



# IAEM TRIBAL AFFAIRS CAUCUS MEETING

3/31/22

## MEETING MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terry Nelson	Laura Douglass	Eileen Connors
Angie Taylor	Traci Rankin	John Osborne
Lisa Figueroa	Charles Shriver	David Hall
Brandy Martin	Michael Smith	David Munro

### 1. New Business

#### A. Introductions:

- i. Attendees on the call provided info on their positions for all in attendance to create awareness to whom was on the call.

Caucus website [Tribal Affairs \(iaem.org\)](http://TribalAffairs(iaem.org))

- a) The Caucus Chair provided reminder of Tribal Affairs Caucus link on the IAEM website where current information related to the Caucus will be posted for membership access.

#### B. Caucus Initiatives:

- i. The Caucus Chair provided some input on how the Caucus Leadership is actively working on established initiatives such as partnership outreach and Education support.

#### Partner Outreach

- i. Agenda included presentation by David Hall from CDP who provided background and information on how the CPD partners with various agencies and Tribes to provide training. Mr. Hall had some technical issues and sent out slide presentation and will be invited back to provide additional information on the program.
- ii. Agenda also included an overview by David Munro of DHS Tribal Government Affairs which included National Congress of American Indians (NACI) resolutions and other services available to Tribes. Mr. Munro will provide resolutions which will be shared on IAEM Tribal Affairs Caucus page.

#### Education Support

- a) Agenda included updates on opportunities for graduate-level educational program and executive leader programs offered through the Center of Homeland Defense and Security (CHDS) at the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS).
- b) Agenda also included information on the IAEM Scholarship for students; information can be found at: [Scholarship Application \(iaem.org\)](http://iaem.org/ScholarshipApplication)

#### C. IAEM Info update:

##### Caucus Contact sheet update

- a) The Caucus Chair mentioned that updating this will be a continual process and will further this by searching through the IAEM website for members.

##### IAEM Additional Resources

- a) The Caucus Chair provided a visual of additional tools that were available to Caucus membership to stay updated with current IAEM activities related to Twitter, LinkedIn, and IAEM Dispatch. All hyperlinks were provided in the meeting agenda for members to visit and utilize as applicable.

##### IAEM Calendar reminders

- a) The Caucus Chair provided updates on the current IAEM calendar events to include the call for speakers deadline which had passed. No submissions were made on behalf of members of the caucus for this year's upcoming conference.
- b) The IAEM online auction bidding reminder was also mentioned to the membership along with review of the site to access for bids.
- c) The IAEM poster contest deadline is also approaching and IAEM Tribal Caucus Co-Chair Angela Taylor volunteered to participate by submitting on behalf of the Caucus.
- d) The IAEM scholarship application information along with website was shared with the membership. Additionally, the IAEM Dispatch was a tool which could be used to monitor when the application becomes available.

#### D. Upcoming meeting information:

##### Future Topics

- a) A brief mention of updates from partners and presentations on topics relevant to the membership was mentioned and will be incorporated into the meeting structure.

##### Guests FEMA Tribal Liaison, NTEMC, etc.:

- b) A couple partner groups were mentioned who could be conduits of information which would benefit situational updates to the membership.

## 2. Old Business

### Diversity Inclusion updates

- a) Presentation solicitation to membership for the upcoming Annual Conference had passed and no one expressed interest in presenting. Lisa Figueroa volunteered to represent the Caucus in submitting for the Poster Showcase abstract.
- b) Higher education opportunities outside of what was mentioned was stalled due to better understanding how the IAEM budget process works along with further developing how sponsors can be integrated into funding opportunities keeping in mind current IAEM fiscal policy.

## 3. Additional Items / Needs:

- i. It was suggested by the Emergency Manager of SRPMIC that the Initiatives should include sharing the current NCAI resolutions for membership to review and become aware of for future engagement.
- ii. The Caucus Chair mentioned that the platform for upcoming DHS Tribal Government Affairs has changed and anyone interesting in participating in the meetings representing Tribes will need to go to the Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs page to sign up to receive updates and meeting information at: [IEA Tribal Affairs | HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov/iaem/tribal-affairs)

\*Note: to sign up go to the bottom of the webpage to the yellow “Sign Up” bar as some members mentioned finding it was difficult.

## 4. Open Discussion / Questions: Nothing immediate shared.

- i. Eileen Connors from the Diversity, IAEM Equity and Inclusion Committee discussed some overlapping scope of efforts within caucuses and committees. It was asked to see where some of the efforts can be bridged to support membership. Ms. Connors is the current DE&I representative partnered with the Caucus.
- ii. David Hall from CPD will share presentation with the Caucus given he was disconnected during his presentation and allowed to return to finish his presentation and outreach on supporting programs to membership Tribes.
- iii. David Munro provided some information on NACI and other topics related to Tribal consultation and services available to membership. Discussed resolutions will be shared via the website.
- iv. Co-Chair Lisa Figueroa at [condorflight50@gmail.com](mailto:condorflight50@gmail.com) offered her consultation related to CHDS Master’s Degree Program.
- v. Co-Chair, Angela Taylor volunteered to support the Caucus through participation in the upcoming IAEM poster submission.