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New Hampshire Commission on Native American Affairs

(Meeting minutes: February 11, 2014) (Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Warner, NH)

In Attendance: Darryl Peasley (DP), Kent Whitman (KW), Liz Charlebois (LC), Peggy Fullerton (PF), Peter Newell (PN), Georgia Edwards (GE), Lynn Graton (LG), Steven Daigle (SD), Tai Freligh (TF), Al Gauvin (AG), Robert Goodby (RG) (via conference call)

Absent: Vicki Blanchard

Public Attendees: Jason Fiske, Carrie Gendreau

Quorum present: Yes

Minutes

DP called meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the 8/20/13 and 12/10/13 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report: No receipts and no expenses since the last meeting. Report was accepted and approved.

Old Business

Hannah Dustin Project: PF, RG, and LG will work on wording of information for project, after consulting with David Stewart-Smith and Jim Garvin. There will be a longer, detailed version and a shorter version suitable for the roadside sign. Ben Wilson will be asked for specifications for roadside sign.

Resignations: Sherry Gould and Herb Monroe have resigned from the Commission. KW will ask Elizabeth Muzzey if the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists has put forth a person to replace Sherry Gould. The Commission approved nomination of Bronwyn Asplund-Walsh. Jason Fiske is in the process of submitting his materials to Elizabeth Muzzey.

New Business

Northern Pass Transmission Project: PF and members of the Protection and Preservation Committee will ask Dept. of Energy to be included as a consulting party for proposed Northern Pass Project.

Star Island: RG will be representative from the Commission to the Star Island Corporation. KW will assist.

Committee Reports

Arts and Crafts: DP has brochures from Bureau of Indian Affairs about the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. Commission members will take copies to distribute at powwows, etc. this year.

Discussion followed about creating a public presence for the Commission, and about featuring more Native American artists from the area on the Commission's Facebook page.

Resource Guide: LG will work with DP, LC, and VB to develop a list of online resources for Native Americans in NH. LG will meet with Commissioner Van McLeod and Shelly Angers to see if links to these resources can be added to the NHCNAA landing page.

Protection and Preservation: PF invited Carrie Gendreau to work on this committee.

Education: No report

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Nominating: Commission approved "rolling over" the terms of LC and PN.

Results of nomination and election of officers for 2014 term: Chair, Liz Charlebois; Vice Chair, Peter Newell; Secretary, Tai Freligh; Treasurer, Vicki Blanchard

Other Business

LC will draft a letter on behalf of the Commission, which will be sent to the New England Foundation for the Arts, asking the Foundation not to sunset their Native Artist Registry.

Next meeting: May 20, 2014, from 2:00 – 4:00, Fire Academy in Concord.

Proposed Agenda

Discuss idea of meeting more frequently.

Elect committee chairs.

Meeting adjourned at 4:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Daigle, Secretary