

**MINUTES**  
**Indian Nations Presbytery**  
**Coordinating Council**  
**August 21, 2024**  
**Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office**

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

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

**Excused:** TE Dan Junkin; RE Mike Mize, Moderator;  
RE Dru Orr; TE Charlie Smith, Presbytery Pastor;

**Absent:** RE Debra Kaufmann;

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

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

The meeting was called to order with a reflection and corporate prayer led by Vice-Moderator John McKinnon at 1:05. A quorum was present. As Moderator Mize was absent, McKinnon moderated the meeting.

**Approval of Voice**

None required.

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting were **approved**. There were no meetings in June or July.

**Officer and Staff Reports:**

**CC Moderator 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.

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- McKinnon reported there were two recommendations to serve on Committee on Nominations and Representation; both have agreed to serve. **Motion** to appoint RE Dan MacLemore and TE Carl Bosteels to the Committee on Nominations and Representation, class of 2027. Moderator asked if there were any nominations from the floor; there were none. **Motion approved.**

### **Presbytery Pastor Report**

- Charlie Smith provided a written report. He has communicated with all the churches in the presbytery to further the conversation about the creation of an Oklahoma presbytery. There was good conversation around the topic at the Tri-Presbytery meeting. More education and conversation are needed at the local level.

### **Stated Clerk Report**

- Evans reminded the council that the presbytery meeting dates and locations for 2025 need to be presented to the commissioners at the October 11 stated meeting. She recommended the meetings be held on February 22, June 7 and October 10. Several members of the council will ask their session if they would be willing to **host**. Motion to hold the June 7 meeting by Zoom was **approved.**
- **Motion** to invite Rev. Beth McCaw, Associate Professor of Ministry at Dubuque Seminary, to speak at the October 11, 2024 meeting of the presbytery was **approved.**

### **INP Moderator**

- Dave DeLana welcomed new Coordinating Council member Debra Kauffman, Chisholm Trail, Yukon, representing Region 1, and temporary COM Moderator, RE Martin McNeese.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Board of Trustees**

- No report.

### **Committee on Administration**

- The COA recommended that the Coordinating Council send the following motion for approval to the next meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery:
  - That the Indian Nations Presbytery affirm and concur with the Committee on Administration's intent and direction regarding the following:
    - To present a budget for 2025 that stays within the parameters of the 2024 budget, and to account for the presbytery's rapidly

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decreasing financial resources by presenting a budget for 2026 that may include structural and staffing changes and recommendations.

- Following lengthy discussion, there was a recommendation that committee moderators should make requests for their particular budgets
- COA should share the budget and line items at the next meeting
- **Motion** to table this request until the September meeting was **approved** with the request that the COA moderator be in attendance to answer questions.

#### **Committee on Ministry:**

- There was no report.

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

- Culpepper reported the 6 of 24 vacancies have been filled by CONR.
- TE Vicki Rucker, Validated Ministry, will serve on CC class of 2026.

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

- Gowing presented the work of the committee. Question regarding financial support for Inquirers and Candidates for ministry.

#### **INP Foundation Board**

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

#### **Network Reports**

- Care of Pastoral Leaders requested \$1000 budgeted for the retreat be released and used to pay expenses for the October 21-22 retreat. **Motion** was made and **approved**.
- **Motion** to approve the request for permission to serve the Lord's Supper at the fall retreat was **approved**.

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

- Oklahoma Disaster Response Account: Donations have been received to go toward Oklahoma natural disasters. **Motion** that funds designated to a specific disaster be released within 30 days was **approved**.
- CC asks that Charlie Smith contact Shepherd of the Hills, Sulphur, to see if there are further needs for funds.
- **Motion** to designate Juneteenth as a holiday for INP staff was **approved**.
- McKinnon requested up to \$1000 for the Oklahoma presbyteries youth event being held on September 28. **Motion** was made and **approved**.

#### **Sharing Time**

- Prayer concerns and joys were shared.

## **Adjournment**

- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Russell Newville at 2:18.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans  
Stated Clerk

(Minutes approved September 18, 2024)