

# **CODE FOR THE GOVERNING OF STUDENT CHAPTERS**

## **Article I - NAME**

**Section 1.** The name of a student chapter will be "(name of said organization) Student Chapter of the American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL)."

**Section 2.** Student chapters will be chartered by approval of the Board of Directors of the American Indian Business Leaders and will be subject to the provisions of AIBL's bylaws, this Code, and by the K-8, high school, tribal college, and university rules governing student organizations.

## **Article II - OBJECTIVES**

The Chapter is formed to advance and promote the objectives of the American Indian Business Leaders, hereafter called AIBL, as follows:

- Providing a forum for the discussion and support of current American Indian students. Mentoring American Indian students wishing to pursue higher education.
- Networking with other K-8, high school, tribal college, and university chapters to create a forum for exchanging business activity ideas that AIBL will support and promote.
- Assisting new or transfer students with the transition into academic life.
- Networking with tribal governments and Indian owned businesses to ascertain internship placement opportunities.
- Networking with tribal governments and Indian owned businesses to solicit special project work for college credit and to gain practical work experience.
- Creating a networking system with private/corporate businesses, tribal government, state and federal government entities to ascertain internship opportunities and special project work.

Chapters facilitate the overall goals and objectives of the National AIBL Program. The Chapters are designed to create an environment that will support and promote the American Indian business student and/or entrepreneur who will help improve tribal economic environments through designing culturally appropriate businesses. AIBL's ultimate goal is to stimulate American Indian's interest in pursuing a business education to assist in the area of tribal economic development and the improvement of Indian society as a whole.

### **Article III - MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** The class and qualifications of membership in a Chapter will be defined in the By-laws of the American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL.).

**Section 2.** Membership in the Chapter will at all times conform to the rules set in the By-laws and this Code.

**Section 3.** Each member will be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to the chapter.

### **Article IV – CHARTERING A STUDENT CHAPTER**

**Section 1.** Application

- (a) Any nucleus of students, in any accredited K-8, high school, tribal college, and university offering education in business or business technology may petition the AIBL board of directors for the establishment of a Student Chapter. In those instances where it is not possible to meet the requirements of a minimum number of students, the Board may consider a regional student chapter.
- (b) The students so petitioning will qualify as student members as defined by AIBL By-laws.
- (c) Each applicant chapter will have one or more faculty or staff members identified as Chapter Advisor(s).

**Section 2.** Following approval of the petition by the AIBL board of directors, the Charter of the Student Chapter will be presented at the earliest possible Chapter meeting.

### **Article V - FEES AND CHAPTER FINANCE**

**Section 1.** Member Fees

- (a) The one time fee for chapter membership is one Indian head nickel per chapter, please submit with your initial Application/Establishment form to the National AIBL Program.
- (b) No initiation fee will be required of any member.

**Section 2.** Chapter Finances

AIBL's parent institution will not be held responsible for any payment of debts and/or obligations and/or activities of the Chapter, its associate chapter, or its members.

## **Article VI – CHAPTER ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION**

**Section 1.** Each Chapter will have a minimum of four Executive Officers, including a President, Executive Vice-President, Secretary, and Vice-President of Budget/Finance. In order to expose as many students as possible to leadership experience, AIBL encourages its Chapters to adopt a total of seven Executive Officer positions. In addition to the four positions previously mentioned, it is recommended that each Chapter also have a Vice-President of Professional Outreach and Development, a Vice-President of Public Relations, and a Vice-President of Fundraising.

**Section 2.** Each Chapter will hold Executive Officer elections at the end of spring semester to serve during the following academic year (or a date as determined by each individual Chapter).

**Section 3.** Executive Officers must meet and adhere to institutional guidelines for student group officials such as grade point average and prior attendance at school (i.e. one semester or more).

**Section 4.** The Executive Committee will be made up of the elected officers, elected chapter advisor and committee chairpersons.

**Section 5.** Officials appointed by the Executive Committee will serve until further action by the Executive Committee, or for a period as designated by the Executive Committee.

**Section 6.** If the office of the President becomes vacant for any reason during the elected term the Executive Vice-President will become the President for the remainder of the term, thereby creating a vacancy as Vice-President.

**Section 7.** If any elected office other than that of the President becomes vacant, the Executive Committee of the Chapter will designate a member to fill the vacancy by simple majority vote at an Executive Committee meeting. All members of the Executive Committee will receive at least sixty days notice of such meeting.

**Section 8.** The Chapters will determine the duties of the Executive Officers. Generally the roles of the Executive Officers are as follows: