

## **NACNA President's Update**

## Month of July 2022

Hello Good Relatives ~~ Happy Summer Blessings!

Hope this NACNA President's Monthly Update finds you all well. A big thank you to all that made the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual NACNA Convention. We had an awesome turn out. It was wonderful to see everyone. Again, a big thank you to the Executive Officers, Delegates-at-Large, Affiliated Chapters, NAC members and the new chapters that affiliated with NACNA.

Thanks to 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention host FBNACC. The host's officers, members, and the members family and friends put forth good efforts and support. Also, a big thank you to MHA Nation leadership and all those that generously helped us with our financial blessings and fundraising efforts.

The month of July has been fairly slow with not much happening within NACNA. NCAI Peyote Task Force had a conference call and are looking into another zoom update. NACNA is invited to the NCAI conference at the end of October and is invited to be on a panel in California. Also in October, we will be having another congressional briefing in Oklahoma City to gear up and prepare for the Quarterly Business Meeting in Washington, D.C. Details will be coming out soon and will be posted on the NACNA Facebook page. A reminder to the Delegates-at-Large to get this information out to your church chapter's members because not all church members have access to Facebook.

The plan and purpose for the September Business Meeting in Washington, D.C. is to host an in-person themed "AIRFA Peyote Summit/NACNA Quarterly Meeting". I believe we have done enough testifying, submitting statements, and going live, etc. this past year to bring attention to the challenges we, as NAC members are facing--a quiet crisis that in the long run might cause us to lose access to our Holy Medicine. It may become too expensive to get or these decriminalization organizations will ruin it for us all. Hope to see you all there in September.

NACNA is trying to keep it real and sacred the way the relatives showed us all. We all know this has been going on for a while and no one spoke up or advocated for the protection in its natural habitat where it grows in Texas. NACNA is trying every avenue for all to hear us out whether you're affiliated or not we need your support. We need your state and your tribal support to weigh in on these efforts on what NACNA is doing. Keep in mind relatives this is brainstorming on how the AIRFA can be beefed up where it's protected in the wild. This will take some time. It's not going to happen overnight. We have lots to do. We been going around advocating updates and sadly there is not much input. If folks would really take time and read the testimonies and statements, they would have a better understanding of the quiet crises we are facing. Thankful and appreciate all the good relatives that are making efforts to understand, collaborate and unite for the future of the Holy Medicine.

Wishing you all the best for the rest of the summer with safe travels and happiness. Wishing all the birthday celebrities this month of July many more with good health and blessings.

God's blessings be upon you all!

Jon Brady, NACNA President