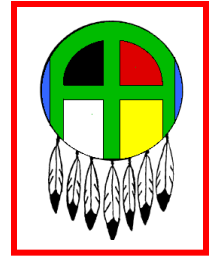


GM Report

March 20, 2009



As of this point, there has been no response to us concerning our letter of appeal relating to the denial from AAWS for use of their copyright material for the Meditation book.

I wish to address the purpose and intend of NAIGSO. It has been pointed out that if we simply duplicate the method operation of NY-GSO then there is no need for NAIGSO. This very thought has been weighing on my spirit very heavy over the last few months and I keep asking myself, "How do we change this?" Below you find an excerpt from an email I received about the planning of the Sobriety campout in Dulce, NM. I believe it addresses the direction we should focus our effort in providing service to Native Americans. I ask each of you to read this and share your thoughts on how to achieve this goal.

A Message to be Heard

As some of you may know, a meeting with the tribal elders occurred in Dulce, September last year. Sam E and I were there. Sam was impressed with the honesty they expressed about alcoholism issues. The Tribal Medicine man had talked about the loss of 24 tribal members the year before. He expressed his support and wanted to see something done to help. He talked about using the local radio and newspaper and scheduling activities to support sobriety. One clear message was they wanted something left in the community. They talked about how in the past groups come and go with their presentations leaving the community the same. So this year, we are seeking for heavy community involvement, bringing together local sobriety to support each other and as role models for the community, and to leave a positive message and seeds of recovery after the campout.

During my journeys (aye, like I travel the world, ha) I was grateful to witness the 100th commemoration of Geronimo's passing in San Carlos, Arizona. The Tribal Chairman, other Apache Nations including Jicarilla were there to support a message of healing. The Chairman of the Yavapai Apache acknowledged his 12 years of sobriety. The commemorating sculpture was of an Apache family in prayer. The seeds of recovery in those communities with all the intervention activities including the campouts held there and probably a big dose of Nat H. seem to have made a difference. It is a beginning.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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