executive Session at 9:30 pm by Director Dombrowski, second by Director Prichard. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.
  - d. Motion to go out of Executive Session at 10:02. Motion by Director Pilcher, second by Director Dombrowski. 8 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion carried.



- e. Chair Bearkiller announcements: New Year's Eve Cedar Blessing.
13. Director Pilcher moved to adjourn the meeting. Director Dombrowski seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.