

Association of Native American Medical Students (ANAMS)



Background

Founded in 1975, the Association of Native American Students (ANAMS) is a student organization representing Native American graduate health professions students throughout the US and Canada. ANAMS is comprised of Native American students enrolled in medical school or in the allied health professions of Dentistry, Veterinary, Optometry, Podiatry, and Pharmacy. Presently, the membership consists of approximately 100 students.

The goals of ANAMS include providing support for all Native Americans currently enrolled in various allied health professions schools. ANAMS strives to increase the number of Native American students in medicine and other health professions. Exposure and recognition on a national level throughout the medical community is what we continue to promote.

Our organization is primarily supported by the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP). On our pathway into the health professions we hope to provide Native students a resource network.



Naomi Young
President for 2008-2009



Donovan Williams (on left)
President-elect for 2008-2009

Mike Clarke (on right)
Member at large

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Affiliate Associations:

- Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP)
- Native Health Initiative (NHI)
- AAMC
- Marshall Foundation

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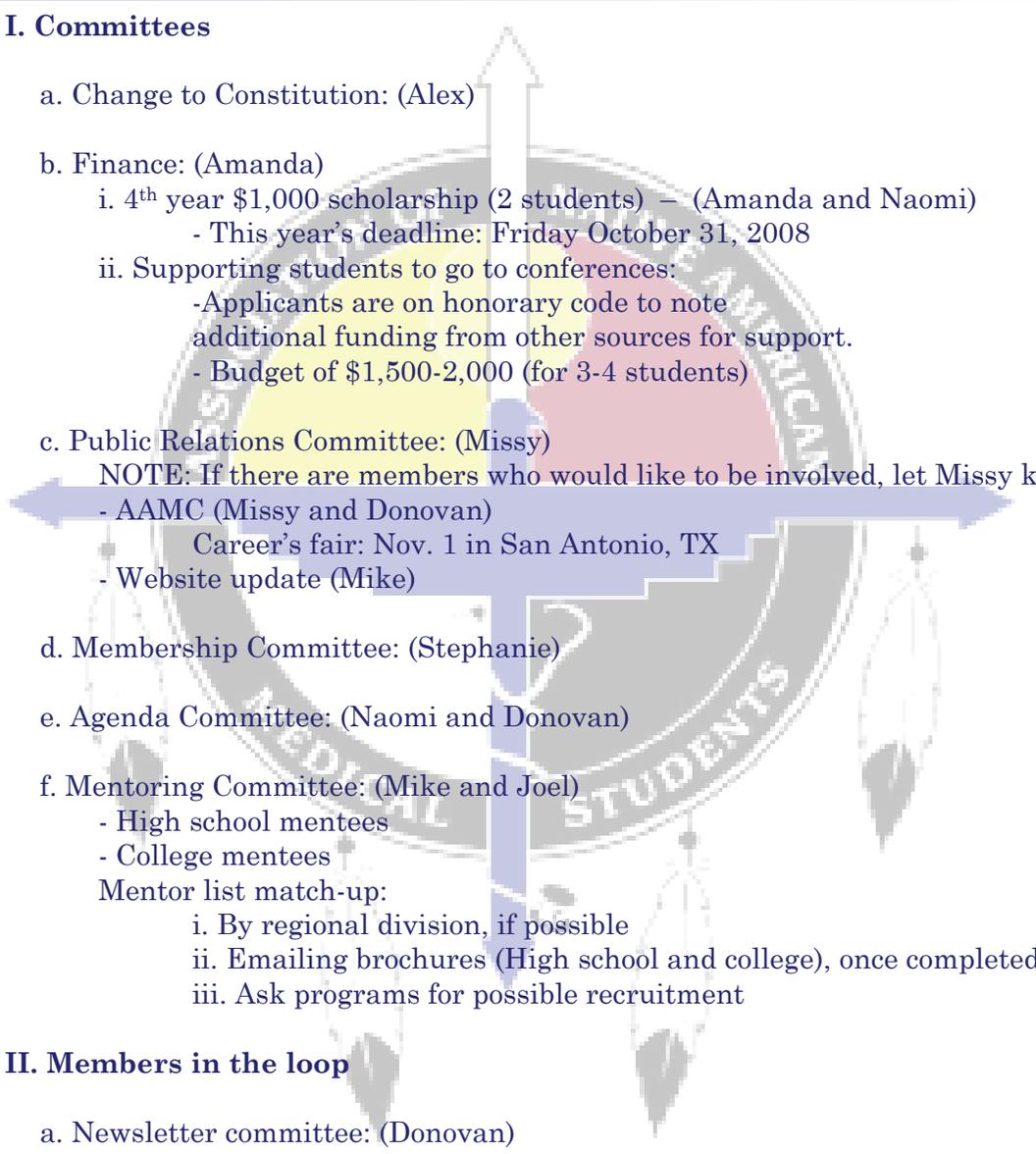
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ANAMS Business Meeting Highlights (contacts on the national board)

From Meeting Date: August 11, 2008

I. Committees

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- a. Change to Constitution: (Alex)
 - b. Finance: (Amanda)
 - i. 4th year \$1,000 scholarship (2 students) – (Amanda and Naomi)
 - This year's deadline: Friday October 31, 2008
 - ii. Supporting students to go to conferences:
 - Applicants are on honorary code to note additional funding from other sources for support.
 - Budget of \$1,500-2,000 (for 3-4 students)
 - c. Public Relations Committee: (Missy)

NOTE: If there are members who would like to be involved, let Missy know.

 - AAMC (Missy and Donovan)
 - Career's fair: Nov. 1 in San Antonio, TX
 - Website update (Mike)
 - d. Membership Committee: (Stephanie)
 - e. Agenda Committee: (Naomi and Donovan)
 - f. Mentoring Committee: (Mike and Joel)
 - High school mentees
 - College mentees
 - Mentor list match-up:
 - i. By regional division, if possible
 - ii. Emailing brochures (High school and college), once completed by Donovan
 - iii. Ask programs for possible recruitment

II. Members in the loop

- a. Newsletter committee: (Donovan)
- b. Marshall Scholarship (AAIP for scholarship in December)
- c. Speaker series for members to take part, via conference calls:
 - Naomi proposed having Dr. Donald Warne for the first talk about health policy in Indian health (possibly in Sept.- Oct.)
- d. Members joining in on quarterly meetings:
 - Via conference calls, possibly to discuss specific topics

Involvement with the Mentorship program

Mentoring Program:

The mentoring program is a way to connect with students interested in medicine. Our hopes are to encourage and guide students on this complex path towards medicine. It may involve answering simple questions about how to attain a letter of recommendation or complex questions like, "why do I want to become a physician?" We've been through the process of applying and for fourth year medical students, we still have to ask ourselves similar questions when applying to residency programs.

Many members who came to the AAIP annual conference had suggested program awareness around the country such as,

- ◆ AISES; NIH Academy; INMED; NARCA at Indianhealth.net; SMDEP/MMEP with AAMC; Superstars at U. of Minnesota; SACNAS; Headlands at U. of OK; Four Directions at Harvard; 4 Corners Health Prep.; Phillip Exceter; MedStart at Arizona; NIH Academy; Fred Hutchinson's program at Hopkins; Udall internship; etc.

Information on these programs around the country is very helpful when talking to students. We hope to provide brochure materials for these programs when we know program contacts. Please inform us if you have additional information at your school so we can send that information to our mentors.

There are so few medical professionals, let alone medical students and other health profession students, to care for our Native communities. Our interests may vary in fields from being clinical or non-clinical, in or outside a hospital setting. Therefore, if you are interested in getting involved by attending events for recruitment and/or you may inform us on programs offered around the country. Thanks for your input at the 2008 AAIP annual conference.

Contacts:

- ◆ Mike for Mentor interest
- ◆ Missy for recruitment interest
- ◆ Donovan to send information on known programs for high school or pre-medical students

Projected Outreach Collaborations

Collaborations:

Collaborations with other organizations is an ambitious challenge. We hope to gradually collaborate with other organizations for support, recognition, outreach to Native communities, acquiring resources for pre-medical students, and for medical students. We have been associated with AAIP since 1975 and it has been a great organization, as you may have experienced at AAIP conferences. Native Health Initiative is a new organization who would like our continuing support as well as assistance to reaching out to Native communities from a public health model. To learn more go to <http://www.unc.edu/~flega>. We will also be working with AAMC this year in hopes of reaching out to pre-medical students via *Aspiring-Docs.org*. The website is a useful place to learn about events associated with AAMC for

any student interested in medicine, particularly minority students. We would encourage you to let pre-medical student know about the website.

The idea behind the anticipated collaborations with other programs is to provide more sources for students learning about health professions. We will try to keep you up-dated on events and information in the future.

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2008 AAIP annual conference. Grand Entry in Worley, ID.



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Announcements to Keep in Mind

4th Year Medical Students

- ◆ Look out for an application, via email, to apply for the 4th year \$1,000 scholarship. The deadline this year will be October 31. There are 2 offered this year. Applicants will be considered based on community service, academic achievements, and above all, a commitment to improving healthcare to Native Americans. Contacts are Naomi and Amanda.

Marshall Scholarship

- ◆ Be aware that the Marshall Foundation offers a \$500 scholarship through AAIP. Members do have to apply for the scholarship in order to receive the scholarship. Lucinda Myers (lmyers@aaip.org) will be the person to contact if you have questions.

Speaker series

- ◆ We will let members know, via email, about possible speakers. We are tentatively inviting Dr. Warne from Arizona about health policy in Indian health. (possibly in Sept.- Oct. via conference call)

Quarterly meeting invites:

- ◆ We are inviting members to join in on discussions on specific topics in the future, via conference call. Be on the lookout via email.

Support to help students to go to annual conferences

- ◆ ANAMS is offering support for students to attend annual conferences (AAIP Cross-cultural conference in the spring or the AAIP annual conference in the summer). We are offering support up to \$500 for 3-4 members. More information will be sent as we get closer to conference dates.