

M.A.C.P.R.A.

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2006

Hosted by:

Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
Ziibiwing Center

Present: Bonnie Ekdahl, SCIT & Ziibiwing Center
Kay Tuohy, Burt Lake
Joan Webkamigad, Ziibiwing Board
Dan Shepard, Little River Band
Philip Payment, N.A.S.H.P.
Paul (Could not read last name), N.A.S.H.P.
Joyce Hazen, Lac Vieux Desert Cultural Committee
Sonya Atalay, NPS Grant Consultant
Winnay Wemigwase, LTBB
Eric Hemenwoy, LTBB
Joe Mitchell, LTBB
Cecil Pavlat, Sr., Sault Tribe
Donna Budnick, MPCR
Jim Dumont, Three Fires Mide
Alina McGeshick, Lac Vieux Desert

Cecil Pavlat, MACPRA chairman called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.
Joe Mitchell, LTBB, honored the group with an opening prayer and smudge.

Welcome: Cecil Pavlat, MACPRA Chairman

Cecil, at this time, read a letter from Glenn Lamberg (recently retired from NRCS). This letter thanked MACPRA for allowing Glenn to work with the group and for giving him such an enjoyable experience.

NRCS will not be filling the position of American Indian Liaison. Cecil feels that all tribes should write letters requesting the NRCS to do so. MACPRA will also issue a letter to Jack Bricker, Michigan NRCS State Conservationist, requesting the same.

1. **Additions to Agenda.** Bonnie Ekdahl, SCIT, requested some time to share a few loaned items, recently received by Ziibiwing Center, with the group. Also, Donna Budnick requested two items to be added to the agenda.
2. **Review Minutes.** Two changes on page one (1) of the August 7, 2006, meeting minutes were pointed out. The minutes will be corrected by Alina McGeshick, LVD. **Note: The Ford River Project is on hold until next year, per the**

Hiawatha USFS. Motion to accept the meeting minutes from August 7, 2006, with changes by Bonnie Ekdahl. 2nd by Joe Mitchell. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. **Old Business.**

- a. **Treasurer's Report.** An outstanding lunch bill from the August MACPRA meeting at Lac Vieux Desert was presented. Alina McGeshick, LVD, will take this back to her Tribal Council to see if this bill can be taken care of, as MACPRA has never paid for its meals, when other Tribes have hosted the meetings. Alina apologized for this bill coming to the table.
- b. **Non-profit status.** There is a \$750.00 application fee. Once Angela Sherigan sends the paperwork to Cecil for all officers to sign, giiwegiizhigookway Martin, MACPRA treasurer, can make out the check and send it out. Motion to approve the \$750.00 to be taken out of MACPRA account by Kay Tuohy, Burt Lake. 2nd by Joe Mitchell. All in favor. Motion carried. **Note:** Sharon Detz was the MACPRA secretary, but she is no longer active. Donna Budnick suggested appointing an interim secretary to sign the 501C3 application. Cecil, as Chairman, appointed Alina McGeshick to be interim secretary, but he will still check the by-laws to see if this is proper procedure.

c. **Nomination of Officers.**

Chairperson:

Cecil Pavlat, Sault Tribe, nominates Bonnie Ekdahl, SCIT. 2nd by Joe Mitchell, LTBB. All in favor. Nomination carried.

giiwegiizhigookway Martin, LVD, nominates Summer Cohen, KBIC. 2nd by Bonnie Ekdahl, SCIT. All in favor. Nomination carried.

Vice-chairperson:

Bonnie Ekdahl, SCIT, nominates Winnay Wemigwase, LTBB. 2nd by Joe Mitchell, LTBB. All in favor. Nomination carried.

Treasurer:

Bonnie Ekdahl, SCIT, nominates giiwegiizhigookway Martin, LVD. 2nd by Joe Mitchell, LTBB. All in favor. Nomination carried.

Secretary:

Bonnie Ekdahl nominates Alina McGeshick, LVD. 2nd by Winnay Wemigwase, LTBB. All in favor. Nomination carried.

Note: Ballots will be developed after nominations. Everyone will be given one more chance to submit nominations. The deadline for nominations will be the end of October. Ballots must be turned in by the end of November, and the new officers will take office in January 2007.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **MSU Conference, “Archaeology and Indigenous Heritage Management: Practices and Policies.”** This conference will be held on November 10, at the MSU Union Gold Room A and B. There is room for 6-8 Tribal representatives, and those attending should contact Dr. Norder, MSU Department of Anthropology.
- b. **Discussion of MACPRA web-site.** The web-site hasn't been updated since January or February of 2006. Once MACPRA gets 501C3 status, we have more of a budget to hire someone to update the web-site. For now, Bonnie Ekdahl knows someone that can make appropriate changes. Cecil will get pertinent information and passwords to Bonnie.
- c. **Glenn Lamberg retirement.** Donna Budnick reiterated that all Tribes and MACPRA should draft letters to the NRCS, requesting a new American Indian Liaison. Cecil has the contact information for Jack Bricker of NRCS. He will e-mail it to all Tribal MACPRA representatives. Letters should be signed by the entire Tribal Council of each Tribe.
- d. **Process for Recognition as Indian Organization by the State.** Donna Budnick recommended that after MACPRA receives its 501C3 status, the group should apply for recognition as an Indian Organization through the State of Michigan. Donna stated that this will allow MACPRA to apply for state funding and grants. Donna will e-mail the application to Cecil.

Note: Donna Budnick also mentioned inviting Dave Burnett, Department of Corrections, to the next MACPRA meeting.

5. **Next meeting:** The next quarterly MACPRA meeting will be held on February 21, 2007, in Harbor Springs (hosted by LTBB).

Note: Bonnie Ekdahl, SCIT, shared a sacred item on loan to the Ziibiwing Center with the group.