

MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
March 20, 2024
Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office

Members present: RE Jane Brown; RE Sharon Burton; RE Joan Cole; RE Maribeth Culpepper; TE Michael East; TE Chas Gowing; TE Dan Junkin; RE Mike Mize, Moderator; RE Dru Orr; RE Sherry Patterson; TE Devon Reynolds; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff

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

Excused: TE Carl Bosteels; TE John McKinnon, Vice Moderator;

Absent: RE Dave Butler;

Also in attendance: RE Sue MacHugh, INP Administrative Assistant; TE Janet Ruark, Pastoral Leaders Network

Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum

The meeting opened with prayer led by Mike Mize at 1:00. A quorum (a majority of the elected 15 persons) was present.

Approval of Voice

None required.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting were **approved** as submitted.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- No report

Presbytery Pastor Report

- The Task Force on combining the Oklahoma presbyteries continues its work, most recently meeting and discerning the values each presbytery brings and what values might be primary in a combined presbytery.

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Stated Clerk Report

- At the Stated Meeting of the presbytery, the following motion was approved:
 - That presbytery refer to the Coordinating Council a motion that the Presbytery of Indian Nations Standing Rules and Operational Procedures regarding meetings of presbytery be reviewed, and a report with recommendations for possible amendments be presented at the June 1, 2024 Stated Meeting of presbytery.
 - The recommendation to presbytery to amend the INP standing rules as follows: **Motion** that Coordinating Council will plan the three Stated presbytery meetings and programming as seen appropriate, and that the next year's meeting dates will be finalized before the fall meeting.
Motion approved.
- TE Michael East has resigned from Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
- Letter was sent to First Presbyterian Church thanking them for their hosting the February presbytery meeting.

INP Moderator

- No report.

Committee Reports

Board of Trustees

- No report.

Committee on Administration

- TE Junkin presented a summary of INP's Texas Presbyterian Foundation Holding Account status and transactions for 2023.

Committee on Ministry:

- No report.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- RE Culpepper asked the body to discuss committee structures and the potential need to revamp committee structure, particularly noting that smaller churches means a smaller pool of candidates to serve on committees.
- **Motion** to form a task force of the Coordinating Council to look into the committee structure and representation of the presbytery was **approved**. The following individuals agreed to serve: RE Mike Mize, RE Russell Newville, RE Maribeth Culpepper, TE Tracy Evans. RE Melissa Gill (previous CONR moderator) will be contacted to see if she will also serve.
- TE Michael East has agreed to serve on the Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2029. Moderator David Delana will be asked for a temporary appointment until presbytery can approve.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

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- TE Gowing noted there is a need for a Ruling Elder reader for the polity exams.

INP Foundation Board

- No report.

Network Reports

- TE J. Ruark reported that the Pastoral Care Network is planning its Fall Retreat for October 21-22. Speaker will be Dr. Beth McCaw.
- A Pastoral Leaders Potluck will take place at Carol Waters' and Mark Wesner's home on April 12.

Unfinished and/or New Business

- After discussion, the body recommended by consensus that the draft minutes of the Coordinating Council be available on the OKINP website.

Sharing Time

- Prayer concerns and joys were shared.

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Jane Brown at 2:07.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk