

**DRAFT
MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
June 21, 2023
Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office**

Members present: TE Carl Bosteels; TE Jan Burns-Hintze; RE Joan Cole; RE Maribeth Culpepper; TE Michael East; RE Melissa Gill; TE John McKinnon; RE Russell Newville, Vice-Moderator; RE Sherry Patterson; RE Cheryl Pennington; TE Abbey Walker, Moderator; RE Elizabeth Wallace; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff;

Ex-officio: TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk; TE Charlie Smith, Interim Presbytery Pastor;

Excused: RE Wayne Osmond; TE Devon Reynolds; TE Dan Junkin; RE Mike Mize, Presbytery Moderator;

Absent: TE David George; RE Janet Labude; RE Dru Orr;

Also in attendance: RE Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant; TE Steve Shive, Synod of the Sun Bridge Interim Leader

Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum

The meeting opened with prayer led by Moderator Walker at 1:05. A quorum was present.

Approval of Voice

Sue MacHugh and Steve Shive were given voice.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting were **approved**.

Synod of the Sun

Steve Shive led the council in discussion regarding the Synod's transition, asking about the next few years and how the Synod might support, encourage and strengthen the presbyteries it serves.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- No Report

Interim Presbytery Pastor Report

- Smith had a written report. In it, he recommended individuals to serve on the Task Force to look at a possible new presbytery for the State of Oklahoma with Eastern Oklahoma and Cimarron presbyteries.
- After discussion, **motion** was made to have Charlie Smith, Tracy Evans, and Melissa Gill or other Committee on Nominations and Representation member make a recommendation to the Council for the above Task Force position. A called meeting may be necessary due to timing. **Motion carried.**

Stated Clerk Report

- Evans asked that at the next meeting the Council evaluate the last presbytery meeting and consider making suggestions for the next presbytery meeting.

INP Moderator

- No report.

Committee Reports

Committee on Ministry:

- No report.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- No report.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- RE Gill presented a proposed amendment to the Standing Rules as a **motion** from the committee. It reads as follows (the recommended language is in italics; the deleted portion shown with strikethrough):

Committees & Commissions

The work of the presbytery shall be coordinated by a mission strategy group and by committees, and commissions. Unless otherwise required by the *Book of Order*, committees may be composed of ruling elders, deacons, ministers and non-ordained church members. *All committees, commissions and networks may have one non-ordained church member who will be granted voice and not vote in their work on committees, commissions and networks. This is an effort to be inclusive and allow diverse representation within the INP committees, commissions and networks.* Presbytery committees and commissions ~~and the council~~ shall be composed of elders (*which can include a representative from the hybrid churches within INP congregations*) and ministers in numbers as nearly equal as possible. Administrative commissions shall be composed of no fewer than seven members, and with not more than one of its ruling elder members from any one church; with the following exception: an administrative commission for the ordination and/or installation of a minister may be composed of five members with nor more than one of the ruling elders from any one church. Presbytery shall elect members of all committees and commissions; and shall elect moderators of those bodies, with the following exceptions:

- a) Each permanent judicial commission shall meet and elect from its members a moderator and a clerk (D-5.0201).

- b) The Indian Nations Presbytery Foundation elects officers in accordance with the bylaws of the foundation.
- c) The committee on ministry is authorized to appoint administrative commissions for the ordination and installation of ministers of Word and Sacrament, and to designate the moderator of each commission, provided that the committee reports its action at the next stated meeting of the presbytery.
 - o Members of committees and commissions shall be continuing members of Indian Nations Presbytery or members of the presbytery's constituent churches. The general presbyter is an ex officio member (without vote) of presbytery committees.

The **motion passed**. The amendment will be presented to the presbytery for approval at its next meeting.

Committee on Administration (COA)

- A written report on assets liquidated from Texas Presbyterian Foundation to cover operating expenses was presented.

Board of Trustees

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- No report.

Network Reports

- There were no Network reports.

New and Continuing Business

- None

Sharing Time

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by John McKinnon at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk

