

# BYLAWS

## ASSOCIATION OF INTERIOR NATIVE EDUCATORS

### ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the Organization shall be Association of Interior Native Educators, hereinafter referred to as AINE.

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the AINE is to provide a forum for support and a voice for Interior Native Educators and to serve as an advocate for Native Education issues.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1. Certified Educators: Membership will be open to Alaska Natives involved in education.

SECTION 2. Native Individuals: This membership will be open to Native\* persons who have or are in the process of obtaining a Type A/B/C Certificate.

SECTION 3. Degreed Members: This membership will be extended to those Natives who have a degree in other areas and are working in the field of education.

SECTION 4. Associate Members: This organization will be open to other Natives as associate members who are involved in education or are interested in the goals of this organization.

SECTION 5. Affiliate Members: This organization will be open to others as affiliate members. Affiliate members will be non-voting members.

SECTION 6. Honorary Members: Honorary membership will be extended to elders.

\*Native - as defined by the United States Regulations regarding Indian status.

SECTION 7. Membership Fee: All members, certified, degreed, and associate, will be required to pay an annual membership fee of \$25.00 and will receive one vote.

All affiliate members will be required to pay an annual membership fee of \$20.00 and will have no vote.

Honorary members will not be required to pay a membership fee.

## ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SECTION 1. Election of Board Members:** The Board of Directors will be elected by membership at large during the annual meeting. The Board of Directors will consist of seven (7) members.

**SECTION 2. Officers:** The Board of Directors of AINE shall include: one Chairperson, one Vice Chairperson, one Treasurer, one Secretary, and an Honorary Member, elected by the association membership, at the first formal meeting.

**SECTION 3. Terms of Office:** The term of office for the Board of Directors shall be staggered, as determined by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 4. Removal of Officers:** Any board member of the Board of Directors elected by the membership may be removed with cause by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the Board of Directors and general membership present and voting during a duly constituted meeting, whenever it is in the best judgment of the Board of Directors and membership to take such action.

**SECTION 5. Notification and Date of Such Action:** Proper notice specifying the proposed removal of a board member shall be given to the officer(s) prior to any meeting of the Board of Directors at which such removal shall be considered.

**SECTION 6. Vacancy:** A vacancy in any position of the Board of Directors due to death, resignation or removal will be filled by the Board of Directors for the member's unexpired portion of the term.

**SECTION 7. Chairperson:** The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and may sign all letters, reports, and other communications of the Association of Interior Native Educators. The Chairperson will perform other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 8. Vice Chairperson:** The duties of the Vice Chairperson shall be to represent the Chairperson in assigned duties and to substitute for the Chairperson during his/her absence, and he/she shall perform such duties from time to time as may be assigned by the Chairperson or by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 9. Treasurer:** The treasurer shall be the custodian of all AINE funds. He/She shall work closely with the appropriate staff to ensure that all expenditures and monetary transactions are authorized and properly executed. The Treasurer will perform other duties as may be prescribed by the Chairperson or by the Board of Directors.

**SECTION 10. Secretary:** The duties of the Secretary shall be to record the minutes of the meetings of AINE and any other duties assigned to him/her by the Chairperson or by the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Regular meetings: AINE Board of Directors shall meet quarterly, with meeting dates determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called by the Chairperson or by a majority poll of the board members taken by any board member.

SECTION 3. Place of Meetings: The Board of Directors shall hold meetings at a location designated by the Chairperson and/or by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. Notice of Meetings:

A. The secretary or designated staff shall notify all board members at least fourteen days (14) in advance of regular meetings, giving the date, hour, and location of the meeting.

B. Notice of special meetings shall require the board secretary or designated staff to notify all board members at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting, giving the date, hour, location, and purpose of the meeting.

SECTION 5. Quorum: The presence of a majority of the board members in person, no less than four, shall constitute a quorum necessary to carry on the business of the AINE Board of Directors.

SECTION 6. Decisions of the Board of Directors: The decisions of the Board of Directors shall require a majority vote or a quorum (4/7 votes) of the board members.

SECTION 7. Conducting meetings: All regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted rules of operation.

SECTION 8. Open/Public Meetings: All regular and special meetings shall be open at all times to the public, with the exception of executive sessions, which shall be closed to the general public. Notice of meetings will be posted or released through the media to the general public regarding all regular AINE board meetings.

## ARTICLE VI: ANNUAL MEETINGS

SECTION 1. Annual Meetings: Annual meetings shall be held in the month of August.

SECTION 2. Place of Annual Meetings: Annual meetings shall be held in a community chosen and designated by the AINE Board of Directors.

SECTION 3. Notice of Annual Meetings: The Board of Directors, Secretary, or designated staff shall notify the general membership not less than 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting, giving dates, hour and location of the meeting. Notice of the Annual

**Meeting shall include: TENTATIVE AGENDA, WORKSHOPS, ACTIVITIES, POSSIBLE SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS, AND SOLICITATIONS OF AINE RESOLUTIONS.**

**ARTICLE VII: ASSOCIATION OF INTERIOR NATIVE EDUCATORS  
STANDING COMMITTEE.**

**The Association of Interior Native Educators Standing Committee shall have no powers to make decisions but will act in an advisory capacity by making recommendations to the Board of Directors and will consist of, but will not be limited to the following committees:**

- A. BYLAWS Committee**
- B. BUDGET AND FUND-RAISING Committee**
- C. NOMINATING Committee**
- D. ISSUES/RESOLUTIONS Committee**
- E. CONFERENCE PLANNING Committee**

**ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

**These BYLAWS may be amended at any meeting by a 2/3 (two-thirds) affirmative vote of the Board of Directors and will then be ratified by the voting membership of AINE at the Annual Meeting.**

**The amendment(s) shall carry out the purpose and objectives of AINE, as herein expressed.**

**ARTICLE IX: RATIFICATION**

**These BYLAWS were originally ratified by and approved by the AINE at its meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_(DATE), at \_\_\_\_\_(TIME).**

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PERMANENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: WORK \_\_\_\_\_ HOME \_\_\_\_\_

FAX NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

STATUS:             ELDER                             CERTIFIED TEACHER  
                     ADMINISTRATOR             SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER  
                     CLASSIFIED                     EDUCATION STUDENT  
 CERTIFIED: PLEASE SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP

FEE:                     \$25.00  
                           HONORARY MEMBER/ NO FEE

PLEASE RETURN FORMS AND MAKE YOUR CHECKS/MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO AINE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE AINE OFFICE AT 474-6041.