

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

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

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

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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