



American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
2021 Annual Members Meeting Minutes
2:30 – 3:20 pm PDT Phoenix, AZ
September 25, 2021
AISES 2021 National Conference

Board Members

Gary Burnette, Chair - Present
Michael Laverdure, Vice Chair - Absent
Amber Finley, Secretary - Present
Dr. Grace Bulltail, Treasurer - Absent
Deanna Burgart, Member - Absent
Andrea Delgado-Olson, Member - Absent
Jodi DiLascio, Member - Absent
Kristina Halona, Member - Present
Dr. Adrienne Laverdure, Member - Absent
Dr. Traci Morris, Member - Present
Dr. Wendi Smythe, Member - Absent
William Tiger, Member - Present
Jacob Calderone, Sr. Canadian Student Rep. - Absent
Celeste Groux Jr, Jr. Canadian Student Rep. - Absent
Adrian Riives Sr. National Student Rep. - Present
McKalee Steen, Jr. National Student Rep. - Absent

Meeting Minutes

1. AISES Chair Gary Burnette called the meeting to order at 2:35 PM PDT.
2. An opening blessing was given by Bill Tiger.
3. Amber Finley, Board Secretary, establish quorum for the in-person meeting, 46 attendees were in the room (list of members in attendance are attached). Additional members not attending the National Conference joined the meeting by Zoom and the meeting was also live streamed.
4. Chair Gary Burnette shared that the Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2019 were mistakenly not considered for approval in 2020 at the virtual meeting and that they would be presented at this meeting for consideration and vote. Also presented for review and approval of were the Meeting Minutes from October 17, 2020. Hard copies were provided to the in-person attendees and were posted on the AISES website. It was explained that the 2019 and 2020 Meeting Minutes would be voted on by the in-person attendees because we were not able to verify the membership status of those on the live stream or those who attended via Zoom and the counts toward quorum could be inaccurate.

A motion to approve the October 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes was made by Tony Khan; this motion was seconded by Kelly Anna Coulee. 32 members were in favor and 0 opposed. The motion passed. Tony Kahn asked if AISES staff would add the list of members present to the minutes. Amy Weinstein shared that she was not familiar with doing that in the four years she has been at AISES. She knows that there were 108 people

Invited Guests

Rick Stephens, AISES Board Chair Emeritus - Absent

Staff Members

Sarah EchoHawk, Chief Executive Officer - Present
Amy Weinstein, Chief Deputy Director - Present
Lisa Paz, Sr. Director of Engagement and Advocacy - Present
Laura Owens, Membership Manager – Present
Ruben Hernandez, Chief Technology Officer - Present

and staff on the membership meeting call on 10/17/20. Amy promised to investigate whether members present were recorded on current meeting minutes and get back to him. A motion to approve the October 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes was made by Kristina Halona; this motion was seconded by Michael Charles. 31 members were in favor and 0 opposed. The motion passed.

5. William Tiger, Board Member, and AISES Staff Amy Weinstein gave the Governance Committee Report and used a Power Point Presentation (attached) to explain the two resolutions that were to be presented to the AISES Members for consideration and an online vote beginning September 25 and ending October 11, 2021. The two Resolutions presented were Resolution #101121A Definition of Quorums, and Resolution #101121B Bylaws Change Process. AISES staff had given multiple notices of the vote sent to all members and provided the link to vote as well. Ruben Hernandez and Amy Weinstein shared those members could get help with online voting by going to info@aises.org or by e-mailing aweinstein@aises.org. Member Joe Connolly asked Amy Weinstein if AISES had given the required two-week advance notice of the meeting and the electronic vote. Amy said that notice was given via e-mail from AISES prior to two weeks before the event, at two weeks prior, and a follow-up announcement of the vote was given. Andrew Duff, participating via the Zoom call, asked if the attempts to engage AISES members in the business of the Society were the same as in other organizations. William Tiger responded with details relating to the process used to engaged more members part of which was following proper procedures as outlined by AISES Bylaws and being as inclusive as possible. AD Cropper joining the meeting via Zoom messaged that he had trouble voting online. Ben Oster who was at the in-person meeting said he was able to vote online.

6. Other Business – Kelly Beym recommended that AISES make a commitment to reduce food waste as an organization and at future AISES events. Another member shared concerns about the food waste witnessed at one of the general meals. Amy Weinstein offered that it was a priority for AISES to work with catering companies and large facilities to do everything possible to cut back food waste and mentioned that we strive to work with our event attendees to help us gain accurate food counts. Amy also offered that she had discussed how food waste was handled by the Phoenix Convention Center’s catering contractor and reported that several shelters came to the facility twice daily to pick up food. A member felt like this was not the case due to the waste that had witnessed. AISES Board of Directors member Dr. Traci Morris who lives in Phoenix relayed that the Convention Center has always tried to be a good partner to the community and sheltered homeless people. She offered to help AISES staff get in touch with various partners in the cities we hold events in to support our efforts to not waste food. There was also a discussion about posting AISES’ commitment online.

7. Gary Burnette, Chair of the Board of Directors adjourned the meeting at 3:35 PM PDT.

Attachments:

List of in-person AISES members at the 9/25/21 Meeting
AISES Food Waste Statement 2022

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