

**MINUTES**  
**Indian Nations Presbytery**  
**Coordinating Council**  
**September 18, 2024**  
**Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office**

**Members present:**<sup>1</sup> RE Jane Brown; RE Sharon Burton; RE Dave Butler; RE Malcom Champlin; RE Joan Cole; RE Maribeth Culpepper; TE Michael East; TE Chas Gowing; TE Dan Junkin; TE John McKinnon, CC Vice Moderator; RE Martin McNeese; RE Mike Mize, Moderator; RE Dru Orr; RE Sherry Patterson; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff

**Ex-officio:** RE Dave Delana, INP Moderator; TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk; RE Russell Newville, INP Foundation President;

**Excused:**

**Absent:** TE Carl Bosteels; RE Debra Kaufmann; RE Farrel Smith;

**Also in attendance:** RE Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant

**Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum**

The meeting was called to order with a prayer led by Moderator Mike Mize at 1:00. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Voice**

None required.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was **approved**.

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting were **approved**.

**Officer and Staff Reports:**

**CC Moderator Report**

- No report

**Presbytery Pastor Report**

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<sup>1</sup> RE refers to a Ruling Elder; TE refers to a Teaching Elder also known as Minister of Word and Sacrament.

- Charlie Smith is visiting sessions around the presbytery to talk about imagining a future statewide Oklahoma Presbytery. He is starting with his “Why” as he discusses the possibility. His “Why” is Connections, Community and Neighbors.

### **Stated Clerk Report**

- Tracy Evans presented the proposed docket for the upcoming INP meeting of October 11. **Motion** to approve the docket was **passed**.
- Stated meetings for 2025 need to be scheduled and locations determined. **Motion** by McKinnon to hold the February 22, 2025 meeting at FPC, Midwest City, the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held over Zoom, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to be determined by e-vote was **approved**.

### **INP Moderator**

- Dave DeLana visited Covenant, OKC in preparation for the October 11 presbytery meeting.
- He appointed Gaylan Adams to Committee on Ministry and appointed Mike Mize to Trustees.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Board of Trustees**

- The trustees are evaluating a proposed purchase of property of WPC, OKC.

#### **Committee on Administration**

- Dan Junkin reported they are in the process of preparing a budget to present at the February INP meeting.

#### **Committee on Ministry**

- Martin McNeese reported on the actions taken.
- **Motion** (McNeese) to provide up to \$14,000 to be used on Preaching Elder Training in January 2025 was **approved**.

#### **Committee on Nominations and Representation**

- Maribeth Culpepper reports that CONR is diligently working to fill vacancies.
- For action: **Motion** from CONR to ask INP to revise the Standing Rules to separate the Committee on Nominations and Representation into two committees as required by the Book of Order, with a first reading at the October 11, 2024 INP meeting and a second reading and vote at the February INP meeting, with changes to be effective at the annual meeting in October

2025 and will be reflected in the slate of nominees in October 2025. The motion was **approved**.

### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

- Chas Gowing presented the work of the committee.
- CPM will recommend to presbytery that inquirer Eunja Seo be received as a candidate for ministry. She will have a translator with her for the meeting.

### **INP Foundation Board**

- Foundation Board has begun notification of Pastors and Moderators regarding the grant application deadline of October 1, 2024.

### **Unfinished and/or New Business**

- Maribeth Culpepper presented proposed changes to the number of committee members.
- The Task Force on Presbytery Structure **moves** the following:
  - The Committee on Administration be reduced from 9 to 6 members
  - The Committee on Ministry be reduced from 19 to 15 members
  - The Committee on Preparation for Ministry be reduced from 6 to 4 member
  - Upon approval by the Presbytery of the creation of a Committee on Nominations, that committee be comprised of 4 members
  - Upon approval by the Presbytery of the creation of a Committee on Representation, that committee be comprised of 3 membersThe motion was **approved**.

A Technology Fund Grant application was received from FPC, Norman. The grant will assist in Christian Education, enhancing accessibility for individuals who are not able to attend in person. **Motion** to approve the grant of \$3195.20 was **approved**.

### **Sharing Time**

- Prayer concerns and joys were shared.

### **Adjournment**

- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer given by Mike Mize at 2:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans  
Stated Clerk

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