

**AIHEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS:  
MEMBERSHIP LISTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**  
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COMMITTEE/WORKING GROUP	RESPONSIBILITIES	MEMBERSHIP
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	See Bylaws; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•AICF</li> <li>•Strategic Plan Tracking</li> <li>•Communications/PR</li> <li>•AIHEC Proposals</li> <li>•Private Sector Fundraising</li> </ul>	David Yarlott, Chair Cynthia Lindquist-Mala, Vice-Chair Ferlin Clark, Secretary James Shanley, Treasurer Cheryl Crazy Bull, Member-at-Large
FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE	<p><b>Budget:</b> Oversees preparation of the annual budget for the AIHEC Central Office and the Tribal College Journal for the ensuing year; presents budget to the Board of Directors for approval; and periodically reviews financial reporting for the AIHEC Central Office and the Tribal College Journal.</p> <p><b>Audit:</b> Oversees the selection, performance, and compensation of auditors. It meets with AIHEC's auditors when it deems necessary, reviews all auditors' reports and findings, and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval and action. Through communication with AIHEC's auditors, the Committee confirms the adequacy of internal financial controls and the competence of AIHEC financial and accounting staff. The Committee shall consider replacement of the audit firm at least every three years.</p> <p><b>General:</b> Serves to apprise and advise the Board of Directors on all matters pertaining to the finances and accounting policies and practices of the Consortium.</p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> James Shanley, FPCC, Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Michael Parish, Bay Mills Community College</li> <li>o Elmer Guy, Navajo Technical College</li> <li>o Micheal Oltrogge, Nebraska Indian C.C.</li> <li>o Olivia Vanegas-Funcheon, Tohono O'odham C.C.</li> </ul> <p><i>(The Committee consists of not less than three or more than five Members, including the Treasurer, who shall serve as chair.)</i></p>

<p><b>STUDENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p>Develops policy and procedures for the oversight of all AIHEC-sponsored student activities, including Student Congress and the Annual AIHEC Student Conference. Policies involved include setting competition level, assuring compliance for eligibility, and recommending policies to the AIHEC Board.</p> <p>Develops policy and procedures, as approved by the AIHEC board, for the oversight of all AIHEC-sponsored student athletic activities, including the governing of AIHEC sanctioned or sponsored events, setting competition levels, assuring compliance for eligibility. In addition, the working group reviews and approves AIHEC-wide athletic events and provides oversight of the AIHEC Athletic Commission (a non-presidential body).</p>	<p><b>Chair: Robert Martin</b>, Institute of American Indian Arts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Ben Barney</b> (Acting), Diné College</li> <li>o <b>Beverly Grinage</b>, Ilisagvik College</li> <li>o <b>David Yarlott</b>, Little Big Horn College</li> <li>o <b>Cindy Dodd</b>, Northwest Indian College**</li> <li>o <b>Betty Redleaf-Collett</b>, Saginaw Chippewa T.C.</li> <li>o <b>Juan Perez</b>, Salish Kootenai College**</li> <li>o <b>Diana Canku</b>, Sisseton Wahpeton College</li> <li>o <b>Laurel Vermillion</b>, Sitting Bull College</li> <li>o <b>James Davis</b>, Turtle Mountain Community College</li> <li>o <b>David Gipp</b>, United Tribes Technical College</li> <li>o <b>Rusty Mason</b>, Fort Berthold Community College</li> <li>o <b>Melody Henry</b>, Stone Child College</li> <li>o <b>Marlin Spoonhunter</b>, Wind River Tribal College*</li> </ul> <p>*non-voting Member **Appointed staff representative to committee</p>
<p><b>RESEARCH COMMITTEE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Policy</i></li> <li>• <i>Data Collection: AIHEC AIMS</i></li> </ul>	<p>Oversees and guides AIHEC’s research, data collection, and analysis functions (AIHEC AIMS); formulates policy and procedures for the administration of research; coordinates research activities between AIHEC, its entities, affiliate organizations, partners, and other institutions of higher education; develops guidelines and procedures for externally sponsored research projects, proposals, and awards.</p>	<p><b>Chair: Cynthia Lindquist-Mala</b>, CCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Michael Parish</b>, Bay Mills Community College</li> <li>o <b>Richard Littlebear</b>, Chief Dull Knife College</li> <li>o <b>Verna Fowler</b>, College of Menominee Nation</li> <li>o <b>Carole Falcon-Chandler</b>, Fort Belknap College</li> <li>o <b>Venida Chenault</b> (Acting), HINU</li> <li>o <b>Beverly Grinage</b>, Ilisagvik College</li> <li>o <b>Walter Goodwin</b> (Acting), Little Priest Tribal College</li> <li>o <b>Cheryl Crazy Bull</b>, NWIC</li> <li>o <b>Rusty Mason</b>, Fort Berthold Community College</li> <li>o <b>Consuelo Lopez</b>, Comanche Nation College*</li> </ul> <p>*non-voting Member</p>

<p><b>MEMBERSHIP AND ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p><b>Membership.</b> Develops proposed policy and procedures for administration of the membership application process to AIHEC; reviews applications for membership; conducts site visits; makes membership recommendations to the Board of Directors, and suggests changes to bylaws and charter relating to membership issues.</p> <p><b>Leadership.</b> Explore development of AIHEC Leadership Institute.</p> <p><b>Accreditation.</b> Advises the AIHEC Board of Directors on issues concerning accreditation of member institutions; provides information and materials to apprise AIHEC member institutions about accreditation matters; provides advice to AIHEC members about accreditation procedures; works with accrediting bodies and related organizations to improve the quality and significance of accreditation as it relates to member institutions, particularly with respect to cultural and other issues; encourages and supports representation by member institution staff (i.e. president, dean, etc.) in professional activities of accreditation bodies and related organizations.</p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> Laurel Vermillion, Sitting Bull College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Michael Parish, Bay Mills Community College</li> <li>○ Ben Barney (Acting), Diné College</li> <li>○ Larry Anderson, FDLTCC</li> <li>○ Carole Falcon-Chandler, Fort Belknap College</li> <li>○ James Shanley, Fort Peck Community College</li> <li>○ Robert Martin, IAIA</li> <li>○ Ginny Carney, Leech Lake Tribal College</li> <li>○ Joe McDonald, Salish Kootenai College</li> <li>○ Lionel Bordeaux, Sinte Gleska University</li> <li>○ Sherry Allison, SIPI</li> <li>○ Debra Parrish, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa CC</li> <li>○ <i>Robert Bible, College of the Muscogee Nation*</i></li> </ul> <p>*non-voting Member</p>
<p><b>SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COMMITTEE</b></p>	<p>Coordinates all science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) related initiatives and promotes a AIHEC's STEM vision, which is: <i>To build a framework of strategic partnerships, resources, and tools that will strengthen Tribal Colleges and Universities and their communities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and ensure that American Indian students achieve success in STEM education and enter the national STEM workforce, thereby contributing to the national STEM research and education goals.</i></p>	<p><b>Chair:</b> James Davis, TMCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John Salois, BCC</li> <li>○ Verna Fowler, College of Menominee Nation</li> <li>○ Danielle Hornett, Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa C.C.</li> <li>○ Elmer Guy, Navajo Technical College</li> <li>○ Thomas Shortbull, Oglala Lakota College</li> <li>○ Joe McDonald, Salish Kootenai College</li> <li>○ Diane Canku, Sisseton Wahpeton College</li> <li>○ Sherry Allison, SIPI</li> <li>○ Olivia Vanegas-Funcheon, TOCC</li> <li>○ David Gipp, UTTC</li> <li>○ Terry Tatsey, FALCON</li> <li>○ Phil Baird, NativeView</li> <li>○ TCU STEM Faculty</li> </ul>

<p><b>TRIBAL COLLEGE JOURNAL ADVISORY BOARD</b></p>	<p>Establishes the Tribal College Journal mission and helps set policy for the Journal. (For example: the TCJ currently limits advertising to 40 percent of all pages/edition.) Assists in developing themes and story ideas; conducts strategic planning for financial sustainability; promotes TCJ; assists in securing subscriptions and advertisings; and provides ideas for mailing lists and conferences.</p>	<p><b>Chair: Laurel Vermillion</b>, Sitting Bull College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <b>Cynthia Lindquist-Mala</b>, Cankdeska Cikana C.C.</li> <li>o <b>Ferlin Clark</b>, Diné College</li> <li>o <b>Richard Littlebear</b>, Chief Dull Knife College</li> <li>o <b>Elmer Guy</b>, Navajo Technical College</li> <li>o <b>Cheryl Crazy Bull</b>, NWIC</li> <li>o <b>Robert Martin</b>, Institute of American Indian Arts</li> <li>o <b>Carrie, Billy</b>, AIHEC</li> <li>o <b>Marie Smallface Marule</b>, Red Crow Community College</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES</b></p>	<p>Reviews all motions to be forwarded to the full Board of Directors, approves motions for forwarding or re-commits motions to the relevant committee for further work or reconsideration.</p>	<p><b>David Yarlott</b>, AIHEC Chair Executive Committee Members All Committee Chairs</p>