**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

**OCTOBER 2017**

I attended several meetings this quarter:

On August 9th and 10th, I attended the Portland Area FAAB meeting in Seattle, Washington.

On August 15th, I attended the IHS behavioral health listening session; then on the 16th, I attended the IHS Contract Support Costs workgroup meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At the listening session I talked about the importance of programs like We R Native for our youth.  Since the CSC policy was finalized, the workgroup reviewed the CSC worksheets, implementation of the CSC policy, and discussed CSC appropriations for FY 2018.

On August 30th and 31st, I attended the Nike Native Fitness event at Nike Headquarters in Beaverton. This is a great partnership and fun event.

On September 18th through 21st, I attended the ATNI annual meeting in Spokane, Washington.  I had the opportunity to take the PULS Cardiac Test while I was at the conference.  This test detects a person’s risk for a heart attack because even healthy people with good cholesterol levels may be at risk.

On September 25th through the 28th, I attended the NIHB Tribal Health Conference in Bellevue, Washington.  The conference was well attended with over 600 people in attendance. There were some good speakers in the plenary sessions like Mark Trahant and Gov. Jay Inslee. Chairman Cladoosby from Swinomish talked about their new Opioid treatment center and asked IHS employees to stand and make a commitment to incorporate DHATs into the IHS system.