

**NINAETC**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2015 2:00 p.m. Eastern**  
**Minutes**

In attendance:

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| Walter Ahhaitty  | Kathy McDonald  | Lois Bethards  |
| Darrell Waldron  | Terry Clark     | Kay Seven      |
| Margaret Zientek | Curtis Osceola  | Yvonne Tobey   |
| Kim Carroll      | D 'Anna Osceola | Patty Mink     |
| Kerry Jersevar   | Lorenda Sanchez | Ida Doyle      |
| Maria Howell     | Debbie Painte   | Eileen Masquat |
| Dr. David Gipp   |                 |                |

- Approval of May 5, 2015 and May 19, 2015 Minutes

Margaret moved to approve. Patty seconded. Passed unanimously.

- Committees Chair Reports
  - Local Committee (Keynote, Vendors, Wellness, Entertainment)

Patty Mink reported for the Local Committee. Choctaw Chief Batton will provide the welcome on Monday. Choctaw Color Guard will provide the posting of the colors and someone from Choctaw Nation will provide the morning prayer. The Partnership Breakfast will be Monday morning.

On Tuesday Citizen Potawatomi Nation will provide the welcome and prayer.

On Wednesday Creek Nation and Seminole Nation will provide the welcome and prayer. The Honor Luncheon will be on Wednesday with Running Horse Livingston as the Keynote speaker.

On Thursday Cherokee Nation will provide the welcome, prayer, and Color Guard for the Retiring of the Colors. The Banquet will be Thursday night and Dwight Pickering will be a keynote speaker.

There will be a Blessing each day.

We're still working on getting the Tribal Flags. It was suggested each tribe bring their own flag for display.

Darrell Waldron shared his experience at a meeting in Connecticut with Secretary Perez and Portia Wu. Darrel was not happy with the comments and presentation he observed. Secretary Perez seems only interested in the middle class and employers. Employers will be designing the programs – telling colleges what to teach.

Darrell suggested we include a panel of business owners and employers at the conference. If we highlight Economic Development, we may have a better opportunity of getting Perez. We need to showcase economic development and what tribes are doing. Darrell is putting together a letter with a different pitch based on his remarks.

Kim Carroll shared that this is the direction she's seen in current grant opportunities. Cherokee Nation has been very active in economic development with tribal dollars and grants. We would like to be involved in this showcase.

David Gipp confirmed that this is the information educational institutions are receiving as well. He also wants to be included with information.

Margaret Zientek mentioned that some Oklahoma tribes operate on larger budgets than the state of Oklahoma.

- Workshops
  - 477 Workshops
  - 166 Workshops

Margaret Zientek presented the workshop committee's list and recommendations. Participants asked for a clarification of which workshop listing to review. Yellow highlighted ones are on hold for follow-up. Ida has two new workshops to consider. Kerry mentioned that he sent in several workshop suggestions, but these can be whittled down if needed.

Forty workshops were approved. These include a combination of Section 166 specific, PL 102-477 specific, and universal workshops.

There are still 18 workshops awaiting additional information before presentation to the Committee.

- Finance

Kerry Jevsevar reported that we currently have 260 registrations. There are approximately 33 additional – these have hotel reservations, but are not registered for the conference.

There are currently four exhibitors. We've received \$64,800 in registration fees and \$2,000 in exhibitor/vendor fees. We are projecting an additional \$8,250, based on reservations.

- Fundraising

Patty Mink stated that they haven't heard anything more, but will know more after Friday's Host Committee meeting.

- Evaluations

No report available.

- Food (Banquet/Breaks)

Patty Mink reported they were working on it. The staff have a meeting with the chef and menu suggestions will be presented to the local planning committee on Friday. She should have a report by the next meeting.

- Registration

No additional report available.

- Future Strategies (Bylaws, Site Committee)

No report available.

- Public Relations/Social Media

No report available – but a report was emailed and is attached.

- Awards

The deadline was yesterday. Kim Carroll asked if the deadline could be extended. Darrell Waldron recommend a one week extension and this was agreed upon by the group. The new deadline will be June 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Computers

Kathy will talk to Paula and ask to wait until end of July to ship. Patty Mink stated that any time after the 18<sup>th</sup> would work for her. (End of SYEP)

1. Action Items
2. Other Business
3. Adjournment – Set Next Meeting Date

Our next meeting will be June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Patty Mink asked if anyone had determined when the site visit would be. She suggested the week of June 28<sup>th</sup>. She needs to let the hotel know by Friday. Darrell Waldron will send out an email asking everyone's preference on dates.

The meeting adjourned.