

MEMORANDUM

from

Office of Coordinator of American Indian Programs

October 17, 1972

TO: Dr. Allan Niemi
Vice President

FROM: Robert R. Bailey

As you may be aware, Mr. Mike Wright, editor of Nishnawbe News, was recently accepted into membership of the American Indian Press Association, headquarters in Denver, Colorado. The attached brochure indicates our publication, Nishnawbe News, should be well represented at this conference. Mr. Wright and Mr. Bob Van Alstine, managing editor, have indicated they would attend.

One of the unknown successes of our Second Annual Indian Awareness Week activity appears to be surfacing. Mr. Eugene Crawford (the speaker who replaced Vine Deloria) called me this past week and we discussed several items, one of which was the A.I.P.A. conference. He indicated to me that his board, National Indian Lutheran Board, would pay air travel for representatives of our newspaper at conventions such as these. I've talked with Jim Carter on these matters and he was in agreement on the newspaper participation. It would be necessary for arrangements to be made for subsistence support for the conference participants. Perhaps Mr. Carter and myself could work out a cost sharing arrangement from our respective budgets. What are your feelings on the conference and do you have other suggestions as to subsistence arrangements?

Mr. Crawford also informed me there is a joint board session this week in New York City at which time the Nishnawbe News Proposal for funding will be up for consideration. (We've mailed copies of recent and past issues to the New York Hotel as per his request, they have our proposal). This joint session of several National Church boards includes the Episcopal group, one of the groups to which a proposal for Nishnawbe News was submitted through Research & Development. At this same session, Mr. Crawford's board will give consideration for possible unilateral funding, should the joint board not act favorably. He stated his personal endorsement and the Lutheran Board's president's keen interest in our Indian Student activities and newspaper.

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Another item in our discussion included the possibility of our submitting a proposal to the National Indian Lutheran Board for a future Indian Awareness Week Activity.

I apologize for the lengthy memo, but had several items to relay. Will get together sometime to discuss the recent Awareness Week in more detail.

RRB/mjh

cc: James Carter ✓

Attachment