

***lntertribal Transportation Association***

***Conference Call***

***Jaunary 21, 2021***

Meeting Call to Order by Barack Meyers, Executive Director of the ITA at 11:10 am

Roll Call taken by Jonah Begay, ITA Secretary

Barak Meyers - Present

Mary Beth-Clark – Absent

Gerry Hope – Present

Sara Yockey – Absent

Jonah Begay – Present

The meeting was determined only as a **Work Session** due to no quorum

**Membership List**

Jonah Begay, ITA Secretary spoke briefly on the updated Membership list. The membership list has not change from the January 14, 2021 distribution. When there is additional information added the List will be distributed again. A suggestion to reach out to other tribal organization to promote membership of the ITA.

Carla Edwards indicated she can reach out to Tribal organization in Oklahoma to make awareness of the ITA.

**Drafted ITA Strategic Plan**

Gerry Hope suggested to send out the drafted Plan to all the ITA members for their review and input. Give it about a week for the people to review and provide comments. Let them know the drafted Plan will be voted on in February ITA virtual monthly meeting. We need to move on this topic, get it finalized and vote on it.

Barak Meyers will work on re-distributing the drafted Plan to all the Members.

**Tribal Transportation Program Self-Governance Program Update**

Gerry Hope plans to work on setting up another Self Governance meeting between now (as of 1/21/21) and the next ITA meeting in February, 2021.

Also the 2018 ITA Resolution and the 2019 ITA proposal for the Senate needs to be revisit under the new congress in Senate and under the new administration. ITA needs to keep advocating for the tribal transportation policies.

There is a Interior Advisory Meeting on 02/21/2021

**Tribal Transportation Program Funding Formula**

It is understood by all or most Tribes this topic is very sensitive and has been put on the back-burner multiple times during ITA discussions. At some point in time sooner or later (sooner is best) ITA needs to discuss the funding formula amongst the tribes.

Jonah Begay agreed the funding formula need to discuss. A suggestion to reach out to other tribal organization and interest group to get interest in the formula discussion.

Gerry Hope indicated ITA forum/discussion on Policy/Budget need more voices and input from other tribes/members. A collective unified voice has its benefits when it comes to tribal advocacy. In the past congressional staffers have inquiry what the tribes or ITA’s position is on various topics so its good to have a collective voice.

Richard Holland indicated there is also the Northwest Tribes and the USET tribal organization that may have an interest in the ITA and/or the discussion of tribal issues.

**ITA Mid-Year Virtual Meeting**

Currently, the plan is to continue the discussion of the Mid-Year Virtual Meeting. Some tribes are still on no travel restriction. No date had been set but the discussion and planning need to happen soon for the Mid-Year.

**ITA Annual Meeting**

No date/location has been set but the discussion need to happen soon. No discussion was made whether to plan for in-person or virtual meeting.

Next ITA Meeting – February 18, 2021.

* 9am Alaska
* 10am Pacific
* 11am Mountain Standard
* 1pm Central
* 2pm Eastern