

# IAEM TRIBAL AFFAIRS CAUCUS MEETING

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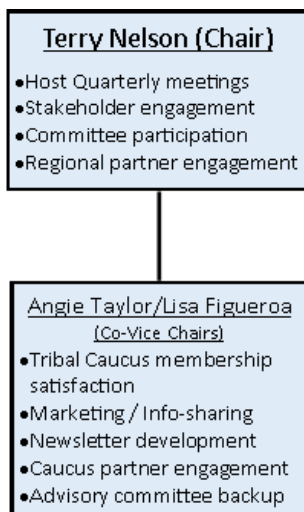
## MEETING MINUTES

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Terry Nelson	Brent Ruggles	Tom Woodard
Angie Taylor	Jessica Specht	Eileen Connors
Lisa Figueroa	Charles Shriver	Martin Vigil
Brandy Martin	Mark Hill	
Laura Douglass	Steve Flemming	

### 1. New Business

- A. Introductions: Attendees on the call provided info on their positions and some position background for all in attendance to create awareness to whom was on the call.
- i. Leadership Appointment update: The Caucus Chair and Co-Vice Chairs introduced themselves and provided some background information on themselves for the members.
  - ii. Caucus website [Tribal Affairs \(iaem.org\)](http://tribalaffairs.iaem.org): The Caucus Chair provided a view of the Tribal Affairs Caucus link on the IAEM website where current information related to the Caucus will be posted for membership access.
- B. Caucus Initiatives: The Caucus Chair provided some input on how the Caucus Leadership will be working within the 2022 calendar year on the initiatives listed below within their respective positions.



- C. IAEM Info update:
  - i. Caucus Contact sheet update: The Caucus Chair will be sending out the recent roster which was compiled from past sign-in-sheets and IAEM Board Liaison files. The intent is to update and maintain an active list moving forward.
  - ii. IAEM conference information was shared related to the Virtual Conference and 2022, 2023 Annual Conferences.
- D. Upcoming meeting information: The Caucus Chair mentioned the use of GoToMeeting as a tool available to the Caucus which will be the platform for meetings in 2022.
  - i. Future topics: 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.
  - ii. Guests – CPD, DHS Tribal Affairs, FEMA Tribal Liaison, NTEMC, etc.: A couple partner groups were mentioned who could be conduits of information which would benefit situational updates to the membership.
- E. Old Business – N/A
- F. Additional Items / Needs: It was mentioned that the Initiatives should include Tribal representation in diversity by way of 1) Encouraging membership to provide a presentation at the upcoming 2022 IAEM conference in the area of Tribal EM program efforts in areas to include but not limited to EM, Military, or Wildland Firefighting; 2) Explore opportunities toward the alignment of higher education scholarship support for up and coming Tribal membership whom are interested in the field of Emergency Management outside of the Master level education level.
- G. Open Discussion / Questions: Nothing immediate shared.