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Greetings and fall blessings to you all. Hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer. It was nice to see all the good relatives around the fireplace once again. The pandemic has really put a negative vibe to a lot of our ways of life. Expressing Condolences to the families that have lost loved ones this past year. Wishing you spiritual healings. NACNA wishes all the school children a good safe productive school year. Prayers and blessings go out to you and do the best you can. Be proud of who you are, you are representing your families, tribes, and clans. Make us all proud!

This month has been busy for me and I am trying my humble best to keep up on emails and Presidents monthly reports. Received plenty of calls of encouragement and concerns from NAC members, Elders, tribal leadership. I ask you kindly to please put your concerns in writing so I can share with the relatives.

Recently I had a conference call with Julia Wakeford of NCAI- Policy Lead Cultural Resource Director on the resolution supporting NACNA back in 2009 and their ability to harvest peyote. We plan to bring that back to the table as NACNA never acted on it. NCAI will be having their Annual Conference in October. I am planning on attending the conference at my own expense. I also had a chance to visit with Mr. Salvador Johnson and he shared some interesting information and plan on meeting with him soon in Texas.

Thanks to Mr. Watson, Treasurer NACNA, for getting the Membership card ID system up and running and apologize for the delay on receiving NACNA Membership cards. Keep in mind relatives the Treasurer is trying to keep a log of all Membership cards issued. We don't want to be issuing blank membership cards to Chapters. Same is true on the Peyote Authorization Travel Permits issued by the Treasurer. Mr. Watson is going to maintain a log on the issuing of travel permits. It is our desire to ensure that permits are used as intended and to show transparency on the permits and cards.

You are encouraged to submit stories, pictures, achievements, testimonies of encouragement to Jessica Powless jess_powless@yahoo.com. She is creating the NACNA website and articles submitted will be included on the website. Jessica is chairing the newly formed Communication Committee for those of you that signed up to be on the committee touch base with her. There are plans for a zoom call soon prior to the quarterly meeting. In addition, those of you that signed up to be a part of the Legislative Committee contact Ryan Wilson oglalawilson@gmail.com so we can get the movements going and define each committee's logistics and responsibilities.

Reminder for the Quarterly Meeting scheduled for October 1-3. Make your reservations Winna Vegas Casino hotel, 1-800-468-9466. There is a block of rooms under NAC Meeting. Business Meetings will be held at the hotel and prayer meeting across the river at the Winnebago Church Grounds. Directions to the Church Grounds can be picked up at the hotel.

The Business meeting for Friday October 1, 2021 will convene at 1:00 pm. Topics for discussions and informational issues are shared in last month's email. Saturday October 2, 2021 will be a full day starting at 9:00 am. I would like to encourage all the Delegates and Officers to come prepared with the materials that was previously emailed. I will resend. Welcome Mr. Frank White of the Winnebago Chapter of Nebraska / Iowa Delegate-at-Large of Iowa. NACNA has a total of 13 Delegates. We are looking forward to seeing all you good relatives. Thank you for your humble efforts for being a part of the National Organization. 72 years of prayers and business for the goodness and protection for our way of life and adding on to the good energy the way our elders wanted it to be mindful and respectful and keeping it real.

Appreciate you all for being affiliated with NACNA. I know we have lots to discuss and fine tune in some areas. Communication is key and I want you all to know what's going on and keep you updated. It is my plan to do this monthly. Should you have any questions let us know we will do our best to be of assistance.

Happy Birthday to the birthday celebrities this month wishing you many more to come with good health and happiness. May the good spirit be with you, safe travels and be safe. God bless!


Jon Brady, President-NACNA