

IAIA Alumni Council Meeting
Museum of Contemporary Native Art, 2nd Floor Conference Room
Friday, August 17, 2018

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Council Members Present:

Heidi Brandow, Tahnee Growingthunder, Linley Logan, Rose Simpson.

Council Members Absent:

Cynthia King, Tristan Ahtone, Kevin Locke

Staff and Guests Present:

Chee Brossy, Sandra Narvaez

Meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by Heidi Brandow.

Oklahoma City Alumni Meetup:

Tahnee Growingthunder provided an overview of the event.

- There were thirteen participants from the Chickasaw, Choctaw areas of Oklahoma City.
- Tacos were served at a cost of approximately \$260. Make your own tacos was very cost effective.
- The space was donated by the Muscogee Creek Association, Oklahoma City office in hopes of having IAIA recruitment speak to the College of the Muscogee.
- The meeting was focused on pitching ideas instead of complaints.
- They like the idea of panel discussions or pop-up exhibits around the country to encourage Eastern and Woodlands tribes, those east of the Mississippi, in the arts community including: New York, Massachusetts.
- They would like to encourage more press coverage and want to reach out to Eric Davis, IAIA Marketing & Communications Director.
- IAIA Alumni, Johnnie Diacon, was recognized as a unique artist with a presence in Oklahoma.
- Action:
Send a thank you letter out to the Muscogee Creek Association and to Blue Clark, Board member.

IAIA Alumni Mentorship Program:

Heidi Brandow provided an update on the program.

- IAIA is initiating a peer mentorship program focused on mentoring first year students and pairing them with upperclassmen offering studio tours, artist lectures and/or workshops.
- Emails have been sent out announcing the program and a few interested alumni responses have been received.

- A budget was included in the Mentorship Program proposal to cover honorarium and travel to incentivize Alumni to participate in the mentorship program.
- A fundraising initiative was suggested as a show of goodwill and effort to partner with the IAIA Foundation and IAIA Board of Trustees to raise money.
- It was recommended that two Alumni Council members in leadership positions speak at the IAIA Board of Trustees and Foundation Board meetings to encourage support for the Alumni Mentorship Program.

One-year and two-year Council project planning:

Linley Logan's presentation proposal for funding:

- Ask the IAIA Foundation to designate a percentage of the funds raised from the annual gala to be directed to support the Alumni Mentorship Program. Another option would be to ask artists to specify that funds from the sale of their artwork support the Alumni Mentorship Program.
- Have a call for art, three-dimensional artists who aren't two-dimensional, or two-dimensional artists who aren't printmakers. Lindsey would translate that print with the idea and intent that fifty percent of those prints go towards raising funds for a mentorship program.

Alumni Association – ways to connect alumni:

- Expand events outside the region.

The next Alumni Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Friday, November 9, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:28 PM. by Heidi Brandow.