



CONFERENCE CALL

February 16, 2012

ATTENDEES

Tanya Fiddler, Four Bands Community Fund
Heidi Cuny, Cuny Communications
Laura Williams, Lummi CDFI
Ronna Canady, Aleutian Financial
Logan Anderson, Oweesta
Michael Carroll, RCAC
Joanna Donohoe, Seven Sisters CDG
Lori Larson, Black Hills Community Loan Fund
Crystel Cornelius, Oweesta
Lisa McComb, Northern Shores Loan Fund

Tawney Brunsch, Lakota Funds
Jaci Ree, Oweesta
David Fleming, LaPointe Financial
Mike Roberts, First Nations Development Institute
Rita Jefferson, Lummi CDFI
Jonathan Harms, American Center for Credit Education
Marvin Ginn, Native Community Finance
Pete Upton, First Ponca Financial
Eric Jordan, ONABEN

NOTES

1. The meeting opened with a brief review of upcoming 2012 activity.
2. The working committees were presented along with a description of how they were developed and what their primary function will be. Members were asked to volunteer while on the call or to email Heidi Cuny at heidi@cunycommunications.com with their interests. Five committees with respective member volunteers are:
 - a. Governance
 - b. Policy – Tawney Brunsch, David Fleming, Jonathan Harms
 - c. Membership & Fundraising – Rita Jefferson
 - d. Peer Learning & Events – Tawney Brunsch, David Fleming (pick one)
 - e. Communications & Impact
3. There was discussion on requirements to serve on committees. Although NCN does not have formal bylaws in place, the general census was that you must be a paid member to serve on a committee and the steering committee.
4. NCN was recently awarded two grants: a 6-month \$25K grant from Northwest Area Foundation and an additional \$25K from Heron foundation. Our current annual budget is approximately \$80K, however, the Governance Committee will help develop the annual budgets as we move forward.
5. The Native CDFI Network is planning a trip to Washington DC during the week of March 5th. This trip will align with the CDFI Institute and the NCAI Executive Session. If any members are planning on going to the CDFI Institute, please let Joanna Donohoe know by emailing joanna.donohoe@gmail.com. The tentative plan is to fly into DC on the 5th and fly home on the 9th. The Network is scheduling as many meetings as possible with key policy makers in DC to introduce



NCN and talk about areas in which we can work together. Confirmed meetings are: CFED, SBA, NCAI. Once an agenda is formed, it will be sent out to the group.

6. Next meeting March 15, 2011, 1pm Pacific Time. Tentative topics would be peer learning and a policy update on our Hill visit. There is interest in loan capital for housing CDFIs. Michael Carroll from RCAC volunteered to talk to the group about housing capital. Bill Spurlin would also be a good candidate. Marvin Ginn also volunteered to speak about working with HUD 184. Agenda and meeting materials will be sent out prior to the meeting.