



NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

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President's Update:

Hello, Happy Summer greetings to all you good relatives. Hope all is well and you are in good spirits. It seems like it was just the other day since the Convention in Bismarck, ND. It was truly an awesome event and I want to say thank you to all that made the convention a success. How wonderful it was to see all the good relatives once again around the business setting and fireplace.

I am honored to serve as the new NACNA President for 2021-2024. I want to thank all that showed your support and prayers for me. It is just a title but today how things are the Creator and our Holy Medicine knows all and sees all. I am looking forward to praying and working with all the new Executive Officers, Delegates and all the NAC members of the Affiliated Chapters. No matter how members might feel or think we all come from good teachings and to know what is good for the organization. Business is business at the end of the day we're all relatives.

I want all our NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH MEMBERS to be in the loop of things to be updated and know what's going on whether you are affiliated with NACNA or not. NACNA has been around in a structured setting since 1918. The Church was incorporated under the laws of the State of Oklahoma when the Articles of Incorporation were submitted in April 1950. By doing so, NACNA wanted to be acknowledged by society and the world TODAY to let them know we as Native people still are here utilizing our way of life. We continue to pray, adding to the prayers that our ancestors and relatives said once upon a time long ago to speak up for the holy medicine (Peyote) and to legislate and lobby for all the laws that we as Native people are governed by. We do not want to jeopardize what our elders prayed and fought so hard for and our way of life for the almighty dollar. We all know when things are going good there seems to be that negative energy that tries to come around and hinder what's already in place and prayed about.

I'm here to let all you good relatives know that you will all have a say to any proposed items and future plans for the holy medicine and the organization. I want you all to know that NACNA is the voice for the good relatives that are members to have a good peace of mind for accountability, transparency, faith, hope, charity, and love as we look forward to good productive energy and stay focused on our duties and responsibilities as officers.

There is so much that can be done within NACNA and we are going to need your help and support. We can make the organization as good as we want it to be. All plans, ideas, prayers are appreciated. I believe we have a great team with all the Affiliated Chapters, we need to fine tune the structure. I really think there needs to be an organizational chart. I mentioned this before when I first became an officer but there seemed to be too many points of view and manmade energy. This organizational chart would help maintain harmony within the organization.

We also need to amend the NACNA Bylaws and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). There are a lot of proposed Bylaw and SOP amendments that need to be written, reviewed, discussed, and brought back to the business agenda so we can move on them. This issue has been previously talked about and discussed but no action taken. I mentioned before if we would just keep it simple and humble, we could accomplish a lot, stay focused, open your minds and heart. We can do wonders!

I encourage all the officers, delegates, and membership to share your ideas. I want you all to have a good mind set and confidence in knowing the NACNA organization will continue to be the voice for our religious way of life. Remember, we are living the prayers that were offered by our ancestors and elders that went to Washington, D.C. and led the fight for our freedom to worship with Grandfather Medicine which resulted in the formation of NACNA. We don't want NACNA plans, goals, and future endeavors to be hindered by other recently established organizations. In an effort to make sure you are all aware of what's going on, I plan on providing monthly updates to the Chapter Delegates starting this fall with virtual meetings and emails. It will be their responsibility to pass along the updates to their chapter membership. At the Convention there were three proposed items passed.

1. Expanding the legal team
2. Legislation committee
3. Communication committee

The NACNA President will appoint someone to Chair each committee. In addition, I will need volunteers to serve on each committee. I will share more of the logistics of the committees and the direction NACNA will be going.

The Secretary is working on a NACNA informational website where we will have updates, fundraising efforts, for NACNA membership and NAC relatives. I would like your chapter logos sent to me at brady_jon@hotmail.com. I want to utilize for the website, flags, banners, and future ideas etc.

There have been lots of good humble efforts from when the NACNA first got established up until now. We do not want to jeopardize all that and the laws that we are governed by in any way shape and form. I also want to encourage the delegates that were chosen from your perspective states and chapters. Those that did not choose a delegate, the selection should be based upon good standing within your chapters and homes.

Also, for those of you that are waiting on a picture ID card, thank you for your patience we had some technical difficulties on the laptop password. I believe Mr. Watson has the issue fixed and will send out soon.

I been contacted by several NAC relatives on some of their concerns and worries which I will share. I mentioned to them put it in writing and send it so we can address it. I want all to be in the loop of things to know what is happening and keep you all informed on NAC issues. Communication is #1 to success so I plan on keeping contact with the Officers, Delegates-at-Large, Affiliated Chapters and the Membership.

May you all have a safe and blessed summer. Stay safe, with prayers and blessings to you all in a happy healthy way. God bless you!

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