



NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

P. O. Box 1424
New Town, ND 58763

Executive Officers

President
Jon Brady
MHA Nation

Vice President
Joe Holgate
Dine' Nation

Secretary
Jessica Powless
Oneida Nation

Treasurer
Elroy Watson
Dine' Nation

Editor-In-Chief
Colleen Roan
Dine' Nation

Delegates:

Arizona
C. J. Woodie

Canada
AB – Ronald Lameman
MB – Henry Traverse
SK – Robert Badger

Iowa
Frank White

Nebraska
Ronald Kemp

New Mexico
Terry Dayish

North Dakota
Milton Beston

South Dakota
Adrian Primeaux

Texas
Isaac Cardenas

Utah
Sarah Fanman

Wisconsin
Buddy Powless

Wyoming
William Goggles

President's Update:

October 2021

Greetings and Happy October blessings to you all!

Wishing all the Executive Officers, Delegates Chapter Affiliates and NAC Members blessings and happiness. Hoping the October update finds you all well.

A big thank you to the Winnebago Chapter for hosting the NACNA October Quarterly Meeting. We enjoyed awesome hospitality and support. Thank you to all the officers and delegates that attended the quarterly work session. It was the first of its kind and a real productive meeting. Everyone had a say and input. Thank you for all the ideas and sharing concerns and awareness. It was nice to hear relatives say they feel motivated and inspired again. Nice to see elders travel miles to support and hear the goodness ahead. It was awesome to see and hear Mr. Wilson Aronilth, Jr. and Thomas Woodie. Their presence was encouraging and motivating.

Thankful that NACNA brought back items that have been talked about for over 20 years such as, the NCAI Resolution, NACNA Organizational Chart, Non-disclosure Agreement, PRP Data, Legal expansion. These items were passed at the 72nd Annual NACNA Convention that was held in Bismarck, ND. The new leadership wants to start fresh and get new legal representation. As President, I felt we needed to make a change. I mentioned to the delegates and officers that I will be taking care of the arrangements for payment. A big thank you to Mr. Justin Jones who is already making good productive legal points and analyzing SB 519 in California. NACNA wasn't notified, consulted, or made aware of this California bill that was presented back in April 2021. But it is awesome to note that NACNA has been contacted by legal representatives that support NACNA's mission and endeavors. They have expressed an interest in helping us. Introductions will be mentioned soon.

Today, I feel we are facing unforeseen challenges but through the power of prayer, good positive direction, and with good legal advice, it will turn into a blessing. Also discussed at the October Quarterly Meeting was the National Council and IPCI. Delegates, Legal and Officers shared their input and concerns. It was put into consideration due to decriminalization movements that are taking place at the present time. Yes, we all heard and seen statements

presented to NACNA and Chapter Affiliates but somewhere along the way it seems like it took a left turn in the blink of an eye. For quite some time I have been thinking about this issue. We all come from good praying relatives, good teachings, good ways and are in good standing in our walks of life. So, what happened?

Thankful that the Legislative and Communications Committees were established, voted on and passed at the 72nd Annual NACNA Convention held in Bismarck, ND on June 17-20, 2021. The Legislative Committee had a zoom meeting and update at the October Quarterly Meeting in Winnebago. Their notes and minutes will be out soon. The Communications Committee is planning their Zoom call soon. The logistics of that committee will be shared when scheduled.

NACNA and Chapter membership were also on a Zoom meeting with NCAI on October 7, 2021. Thank you to the Chapters that participated in the Zoom meeting. We brainstormed with tribal leadership and legal representation from Washington, D.C., and Gregory Smith. NACNA established an NCAI Committee. For every resolution proposed and drafted, there needs to be the NCAI Committee Chair, NACNA President and Vice-President involved in the review, discussion, and documentation.

Dawn Davis of Idaho and her husband have been doing peyote research for approximately 14+ years. NCAI had their National Zoom Convention Oct 7-14, 2021, thankful for all the participation in Indian country and nice to see past NACNA officers on the zoom call.

NACNA was invited to Oklahoma to share what was discussed at the NACNA October Quarterly Meeting. The work sessions and business meeting were live on Facebook. The Oklahoma Chapters were inspired and encouraged by the movements. I was unable to attend due to prior obligations. Since it was last minute, I appointed Mr. Ryan Wilson as Chairman of the Legislative Committee. He gave an update and elaborated on the issues and challenges NACNA is facing today. Thankful and glad to know that NACNA has good support from Oklahoma Chapters and relatives. I encourage all the Delegates to share all the quarterly materials with their Local Chapters. NACNA has a Facebook page for those of you that want to watch the work sessions and quarterly meeting and the Oklahoma meeting.

Some upcoming events of interest are:

There is a series being put together by PBS/Nova doing a segment on decline and conservation this fall/ spring. Dawn Davis will also help in this segment.

Border Summit call Nov 2-3, 2021, Canada border to advocate for support of H.R. 4228 the Jay Treaty Border Crossing Parity Act. Discuss strategies for advocating "right of entry" into Canada following the passage of Bill C-15. A part of this was through tribal government and legal firms. Thank you to the Fort Berthold Native American Church Chapter and the MHA Nation letter of support for NACNA to attend this summit. After five years, we still support the border alliance.

Feb. 10-13, 2022, Laredo TX mid-year NACNA work sessions and business meeting. Plans are also being made to meet some ranchers, DEA, and current Peyote distributors.

I am encouraging all the Chapters to send me your logo jon_brady@hotmail.com . We would like to get some items made for the 2022 Convention including flags. Thank you to the Chapters that have already sent your logos.

NACNA has lots of ideas and plans that we want to do and achieve. Thank you all for being affiliated and being that voice and spokesmen for our way of life. It would be nice to get more Chapters affiliated with us. Hopefully your State Delegate-at-Large is sharing the materials with all the Chapters. We want you all to be in tune and updated whether you're a delegate, affiliated chapter or NAC member. You are all welcome to attend the quarterly and mid-year meetings. Your participation, support and prayers are awesome. Wishing you all a good month. NACNA prayers in motion for the protection of the holy medicine and making productive movements for our way of life. Thankful for all the efforts and energy that's taking place and sharing your ideas and concerns. Happy fall blessings to all. AHO!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Brady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jon Brady
NACNA President