

Alpha Institute 2008 Annual Meeting

Introduction: From the President, Andrea R. Lord

Greetings and salutations...

New Year – Hopefully New Way

This year speaks of change, no doubt about it, it's coming:

But what does change really mean?

Is it something that happens to you or do you initiate it?

Both states are true.

But to have meaningful change you have to work at change.

Look at where you want to end up and then keeping your eye on the prize,
take positive steps towards that goal.

Sometimes the steps are internal, sometimes they feel like you are stepping
in place and sometimes, stepping backwards.

But if you are really focused and determined all those steps will have purpose and
productivity.

This is the basic tenant of Alpha Institute to bring about positive change.

A lot of people don't even know about Alpha Institute some even may dismiss it but still
we keep going, expanding, growing and adapting to meet the necessary changes so we
remain, a guide and a positive vibration on the planet.

Alpha Institute has always adapted to the changes that communities need.

We started out as a computer resource center and helped a lot of Native American grass
root organizations get a foothold in the Global Communications arena.

Some of them have flourished, some maintained, and some, especially those that lost
their leadership, dwindled, but they still remain an archive, their knowledge still
resonates around the earth.

We were one of first in the local community to become a recycling computer center, and
recycling has since become a major community concern.

In 2005 we started “Caring for the Caregiver” a program to help people deal with caring for their elders at the end of life. This has since become a prominent issue now being recognized all across the country by medical and government institutions.

Last year we focused on women’s circles and their path as leaders in their community and families, I cannot say we had anything to do with it but a woman is running for President.

So to sum up I think change is in the air and it behooves everyone to get ahead of the curve recognize that change is a constant of life and that sometimes change is on a fast track as it appears now so stay in the moment, stay conscious, and keep your eye on Alpha Institute because unbeknown to many people it is a lodestone for the future.

2007 ALPHA INSTITUTE Activities

System Operations - Technical Support – Cyro Lord

Equipment: one new monitor is needed. Service is steady. Technical support is needed to help set up a Cisco router. One new program is almost ready for use – Joomla and another is in preparation – WordPress.

Web Sites – 2007 Update – Alexandria – www.alphai.org

Environmental Network (IEN):

They’ve added a subscribable Newsletter that they put out using software that they found on the web. Subscribers can ask from any of six areas of interest.

Youth

“Next Generation of North American Indigenous Youth Attend International Climate Meeting”, Indonesia : 13th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 13) in Bali. Navajo and Mohawk representatives of the Indigenous Environmental Network leave with frustration about the outcomes of COP 13 but also inspiration from Indigenous leaders.”

Attended the Climate Change Conference in Bali along with some of their teens.

IEN as well as other indigenous groups believe strongly that their young people should be exposed to and participate actively in the issues that affect their lives, and religious beliefs.

Another environmental issue: Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge
A controversial land swap would open the doors to oil and gas development within the Refuge boundary.

IEN 15th Protecting Mother Earth Conference, sponsored by IEN and Western Shoshone Western Shoshone will happen this summer.

Tonatierra a community-based organization in Phoenix, Arizona, active in the area of indigenous issues.

Midwest Treaty Network has been rather inactive.

Denver Indian Center

DIC will be taking over the management of their web site soon. They have youth programs, and activities to instill pride, and honor their achievements and traditions.

Computer training for adults.

Western Shoshone Defense Project

Carrie Dann received an award for the best overall contribution in American cinema for “Our Life Our Land”

Yucca Mountain:

Yucca Mountain is considered a sacred site. The Department of Energy moves plans forward to turn Yucca Mountain into nuclear waste repository.

Sapa Dawn had a few contact changes

2007 CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER/WOMENS CENTER ACTIVITIES

Note: This is the beginning of the fourth year of this community program. It continues to run with an all volunteer staff and some donations from individuals.

Rachel Lord Presentation of Years Activities

Support Groups: Afro American, Alzheimers

Gave presentations describing caregiving program to both groups.

Staff Training: Hospice (Heartland)

Gave presentation including methods to stay focused and grounded.

3 Health Fairs (ACANN – Adams County Aging Network, Local Insurance Company, and Wheatridge Church) Demonstrated Reiki and Reflexology

Women’s Circle: Isis Metaphysical Store (Accessing The Sacred Feminine)

Crones – Croning (granddaughters) - Gathering of the Women

Monthly Newsletters

Alpha Institute 2007 Computer Recycling – William E McGuire

Computers Donated:

2 Succeed Employment/Education (Hank Martin)

4/5/07 Don B. 1 Premio Computer, Monitor, Keyboard

Colorado AIDS Project

9/13/07 Lonnie L. 1 AMD Athlon Computer, Monitor, Keyboard

Computers Received:

5/7/07 Semple Brown Design

3 Dell Desktops (2 XPS Precision, 1 B600R)

Hard Drives (4), Keyboards, Mice

9/27/07 Alliance Commercial Partners (Kellie H.)

7- Compaq Desktops Evo & Evo D300V

12/20/07 Individual (William M.)

1 – Dell Dimension 8250 & Dell 18FP Flat Screen

1 – Dell Inspiron 700m – Laptop Computer

Computer Recycling – End of Life

July 29, 2007 Sony & Recycle America:

Three loads of computers, monitors, etc. taken for recycling.

Acceptance Criteria: Increasingly we are only accepting P4 Pentiums from the last three or four years, no monitors or printers. There is a glut of monitors everywhere due to users going to flat screens and people generally do not want old printers due to the cost of the printer cartridges.

Information Resource:

We frequently suggest alternatives for older equipment such as freecycle.org, craigslist, local schools, kids, day care centers, etc. Also there are organizations recycling computers to individuals and we are recommending that as well. Plus many computer companies are starting to accept computers back for recycling.

Fountain of Light www.fountainoflight.net

We are always looking for authors and original work as well as and suggestions for reprinting articles, and even interesting web sites.

Reading – Findhorn Foundation Common Ground Statement of Values

The Common Ground is a statement of the common values of the Findhorn Foundation community. It is a living document, a code of conduct, and used as a tool for transformation for ourselves, the community and the world. Everyone who joins the New Findhorn Community Association agrees to abide by this statement of Common Ground.

1. Spiritual Practice

I commit myself to active spiritual practice and to align with spirit to work for the greatest good.

2. Service

I commit myself to the service of others and to our planet, recognising that I must also serve myself in order to practise this effectively.

3. Personal Growth

I commit myself to the expansion of human consciousness, including my own, and I recognise and change any of my personal attitudes or behaviour patterns which do not serve this aim. I take full responsibility for the spiritual, environmental and human effects of all my activities.

4. Personal Integrity

I commit to maintain high standards of personal integrity, embodying congruence of thought, word and action.

5. Respecting Others

I commit wholeheartedly to respect other people (their differences, their views, their origins, backgrounds and issues), other people's and the community's property, and all forms of life, holding these all to be sacred and aspects of the divine.

6. Direct Communication

I commit to using clear and honest communication with open-listening, heart-felt responses, loving acceptance and straightforwardness. In public and in private I will not speak in a way that maligns or demeans others. I will talk to people rather than about them. I may seek helpful advice, but will not seek to collude.

Continuing Area of Interest:

Environmentally conscious housing and construction techniques and alternative energy systems. (DBC)

Discussion:

“For those to whom much is given – Much is expected”
Obligation, Participation

Future

Chinese New Year of the Rat – Perseverance Furthers

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7 PM, 2/10/08 by the Secretary at 2570 Sky Ranch Road, Aurora, CO 80011.

7:45 PM (approximately) Meeting called to close by Secretary/Treasurer

This is a true and accurate rendering of the official yearly meeting of Alpha Institute held February 10, 2008 in accordance with the corporation by-laws.

Signed:

William E. McGuire
Secretary Treasurer
Alpha Institute