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## ILAC reorganizing after 3-year hiatus

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Indian Land Action Council (ILAC) has come back to life after a three-year hiatus during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At a Dec. 27 reorganization meeting at Greenway Square Retirement Community, ILAC elected a new slate of officers. Revery Johnson is president; Angela Davis, vice president; Natasha Thomas, treasurer; and Clare McConaughay, interim secretary.

ILAC aims to elect a permanent secretary to replace McConaughay as soon as possible.

At its last meeting Sept. 29, 2022, at the Indian Land library, former ILAC president Dave Aspesi stepped down, leaving the position vacant.

“At that time, the choice was either to continue it with a new slate of officers, or move toward dissolution of the organization,” said facilitator Melvin Stroble. “ILAC has been a stable organization in the Indian Land community for many years.”

He said ILAC has been “an instrument in the Indian Land community as a nonpartisan organization that has helped keep citizens informed as to what’s happening in the community, both with schools and with County Council,” as Indian Land remains unincorporated.

Stroble stepped in as interim facilitator and chair until the organization was able to elect a new slate.

There were only eight members present at the Dec. 27 meeting, which Stroble said was due to ineffective communication. The meeting reminder came out at 4 p.m. Dec. 27, just two hours before the meeting.

It is unclear how many members are still active in ILAC. The email list contains 125 names, and the last headcount included 60 active members who had paid their \$20 membership dues in 2019.

Two other matters were also discussed during the meeting, but no action was taken. The first involved the possibility of suspending membership dues. As of now, the \$20 annual dues have been prorated after six months to just \$10.

The second was possibly changing the group's name to Voices of the Panhandle or Panhandle Voices. The reason for changing the name would be due to ILAC's association with the anti-incorporation effort, and the alleged exclusivity of Van Wyck in the nomenclature.

During the pandemic, the council did not meet as a whole, but members stayed involved in community events like Adopt a Highway, highway and park cleanups and the Indian Land Fall Festival. On Nov. 12, ILAC participated in the Roy Hardin Park cleanup day.

The next meeting is 7 p.m. Jan. 24, location TBA. For more information, check out the Indian Land Action Council's Facebook page.

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