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MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
 Staybridge Suites  
 Zoom Meeting

**Call to Order:** 10:13 am  
**Welcome:** Susan Crazy ThunderShannon Chapman  
**Blessing:** Brian Jackson  
**Roll Call:**

| Region    | Board Member: Term Expires 2022   | Board Member: Term Expires 2023                          |
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| Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> James Pete   | <input type="checkbox"/> Jared Blanche                   |
| Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> n/a  | <input type="checkbox"/> Kate Erickson                   |
| Central   | <input type="checkbox"/> Jolene Bowman  | <input type="checkbox"/> Jon Greendeer                   |
| Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Doreen Wawronowicz                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Susan Crazy Thunder             |
| West      | <input type="checkbox"/> n/a  | <input type="checkbox"/> Josie Lee (resigned)            |
| South     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Comfort, President<br>(submitting resignation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sean Saiz                       |
| East      | <input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Lepscier, Treasurer                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Shannon Chapman, Vice President |

| Region    | Alternate Board Member: Term Expires 2022   |
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| Northwest | <input type="checkbox"/> Cassie Brown<br><input type="checkbox"/> Barb Lundberg<br><input type="checkbox"/> Danielle Carley             |
| Southeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Sommer Drake<br><input type="checkbox"/> Celeste Clark   |
| Central   | <input type="checkbox"/> Barb Munson<br><input type="checkbox"/> Roberta Moede-Carrington<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Nicole Bowman |
| Northeast | <input type="checkbox"/> Anna Sherwood<br><input type="checkbox"/> Terry Poitra<br><input type="checkbox"/> Leanne Vigue Miranda        |
| West      | <input type="checkbox"/>  |
| South     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rachel Byington<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tara Tindall   |
| East      | <input type="checkbox"/> Christine Yungwirth<br><input type="checkbox"/> Toni Caldwell  |



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|          | <input type="checkbox"/> Janice Rabideaux<br><input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Frechette |
|          | Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction   |
| Liaisons | <input type="checkbox"/> David O'Connor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Eva Kubinski         |

**Roll Call continued:**

**Excused:** Jared Blanche

**Guests:** Virginia Nuske, Sharon Nueske, Marilyn Miller, Brian Jackson, Stephanie Julian, Charlotte Corbine

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**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion to approve today's agenda made by:** Dr. James Pete

**2nd:** Barb Munson

**Discussion:**

- Pass**
- Fail - 1 opposal**
- Abstentions:**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve the meeting minutes from made by:** Susan CrazyThunder

**2nd:** Doreen Wawronowicz

**Discussion:** Celeste - corrections - infor change to info.

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

**Earth Partnership (Rachel Byington)**

No action, discussion only

- 1) Rachel shared information about Indigenous Arts & Sciences Summer 2022 Institutes ([link here](#))
- 2) Each tribe helped to design the week - Professional Development for Educators
  - a) Combines local traditional knowledge with western ways of thinking in science
  - b) DPI partnership - work with David around Act 31 stipulation
  - c) 3 credits from UW Madison available
  - d) \$300 registration fee - but no fee if you are not looking for credits
- 3) Great discussion from the board who have experiences with IAS partnerships - Doreen Wawronowicz, Dr. James Pete, Stephanie Julian
- 4) Terry Poitra (LdF) brought up the opportunity to connect, Rachel on board and open to working with educators to partner on efforts
- 5) NSF grant is in hand, curriculum planning groups are in development and working
- 6) Call to share this information with students and staff

**NCAI Letter of Support (Barb Munson)**

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- 1) NCAI letter has been drafted with WIEA discussion - Barb Munson, Bard Lungren, Shannon Chapman, Crystal Lepscier
- 2) Ashley Hamilton and Coby Klar with NCAI are connected with us to keep working together
  - a) Drafted a letter with links to research, resolutions, and resources
- 3) Virginia mentioned that WIEA has been a key factor on this issue in our state
- 4) Seeking WIEA Board support
- 5) Next steps
  - a) Approve letter support (WIEA Board)
  - b) Compile spreadsheet of identified partnerships/organizations
  - c) Follow up meeting with NCAI (Coby & Ashley)

**Motion to approve WIEA signatory of the NCAI letter made by: Doreen Wawronowicz**

**2nd: Kate Erickson**

**Discussion: Finalized letter will be shared with the board.**

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

### **President's Report (Shannon Chapman, VP, Acting President)**

- a) Next regular meeting on Thursday, May 12 5:00-7:00 pm @ [Staybridge Suites](#)
  - i) Meeting room available
  - ii) Will need to figure out food - WIEA will handle this cost
- b) Annual meeting on Friday, May 13 @ [Indian Community School](#)
  - i) 3:00 pm, after regional meetings
  - ii) Looking for people to fill officer roles
- c) Board resignation
  - i) Josie Lee, West region resigned via email last week
    - (1) No longer representation in the West region
    - (2) No alternates at this time
  - ii) Brandon Thoms, Northeast region, resigned alternate due to relocation
  - iii) Rebecca Comfort, Southeast region, submitting resignation
- d) Recruitment of new board members
  - i) Onboarding
  - ii) Discussion on recruitment and engagement
- e) Credit card policy
  - i) Working on this currently
  - ii) Shannon was able to procure a policy example for reference
- f) Discussion on working on NCAI letter with Barb M. and Barb L.
- g) Keep moving forward and future planning needed.

**Motion to approve the President's report made by: Rachel Byington**

**2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz**

**Discussion:**

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



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### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's report presented by: Crystal Lepscier

**Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by: Doreen Wawronowicz**

**2nd: Dr. James Pete**

**Discussion: None.**

- Pass**
- Fail**
- Abstentions: Crystal Lepscier**

### **2022 Conference**

No Action - Discussion only

- 1) 89 registrations as of yesterday
- 2) Staybridge Hotel discussion this morning
  - a) Only 2 rooms available
  - b) Hotels near Franklin sent out
- 3) Sommer working on workshop proposals
  - a) About 25 are being offered
  - b) Currently working on schedule
- 4) Diane Amour working on the Awards reception
- 5) Sheena Waupoose assisting with program and conference booklet designs
- 6) Awards
  - a) Readers will determine today
- 7) Keynote Speakers are confirmed
  - a) Jennifer Gauthier (Menominee)
  - b) Dr. Mark Powless (Oneida)
  - c) Tricia Zunker (Ho Chunk)
  - d) David O'connor (Bad River)
- 8) If you are attending the ICS feast and documentary - registration required
- 9) Silent Auction
  - a) Donations needed from Board
  - b) Send a photo to Brandon, Celeste, Shannon for online auction
- 10) Sponsorship
  - a) Stockbridge-Munsee donation
- 11) Wieaconference.com
  - a) Links to vendor application
  - b) Advertisement opportunities for organizations
- 12) YOUTH Day
  - a) Only 2 schools signed up so far
  - b) Youth participating in the conference day track
  - c) Register on the conference website
- 13) Conference shared in Google drive

### **DPI Updates (David O'Connor & Eva Kubinski)**

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- 1) Eva Kubinski
  - a) Cosponsorship to the conference
  - b) Julia Hartwig, State Director of Special Education team is leaving DPI
  - c) A lot of activity happening
  - d) Always available for questions from parents, educators, community on Special Education
- 2) David O'Connor
  - a) Finalizing programming for the year - webinar based series
    - i) 200-300 attendees per session
    - ii) Book talking circles, Professional Development
  - b) 12 CESAs training
  - c) AISSI
    - i) Virtual conference this year
    - ii) Goal is to have it in person and then virtual every other year
    - iii) Advertisement in the conference booklet

**Regional Reports**

No Action - Discussion only

**Regional Reports**

| Region           | Updates  |
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| <b>Northwest</b> | Danielle Carley - 100 people came through the doors to see LCOCC. Piloting an education preogeam to certification for K-8 teachers. 2 bachelors programs accredited - human service and business. Piloting masters degrees. Heavy commencement mode, 50-60 graduates. GED program up and running at main and outreach sites - Red Cliff, Bad River, LDF, LCO. St. Croix site was closed. Working to continue support of students out there. Dr. James Pete - Jared Blanche unable to attend due to family loss. Prayers and thoughts to his family. Bad River/Red Cliff losses. Annual Honors Banquet for graduating Seniors - May 17. Used to be just Red Cliff, now open up to honor all graduates including Native and non-Native. Barb Lundberg - work with Jared and Stephanie - scholarship program for Northland College. Private costs can be a barrier, scholarship can work to make sure local Indigenous students are able to attend the college. Rollout may happen in the Fall. Location based - open to citizens of Ojibwe tribal nations from 1854 treaty of LaPointe or 1837 treaty of St. Peters. Eligible nations - about 12 bands. 85% of tuition covered. Part Time student funding available as well. |
| <b>Southeast</b> | Celeste Clark - May 5 MIEC all city graduation honoring graduates from 8th grade, HS, college and beyond. UWM graduation May 22. WIEA Conference May 13-14 at ICS.   |
| <b>Central</b>   | None.  |
| <b>Northeast</b> | Susan CrazyThunder - Business cohorts taht began 100% retention and completion. Small cohorts delivered in community are secrets to success - Native instructors are key as well. Elective as part of the program in the summer. Pilot Indigenous Ways of Knowing program in the Fall. Marilyn Miller joined January 31 as FT Faculty to be a part of the Indigenous Ways of Knowing program. Doreen Wawronowicz - new superintendent onboarded in district. Working to support his education on what the community needs for him to know and to be aware of what is happening in the area. Executive Director of the Waswaagoning language and culture institute - 5 sessions at the WIEA conference. Cultural connections at ABW. Brian Jackson - ABW - presented about treaties and sovereignty. They are open  |



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|              | to do things in the school, 68 Native students. High school is doing Voyagers credit recovery program - LDF seniors inspired to go to school every day due to outdoors programming and learning. Looking to adapt that kind of model for the LDF school. Marilyn Miller - happy to be here to see the individuals behind the scenes moving forward Indian Education for the state.  |
| <b>West</b>  | None.   |
| <b>South</b> | Rachel Byington - MMSD completed a land acknowledgement - first in the State as well as NAtionally. Plaque displayed, event with dignitaries from tribes, school district, organizations attended. Superintendent committed to doing a better job to reduce Indigenous invisibility. College Fair at Dejope Ho Chunk Branch office in Madison - focused on mainly STEM careers. May 12 All City Graduation - K-12, College, etc. James Flores in Admissions working on a tuition waiver for Native students. Also getting a better understanding of who Native students are through voluntary heritage form upon application. David O'Connor - CA trend of tuition free for Native students. MI and NM also have it, hoping to see that start happening across the country. |
| <b>East</b>  | Shannon Chapman- Native Pathways grant funding trip to Haskell - 40 students, 7 chaperones  |

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

**Next regular board mtg: May 13, 2022 3:00 pm, in person at WIEA Conference**

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at (TIME) made by: **Dr. James Pete**

2nd: **Celeste Clark**

Discussion:

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