



# **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**(DECEMBER 17, 2022 TO JANUARY 19, 2023)**

**JANUARY 20, 2023**

**WISCONSIN INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**  
**WIEA**

**2022-23 PRESIDENT'S LOG**

**DECEMBER** ~I had the pleasure of talking and connecting with Christian Øverland. Christian is the CEO and executive director for the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Part of our discussion, pertain to previous efforts of the two Agencies working together and the need to reconnect. A common theme Act 32. He and his staff were invited, as participants to the upcoming WIEA Conference, to b held in Madison. They were also encourage to provide a Workshop, which illustrates other areas that are a common theme also, i.e., the recent "discovery" of the Ho-Chunk canoe.

~ Since the main part of the Holiday Season is over, I sent additional information to various Board members, including alternates. This pertains to the recent appointment of Board/Alternate members to develop an Annual 2022 WIEA report, which includes sharing information at the January WIEA Board meeting. Also, is the "final report" being available at the February WIEA Board meeting.

~Sent information to the appropriate Board, Alternates, and others that are connected with the logistics of the Annual WIEA Conference, coming up in April. Information was shared had some financial projections, a Draft Registration Form, and Conference Fee.

~Talked with Kaitlyn Berle of the Wisconsin Arts Board. WIEA became a Fiscal Agent for a portion of their funds, until the grant process was completed. WIEA was also able to capture some Administration Fees for the assistance. She will be submitting the requests to Dr. Lepscier, with the appropriate documentation to fund the successful awardees. The following were awarded:

College of Menominee Nation	\$6,000
Native American Educational Technologies	\$5,000
Woodland Indian Art, Inc.	\$3,100

**JANUARY** ~Continuous work with the various aspects of the upcoming WIEA Conference, including discussions about potential Keynote Speakers, obtaining information from individuals on their compensation requests, working with others of document documents to solicit donations.

~Discussion with staff from the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and Historical Society on donations, their organizations are considering offering to WIEA.

# WIEA

WISCONSIN INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**January 20, 2023 ~ 9:00 a.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 813 145 9677

Passcode: Menominee

- 1) Call to Order / Blessing / Roll Call / Welcome
- 2) January Agenda – review / approve
- 3) November Meeting Minutes - review / approve
- 4) President's Report
  - ~Updates
  - ~Mascott's initiative
  - Vice-President's Report
  - ~Mascott Initiatives
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Old Business
  - ~WIEA 2023 conference update
  - ~Update on Publication/Communications
- 7) New Business
  - ~Menominee Indian High School Request
  - ~WIEA Annual Report Committee
  - ~Membership
  - ~Reports
    - ~Finance Committee
    - ~Membership Committee
    - ~Regional
    - ~DPI Updates
  - ~Set meeting dates for the upcoming year:
    - ~February 17, 2023 - meet virtually
    - ~March: Kate will check with MATC
    - ~April: South Region during annual conference
- 8) Final announcements, discussions, etc.
- 9) Adjourn

## Seeking Monetary Donations for Youth Event

January 5, 2023

Posoh James Pete WIEA,

I am writing to you in regard to an upcoming American Indian & Alaskan Native Youth Summit that 11 Menominee high-school-age students will be taking in May. This innovative educational program is run by the Close Up Foundation, the nation's leading non-profit, non-partisan civic education organization. While on the program, we will participate in a variety of hands-on activities such as small group workshops, seminars with Washington DC journalists, lobbyists, and embassy officials, and meetings with members of Congress and their staff. Furthermore, students will learn from and debate with their peers from across the country, exposing them to differing attitudes and perspectives. We will also be spending 2 days in New York City exploring significant monuments pertaining to the federal government. [American Indian & Alaskan Native Youth Summit](#)

The students attending are: Ali Davenport, Houston Hawpetoss, Francis Dodge, Miklo Guzman, Colt Denny, Barron Waupoose, Addison Uttecht, Desiree Waupoose, Jalena Guzman, Layla Wescott-Knoll, and Kaylee White. They are 10th and 12th graders who attend Menominee Indian High School. The program cost per student is \$2737.00 and is all-inclusive of: travel expenses, academic workshops, meals, lodging, and truly, the experience of a lifetime!

**Total trip cost is:**

**\$30,107.00 (\$2737.00 per student)**

**Expenses covered are:**

**\$5,500.00 deposits paid (\$500.00 per student)**

**+\$9,050.00 cash on hand (raised through fundraising and other means already)**

**\$14,550.00 Total**

**Amount still needed:**

**\$15,557.00**

This is a tremendous opportunity to positively affect the lives of a large group of Menominee youth. My personal belief is that our youth need to see and experience the larger world beyond the reservation in order to fully appreciate what we have here and to understand our place in this world.



The trip will take place Sunday, April 30, 2023 through Sunday, May 7, 2023. Our final payment deadline is **February 23, 2023.**

While I have applied to a \$5000.00 grant from Walmart, the cost students still need is significant. The parents have organized a number of fundraisers in the effort to try and reach this goal. Please note that the students also will need money for snacks and souvenirs, so the dollar amount listed above is the minimum that they need to fundraise. We are currently engaged in a number of fundraising ventures: Raffles, working Concession Stands for HS sporting events, a Community Funding Panel application was submitted, a t-shirt fundraiser and we are holding a soup sale on February 17, 2023.

We are seeking support from your organization in the form of a monetary donation. If your organization would be able to donate **\$500.00**, that will go a long way toward helping us reach our goal. Close Up is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and their tax ID # is 23-7122882, and donations to my school may be tax-deductible.

NOTE: all donations made directly to a school are nonrefundable. To donate:

Go to [www.CloseUp.org/donate](http://www.CloseUp.org/donate)

Select "A School" and enter our school ID: **WI21796**

Complete the form and process your donation.

If you would like to pay the school directly, we can accommodate that as well. If you are able to assist with a donation, checks can be made payable to: Menominee Indian High School – Washington DC.

Mail to : Menominee Indian High School

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Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information. I sincerely appreciate your time and attention to this request. Maec Waewaenen.

Sincerely,

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# **WIEA MEETING MINUTES**

**HOSTED: BY THE  
STOCKBRIDGE-MUNSEE COMMUNITY**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2022**

**Wisconsin Indian Education Association**  
**PO Box 910 ~ Keshena, WI 54135**

**Monthly Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 18, 2022**  
**Hosted by Stockbridge-Munsee**

**Call to Order:** 9:06 am by James Pete. Opening blessing by Brian Jackson

**Roll Call:**

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

Region	Alternate Board Member: Term Expires 2023
Northwest	Danielle Carley <b>Barb Lundberg (present)</b>
Southeast	Sommer Drake Mark Powless
Central	Dr. Jolene Bowman Chris Munson <b>Kim Taylor (present)</b>
Northeast	<b>Doreen Wawronowicz (present)</b> Terry Poitra Lisa Phillips Hernandez
West	Rachel Byington
South	
East	<b>Christine Yungwirth (present)</b> Chris Caldwell Dr. Nicole Bowman

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

**Roll Call continued:**

**Excused:** Sean Saiz

**Guests:** Aurora Arce; Sharon Nuske

**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 made by: Roberta Moede-Carrington**

**2nd: Kim Tayler**

**Discussion:**

- Pass**
- Fail**
- Abstentions:**

**President's Report**

- Roberta likes how thorough the President's Report is - there are two editions to the report; one is on the membership and the other is the upcoming WIEA conference.
- Susie question: What kind of materials do you have for the GLNAEA (Great Lakes Native American Elders Association) event coming up; issues related to elder concerns (dementia, heart disease, etc.), also social activities, pie judging, this December they will have a Christmas cookie contest. They will have fundraising raffles; 250 elders from the area. Attended an event at St. Croix in June; set up a table that had WIEA items such as cups, pens, etc. Would like to have another information table for WIEA. Shannon shared what swag we have in the box - about 25 bags, hand sanitizer, pens, stickers (all leftover from the WIEA conference). Do we want to do a membership drive or recruitment? Wants to clarify who is on the committee: Susie, Roberta, Brian and Doreen?
- Dr. Pete started as an LCO University recruiter - half of his table will be LCO University recruitment. Denise Sweet has Christmas decorations.
- Eva suggestion: share information about WIEA - historical information; mascot-logo information; contact information for the board members.
- Kate: Have we thought about creating materials (i.e. brochures, bookmarks with WIEA logo, website address, etc.)? Kate has a professional subscription to CANVA. Crystal and Shannon will help her with this.
- If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to see in the President's Report, let Dr. Pete know.

**Motion to approve the President's report made by: Susan CrazyThunder**

**2nd: Crystal Lepscier**

**Discussion:**

- Pass**
- Fail**
- Abstentions:**

**Vice-President's Report**

- With the increase in Vice President's activities, Brian will also be giving a report
  - State-Tribal Task Force: Traveled to Keshena for this meeting and again in Madison - meeting at the Capital - Bills: 1. Relates to membership of Higher Educational Aids Board; 2. Relates to school district reporting information on A.I. children attending school in the school district; 3. Relates to Indigenous People's Day; 4. Relates to graduates wearing traditional regalia; 4. Relates to vital records
  - He spoke with Tana Aguirre from Oneida regarding possible action by committee regarding language for Act 31 bills initially proposed before pandemic; Jeff Mursau willing to bring back to committee for further discussion; might not make this session but might be able to move forward in another way. Re-engaging with people to keep these issues alive.
  - More in <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/study/2022/2406>
- Legislative breakfast - Virginia
  - There is a process and she can outline it

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

**2nd: Roberta Moede-Carrington**

**Discussion:**

- Pass**
- Fail**
- Abstentions:**

**Mascot Initiatives - Barb Muson**

- There was a pause during NCAI's conference
- Coby Klar is now re-engaging
- Public Relations around the distribution of the letter would be the next step - it would be unfortunate to have the letter released in a vacuum with no attention drawn to it
- Shannon: Someone should follow up with GLITC to see if we can re-connect with the Chair's to sign on - we had their support at the meeting; but need to get the actual signatures.
- When to release the letter: possibly after the new year;
- The committee needs to reconvene (Barb, Dr. Pete, Dr. L, Shannon, Coby, Barb M)

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report presented by Crystal Lepscier

- Discussion around Woodland Arts Board fiscal agent status; how can we partner with them; Virginia recalls them doing workshops at our conference which were very informational; Barb mentioned their work and artists (i.e. Karen Ann Hoffman in museums all around the United States) - we can build on that partnership. Dr. Pete will follow up with them.

**Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by: Brian Jackson**

**2nd: Roberta Moede-Carrington**

**Discussion:**

- Pass**
- Fail**
- Abstentions:**

**Old Business**

WIEA Conference - Dr. Pete & Tara

- Aaron Bird Bear, Sara LeMieux, and a state legislator are on the committee; Aaron is retiring in December - he

agreed to be the chair for the workshop committee.

- Madison Mayor to speak
- Keynotes - possibly students; Patti Loew to speak leading up to the awards ceremony
- CEUs by LCO
- Awards will be donated
- Youth Day - planning still in the works
- Registration rate - it costs more so rate might be more
- Ancestral Women's group needs 12 rooms for 2 nights: rooms are \$109 or \$119/night - this would be \$2400 plus they are asking \$3000. (Is there a way to see if Woodland Arts Board would match us to meet this cost?); Also ask if they would do a workshop where they can share their journey. Dr. Pete will talk with Christine Doud to see if there is a way some of them can share rooms to lower the cost.
- Youth Day - partner with (she named the organization) - let them take the lead

#### Communications - Kate

- Been getting more responses to communications survey
- Make sure you fill out your regional report
- Website: 9 responses - she shared what the results were that board members want to see on the website; she shared the work that she has been doing and will be doing to get the website organized
- Question regarding the WIEA conference website: Kate took us for a virtual tour of the conference website and the functions

#### New Business

##### Membership

- Dr. Pete reviewed the bylaw language regarding membership
- He reached out to Celeste regarding membership per registration. There are 133 registered attendees from 2022 conference; he is going to assume this is the membership. Mark Powless also had a spreadsheet of information that he shared, regarding registration and payments.
- Dr. Pete wants to suggest:
  - Membership A - the list of conference registrants membership from May through April.
  - Membership B - January through December membership
- Kate - gets correspondence from a company to help with registration, map of facilities, conference booklet, a chat for assistance, sharing e-business cards, a more detailed accounting of names and address, etc. Potentially start fresh after the 2023 conference using a platform such as this. There is also an option of including membership through the website; might be a lot to keep track of membership through the website and the conference registration;
- Eva - does this information go to the Treasurer? Crystal - she gets maybe 4 or 5 a year that way.
- Further discussion: recruitment ideas and messaging; partnerships that might move this forward

##### Finance Committee (Crystal, Roberta, Kate, Rachel)

- No updates

##### Membership Committee (Susie, Brian, Doreen, Shannon)

- No updates

#### Regional Reports

##### South region - Tara

- UW-Madison's Wunk Sheek has several activities for the month
- Aaron Birdbear is retiring soon; community is preparing event to honor him
- UW honored Bronson Koenig, Ho-Chunk
- Sean's mother, Janet Saiz - a long time community advocate/Title VI program for 20-30 years, passed away
- Dr. Pete: when a board member's close family passes away; sharing condolences with them - both with Brian and Sean - a plant was sent to them to offer condolences from WIEA.

#### East Region - Crystal, Christine & Shannon

- UWGB hosted a kitchen with two ladies -
- Shawano Title VI - Rhea Thundercloud shared her book and danced; hosted a talking circle and panel for 7th graders who are having a hard time
- AICF Native Pathways to College event - 30 students attended the College prep program
- Workshop held at CMN - healing ceremony, Crystal presented on Racial Battle Fatigue, activities
- Christine is a member of (MAST?) - shared presenter link with them
- WI Historic Society is seeking input for their new building

#### Northeast - Suzie & Brian:

- Waasaganay event
- Indigenous celebration with Laughing Fox from Red Cliff
- Colleen Dodge, Menominee artist and poet shared her work
- Extension - partner with public schools after school program; shared "Thunder's Hair" about boys with braids and bullying
- Brian helping out at different events at school

#### Central - Roberta

- Community recently lost a young man; the community came together well for this
- Harold Katchenago is a teacher at Bowler; he started a drum group; he had the drum present for the Veterans event and they received good feedback about how nice it was to have the drum back; also had a drum at a past graduation - they are hoping to continue this
- Bowler received a \$500,000 grant from NIEA; doing a program at the school so the students can get a certificate in construction; will build a trailer to use
- News event - Shiocton Chiefs - was upsetting. Don't forget to send letters to Shiocton, as well as the Stockbridge Indians.

#### Southeast - Kate

- Cedarburg issue - asking for an extension
- Kate gave a presentation to the FBI on Tuesday; human-trafficking; children - will include outreach to tribes interested in helping with this issue; the person will make connections; let Kate know if you know someone
- Kate shared that there is a community partnership engaging - Milwaukee is hosting the convention - coalition on hate crimes; this will start in the area and will branch out. If you know of hate crimes and civil rights violations, let Kate know - she is on the Task Force. It will be brought out for attention.
- Holiday International Folk Fair is this weekend - visit if you can!

#### Northwest - Barb Lundberg (info in the google form) & Dr. Pete

- Mark Denning presentation
- David O'Connor presentation at Northland College; bringing about understanding
- Dr. Pete stayed at Menominee Casino Resort, got lost on the way to Stockbridge-Munsee and ended up at Maehnowesekiyah Treatment Center (lol)
- He brought smoked fish down to share

#### Department of Public Instruction - David O'Connor

- Monitoring the progress of the bills proposed
- 5th annual Tribal Education gathering this past Monday - proposed to agency to have it be in person in the future at the state Capitol
- New programming coming up for the year: different speakers for webinars; book studies, etc.
- Summer Institute: connecting with Bayfield and Red Cliff to be the hosts
- Excited about new opportunities coming forward in regard to Indigenous Education in the state



Meeting dates for the upcoming year - David request to add calendar invites with links

- ★ January 20 - virtual
- ★ February 17 - virtual
- ★ March 17 - Southeast Region - Kate hosting at MATC Mequon campus
- ★ April - South region during annual conference

**Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 11:18 am made by: Virginia Nuske**

**2nd: Crystal Lepscier**

**Discussion:**

- Pass**
- Fail**
- Abstentions**

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# **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**DECEMBER 1-31, 2022**



**WISCONSIN INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
December 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

**Checkbook Balance Brought Forward 12/01/2022                   \$   1,551.26**

**Expenses Paid:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>Justification</b>
12/01/2022	\$1,551.26	Balance Forward
12/06/2022	(\$176.00)	WIEA Travel Reimbursement - B.Jackson
12/09/2022	(\$300.00)	Board Meeting Catering - L. Hernandez
12/14/2022	(\$70.00)	Constant Contact - Monthly Fee
12/31/2022	\$1,005.35	Ending Balance

**TOTAL EXPENSES PAID:   \$   546.00**

**Earnings:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Justification</b>
12/31/2022	\$ .09	Bus SD Earning

**Transfers:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Justification</b>
12/31/2022	\$0.00	NO TRANSFERS DEC 2022

**CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/2022                                       \$   1,005.35**

**BANK STATEMENT BALANCES: 12/31/2022**

**Scholarship/Gen Fund:   \$ 49,341.16**

**Activity:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Deposit</b>	<b>Justification</b>
12/01/2022	\$47,442.95	Starting Balance
12/03/2022	\$500.00	Donation - CUNA Mutual - Lee Nafziger
12/03/2022	\$100.00	Donation - Sun Prairie Public Library Foundation, Inc.



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12/08/2022	\$1,000.00	Donation - Multicultural Business Resource Group at American Family Insurance
12/22/2022	\$250.00	Donation - Sisters of Saint Dominic
12/31/2022	\$31.00	Deposit Dividend
12/31/2022	\$17.21	Deposit Share Deposit
12/31/2022	\$49,341.16	Ending Balance

**Annual Conference: \$ 41,178.75**

**Activity:**

Date	Deposit	Justification
12/01/2022	\$41,152.64	Starting Balance
12/31/2022	\$26.11	Deposit Dividend
12/31/2022	\$41,178.75	Ending Balance

**Wisconsin Arts Board: \$ 14,136.63**

**Activity:**

Date	Deposit	Justification
12/01/2022	\$14,127.66	Starting Balance
12/31/2022	\$8.97	Deposit Dividend
12/31/2022	\$14,136.63	Ending Balance

**Total Dividends Paid to Date: \$366.13 (All Accounts 12/31/2022)**

*Treasurer December 2022 Report Statement*

*In the month of December 2022, we paid our monthly cost for the Constant Contact platform. We received and deposited \$1,850.00 in donations towards the scholarships/general fund for the organization. These include donations from Lee Nafziger, Sun Prairie Public Library Foundation, Inc., the Multicultural Business Resource Group at American Family Insurance, and the Sisters of Saint Dominic. All donors receive formal acceptance letters which outline our organization's 501(c)(3) status. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me:*

*[crystaltourillott@gmail.com](mailto:crystaltourillott@gmail.com) Thank you all for the ability to once again serve!*

**Respectfully Submitted: Crystal Lepscier, Treasurer**