

# Wisconsin Indian Education Association

## PO Box 910 ~ Keshena, WI 54135

Monthly Board of Directors Meeting  
January 20, 2023  
Virtual Meeting

**Call to Order:**

Dr. Pete called the meeting to order at 9:07, he humbly began the meeting with good words in the Ojibwe language

**Roll Call:**

Region	Board Member: Term Expires 2024	Board Member: Term Expires 2023
Northwest	James Pete, President	Jared Blanche
Southeast	Celeste Clark	Kate Erickson
Central	Roberta Moede-Carrington	Jon Greendeer
Northeast	Brian Jackson, Vice President	Susan Crazy Thunder (excused)
West	Nehomah Thundercloud	
South	Tara Tindall	Sean Saiz
East	Crystal Lepscier, Treasurer (excused)	Shannon Chapman, Secretary

Region	Alternate Board Member: Term Expires 2023
Northwest	Danielle Carley Barb Lundberg
Southeast	Sommer Drake Mark Powless
Central	Dr. Jolene Bowman Chris Munson Kim Taylor
Northeast	Doreen Wawronowicz Terry Poitra <a href="mailto:terry.poitra@redsoultech.com">terry.poitra@redsoultech.com</a> Lisa Phillips Hernandez
West	
South	Rachel Byington
East	Christine Yungwirth Chris Caldwell Dr. Nicole Bowman

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<b>Emeritus Membership</b>
Virginia Nuske Barb Munson
<b>Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Liaisons</b>
David O'Connor Eva Kubinski

**Roll Call continued:**

**Excused:**

**Guests:**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion to approve today's agenda made by: Roberta Moede-Carrington**

**2nd: Brian Jackson**

**Discussion:**

**Pass**

**Fail**

**Abstentions**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve the meeting minutes from November made by: Kate Erickson**

**2nd: Roberta Moede-Carrington**

**Discussion:**

**Pass**

**Fail**

**Abstentions: Celeste Clark**

**President's Report**

- Wisconsin State Historical Society: Working to establish a working relationship with WIEA.
  - Submitting a proposal to do a workshop

**Motion to approve the President's report made by: Virginia Nuske**

**2nd: Celeste Clark**

**Discussion:**

**Pass**

**Fail**

**Abstentions: Dr. Pete**

**\*Mascot-logo discussion/update\* recap from NCAI meeting: Shannon gave an update regarding the letter signatories and the final call for support that will go out. Dr. Pete added on outreach to the Elder's Association; Rachel - engaging Carla Vigue in her new role at UW-Madison/ sharing UW-Madison policy regarding mascots.**

**Vice-President's Report**

- Staying connected with the State-Tribal Relations Committee
- Traveling to Menominee on Monday for the DPI/MOU signing
- Doctoral journey: Dr. Mark Powless will be his advisor; 5 days left in his office and then transitioning to another chapter

**Motion to approve the Vice President's report made by: Kate Erickson**

**2nd: Rachel Byington**

**Discussion:**

**Pass**

**Fail**

**Abstentions:**

**Treasurer's Report**

- Dr. Pete stated that Crystal is at a UWGB for a work event today and unable to attend. He asked if there were any questions. No questions.

**Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by: Roberta Moede-Carrington**

**2nd: Brian Jackson**

**Discussion:**

**Pass**

**Fail**

**Abstentions: Rachel Byington**

**Old Business [Wisconsin Indian Education Association Conference \(wiaeconference.com\)](http://wiaeconference.com)**

WIEA Conference - Dr. Pete & Tara

- Struggling with scheduling due to people's schedules.
- They did meet yesterday - discussed
  - Budget
  - Rachel Byington received a \$5000 donation
  - Dr. Pete \$10,000 donation from GLITC
    - Dr. Pete was contacted by Patricia Takamine; GLITC Foster Grandparent Program, youth program - they have funding through the Notah Begay Foundation that needed to be spent;
- Room reservation deadline is March 20th
  - Double Tree is the hotel
  - Back up hotel is the Best Western
- Registration fee is \$350 - higher than pre-covid. Meeting in Madison which is more costly.
- Rachel asked where the money for the vendors goes
- Youth Day - no registration fee; a lot of fundraising efforts to go towards Youth Day.
- Collaborating with UW's Indigenous Health and Wellness Day.
- Eva asked for the fundraising committee to send a donation request letter to the DPI on WIEA letterhead.
- ICS should have funds budgeted for a sponsorship if the committee reaches out
- Virginia mentioned that the Wis. Technical School system has donated in the past, as well.
- Please note that the fundraising committee is Lana Fox, Sean Saiz, Illeana Rodriguez, and Rachel Byington.
- Keynote suggestions: Tribal College Reps, Danielle Yancy from NACHP, Dr. Carolee Dodge Francis (Oneida), Dr. Vicki Young (Besaw),
- Need to get a DPI request for Dr. Underly to give a welcome, we need to get the request ASAP
- Madison Tech College pow wow is that weekend
- Sponsored scholarships: Rachel mentioned that there weren't a lot, but a few people approached them; will discuss this further with the fundraising committee.
- Terry: Podcast focused on Technology in Tribal Education - would like to highlight the conference and increase engagement

Communications - Kate

- Kate is updating the main website as well as the conference website
- Agendas are going onto the website; listing membership; gallery page with photographs; working with Crystal to get a donation button; a Tik Tok account; slowly creating things.

## **New Business**

Menominee Indian High School Request for \$500 donation

**Motion to approve the request for a \$500 donation made by: Rachel Byington**

**2nd: Roberta Moede-Carrington**

**Discussion:**

**Pass**

**Fail**

**Abstentions:** Shannon

Legislative Breakfast

- Is there time to still host one?
- One suggestion to host a breakfast the day before the conference in April (both state and tribal leadership) and encourage them to stay for the conference even if it is one day
- Share your thoughts with the executive committee

WIEA Annual Report Committee

- Discussed the merits of having an annual report and different formats; good for providing information to sponsors, etc.
- Kate: Has been making an organizational bookmark (name, mission, website, etc.) - she can also make trifolds; the platform has this as an option to create one
- Eva suggested having a point of contact listed; use this in place of business cards;
- Terry & Kate suggestions (i.e. QR codes, etc.)

Reports

- Finance Committee - they get monthly status reports on the financials;
- Membership Committee - still trying to get a hold on the list of membership for this year; the conference registered attendees get a one-year membership;
- Regional
  - **East:** Shannon - Menominee Tribe will be signing the MOU with the DPI on Monday
  - **South:** Tara - Conference Planning underway; all-city graduation planning as well, spoke of the devastating news of the fake Indian, also the devastating news of a missing Ho-Chunk woman who was found.
  - **West:** No updates at this time
  - **Northeast:** Brian - Nicolet College is reconvening the Many Ways of Knowing Project
  - **Central:** No updates at this time
  - **Southeast:** Kate is running for school board one more time (fingers crossed!); Celeste will see if UWM can host the March 17 meeting.
  - **Northwest:** Jared - ojibwe language classes; getting access to the Rosetta Stone software; Tribal Ed Department working on scholarships; covid spike in their area so they are masking up. Also working with David and Eva to host a summer institute. Dr. Pete mentioned Act 31 event - maybe connect it to the Summer Institute.
  - **Northland College:** Barb - Save the date for their fall pow wow - **September 16th**; Feb 10 - Bad River Round Dance; Monday - snow snake making; January 27th - Red Cliff event; Ojibwe storytelling on February 17th; doing more work with La Crosse and Youth. Quill making, moccasin making, etc. Also have students working on digitizing interviews with Tribal Elders from the 1970s. Working with diversity and inclusion task force.
- DPI Updates  
David:
  - Half day consultation with Tribal Nations on December 16th
  - 27th Annual Wisconsin American Indian Studies Summer Institute  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/amind/summer-institute>
  - DPI American Indian Studies Program Calendar of Events  
<https://dpi.wi.gov/amind/events/upcoming>

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- Online trainings coming up: 3 online Studies Circles (January 30th is the orientation) - different book/texts used; typically have around 50 people a session
- Webinars coming up next month (hosting 4 per month starting February through June 3:30-5:30)

Eva:

- Special Education - inviting them to Summer Institute to improve their practice
- Getting calls from parents regarding services for all of their children, not just those with SPED needs
- Gathering supportive materials regarding topics such as neurological sensitivities; functional behavioral assessments, etc. She is thinking of some topics to present at the conference.

**From Kate: Anything you think we should know, or things you would like us to share.... Make sure to send it to [contactus.wiea@gmail.com](mailto:contactus.wiea@gmail.com). If you want things just shared with the board members or with our full audience, just let Kate know in the email. Let her know if you want things sent out on Facebook, the website, or email lists too.**

#### **Meeting dates for the upcoming year**

- ★ February 17 - virtual
- ★ March 17 - Southeast Region
- ★ April - South region during annual conference

#### **Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 10:59 am made by: Celeste Clark**

**2nd: Rachel Byington**

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