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MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 16, 2022

Virtual

Call to Order: 8:38 by James Pete.

Roll Call:

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

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

The mission of WIEA is to promote educational opportunities for Indian people in Wisconsin through a unified effort of Indian and non-Indian members interested in the social and economic advancement of Indian people.



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	Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
Liaisons	David O'Connor (present) Eva Kubinski

Roll Call continued:

Excused:

Guests:

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve today's agenda made by: Roberta

2nd: Crystal

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from made by: Susan

2nd: Roberta

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

Sean: Sean Tara took a tour of hotels they are considering for WIEA conf. 2023. Both facilities and can accommodate everything they need, including a banquet. Dates are not an issue. Differences: good locations both, Marriott more open space for vendors. 15-20 vendors, Double tree is smaller with only 10 vendors. Location: pow wow is happening at Madison college on Saturday, Double Tree right there, Marriott is 25 minutes away but not a difficult drive, won't have to drive in downtown Madison. Off I90. both easy to access and parking not an issue. 200-300 people can accommodate. Double Tree cannot accommodate a big breakfast on Saturday, already booked. Marriot can do it though. Cost: both willing to per diem state rates with documentation of tax exempt and non profit. Crystal got everything to him for that. Both hotels offer decent food, most likely \$9/breakfast, \$11 lunch, \$21 for dinner, can do \$6 per person for snacks too. Double tree is \$20 more per room at \$129, Marriot only \$109. Good choice of rooms at both. Suites for keynotes can be accommodated, just have to let them know how many we need. Planning committee will approve the contract. Sean will approach if he has questions about the contract. Sean will make a spreadsheet with comparisons of both places. Location and room price are the biggest differences. Payment: There is a south account and they have checks, so WIEA south account can be used. Just send receipt to Crystal-treasurer. Celeste says after the conference whatever money is left over after expenses are paid, sent to treasurer. Donations can be sent to WIEA south. Friday is their next meeting to discuss further but will move quickly on confirmation of hotel.



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President's Report

Update from Barb Munson: The mascot committee has been meeting; the letter will go out by the end of September.

Motion to approve the President's report made by: Brian

2nd: Barb

Discussion:

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

Presidents report: Dr. Pete: when he does his report he shares with the board and alternates to explain the planning and activities happening behind the scenes. Planning-wants a gathering with Great Lakes Tribal Council, and Shannon was there at the board meeting on Sept 8th about the mascot and presented them with the letter. Shannon said support was given for CEO writing a letter, tribes took the sample letter and will hopefully sign it as well.

Mascots-making headway but still more to do. Barb said had to push date back due to being able to accommodate all the tribal chairs and getting signatures. Letter will go out early October. Shannon was surprised how well it was received, Barb said. Follow up: want to do a press release and send a second letter to all school districts a week or so after so they can share the resources and information. No press release prior to letter being sent out. Gives them time to look over materials and decide what to do. Schools that have changed may want to provide help to schools who still have mascots with the process of changing. Meetings are set up to keep moving this forward. Will need to develop a good press package to share resources and ensure all school districts can update their curricula.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report presented by Crystal Lepscier

Motion to "appreciate and approve" the Treasurer's Report made by: Celeste

2nd: Roberta

Discussion: Treasurer.

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

Old Business

1. Dr. Pete asked about Brainstorming on committees: Crystal is working on notes for her committee-looking at budget factors and how much they want to spend.
2. Membership discussion: Suzie- hasn't had a chance to regroup yet to gather recommendations, will work on that.



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Old business cont:

3. Arts board: special account for that amount. Looking into funds for youth initiatives for upcoming conference for next year.
4. WIEA 22 conf. Celeste is working out issues for people looking for refunds. Took months just to get their address. Last 2 weeks of conference was a nightmare with people changing days of attendance. Working bugs out with that.
5. Barb: on mascot wanted to add that at their follow up meeting National Indian Education Assoc is a partner now too and have signed on. Until October, they are still accepting signatures from organizations, GLIFWC may sign, and UWGB First Nations Program will sign on. Any board members can reach out too and get signatures ASAP, and send to Shannon.

New Business

1. Mileage rate effective as of today, .40/mile now.
2. Got a funding request from CMN youth trip, Mannie Boyd is contact aquaponics coordinator. 28 youth, asking for \$500 to travel to Albuquerque, visit tribal colleges and attend a conference in October. Other organizations have helped to contribute to their funds too, CMN covered flights, had food sales to raise funds too. Taking a lot of efforts to raise money.
3. Crystal said there's not set amount for donations they are able to give out. Kate said the same-no set amount that they can give out to people. Dr. Pete said it was a reasonable request and has made tremendous efforts to raise money. \$15000 total may be needed for total trip, with WIEA's support, it's laying foundation for activities in the future to develop guidelines for this, and makes us look good that we are helping our youth. He thinks it's a good idea, and they will send us a report of how they used the funds.

MOTION to approve donation made by Roberta with understanding of report given after.

Kate second the motion. Motion carried

Pass

Fail

Abstentions:

4. Dr. Pete: should we do an annual report to places we serve? Celeste said we do that already at the conf. to review our yearly efforts at the business meeting after the caucus. Kate said it would be nice even though it's done during the conf. Maybe list it on the website all the ways we participate as an org. or on behalf of org. so when people look us up they can see all our efforts and what we are involved in, easy way to put it out there virtually. Dr. Pete agrees. We can think about it for the future.



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New business cont.

5. Dr. Pete wants to suggest with regional reports: type out and summarize and send to Shannon a few days before meeting so it can be added to our minutes, and can be added to our monthly newsletter. Shannon is often busy with typing notes during meetings that she can't always participate as a board member. If we have it typed up ahead of time, it will give Shannon more time to participate. Barb is concerned, said it makes sense, but also said most regions are not meeting outside of our monthly WIEA meetings, is there a process for Central to have these meetings? Dr. Pete said let's try it and see if it works and then revisit. We need to have a regional structure-would it be wise to make connections with the tribes in our areas and get their input on what they are doing? Dr. Pete said hopefully regions have been doing this, West region has not had outside meetings other than a few sharing out what they are doing. We each need to make a commitment to what and how we are going to do this.

6. Regional Reports

Northwest	Jared: annual Red Cliff Days happening now, educational and cultural activities. Some issues with sports. At the library they are up and running with new people as an outreach specialist. Lots of little events, spots for homeschool families, game nights, going well. It's a spot even for adults without drinking/partying and has had good attendance, good options for those in sobriety. Covid still affecting them. On a null but comes in waves. School supply give away through JOM, over 200 families served. Survey compiling around that to see how it worked out. Northland college is having their pow wow, 47 annual
Southeast	Celeste: hunting moon pow wow and South East region save the date 43rd Annual Autumn pow wow at UW Milwaukee Oct 15 Kate said losing teachers and admins. Work at Mequon and hoping to hold meeting there. Racism issues still happening in school, shady judge system.
Central	Roberta: Need to decide as a region how best to report out to make sure all voices are heard. She can't give an update because they have not met at all. Will work with Barb to get a list of schools and people in their region to hold a zoom to share out what is happening. Has room secured for Nov 18th meeting in Stockbridge. Pete said maybe quarterly region reports would be better than monthly just because it's on the agenda



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Regional meetings cont.

<p>Northeast</p>	<p>Suzie: thinks it's a good idea to be mindful and intentional about meeting as a region to correlate news. Need to get org. and tribes in each region to better share out. Nicolet has started fall semester, had kick off meetings, trying to plan Indigenous Peoples Day and Native History Month. Brian: wild rice festival tomorrow, Indian bowl activities, food vendors, pow wow tomorrow at 2. Lac du Flambeau School-challenge is he doesn't interact with admins. Elders have encouraged them to put K-16 framework into higher ed, bug event at bingo hall, hoping to involve parents and schools to have community meetings monthly, job shadowing for youth so they can envision what their futures will look like. Doreen added Waaswakoniing-going to school board meetings and questioning policies. They really don't see what they are doing wrong. Asking for partnerships and including elders and community workers. Americor workers doing good advocacy work, ending the 23rd though with no set plans for them to continue. Will search other areas of funding. Their two workers will still volunteer though. Wants to put more pressure on them to acknowledge who they are serving-the school board.</p>
<p>West</p>	
<p>South</p>	<p>Sean and Rachel. Sean-Title VI and JOM in Madison meeting next week. Title VI will get an update, pushing for curriculum changes around Act 31. District is trying to build more awareness for Indigenous People' Day, reached out for Native artists who want to contribute to a billboard. Teacher shortage there too. Tara has subbed as a teacher a lot, which limits her time in Title VI work, parent committee not happy about that. Rachel: works for Earth Partnerships, funded by variety of foundations including National Science Foundation who just spent a day with them, partner with other tribes as well and really like what they see. Yesterday UW raised the Ho Chunk flag for second year now. Last year it didn't fly long, this year they are flying it for 6 weeks and again around Indigenous People's Day, raise it-not fy it-will raise again in November. It's not raised everyday because a color guard would need to be present to raise and lower. Hopefully they can work to having it raised everyday. Earth partnership got awarded New Beginnings 3 Grant through FDA, will create programming for Native youth in year 3. They can help support Title VI and JOM as well, and will share out programming for Dane County youth. Culture based research. They have taken care of mounds around them and removed invasive species by hand pulling with their students, community and college students. Want to plant Native species to reduce rate of growth of invasive species. Want to ensure mounds don't degrade as a result of these invasive species.</p>



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Regional meeting cont.

East	Crystal planning college night in Menominee where community members can come, UWGB: hosting a harvest feast in November. Carol Cornelius book coming out, article written and will be presenting in Sept at the Brown County Library. Wiedner hosting Supa Man. Central region at the Mohican Center having a careers and college night and UWGB attending. Shawano Title VI has 4 hires so specialists at each school now. ¾ are local tribal members.
DPI Liaison	David: upcoming meeting for tribal relations, bills coming up to update tribal affiliation, we are the only state that has tribal affiliation at state level, asking potentially that it is required by law. Tribal regalia being worn at graduation-only 6-7 states have a law on this. Working on replacing Columbus day officially in WI with Indigenous People's Day. Trainings and supports will be launched on his events page hopefully by next week.

7. Publication/Communication RFP recommendations (REQUEST MOVING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THIS ITEM) **MOTION to move made by Roberta.**

Suzie second the motion. Motion carried

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

- Torchlight Healing Services discussion

MOTION to move back to reg. session made by Roberta.

Rachel second the motion. Motion carried

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

- Dr. Pete said based on recommendations the current contract with Torchlight will end, 22nd. Kate will serve as publications contact person. Publications committee has Rachel, Mark, Barb and Roberta

MOTION to accept made by Roberta.

Barb second the motion. Motion carried

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

- Kate wants an in house Google form with everyone's contact info that is not made public so we can update it as needed. Rachel thinks their committee should meet to discuss these details around the communications role Kate is taking on.



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8. Set meeting dates for the upcoming year
 - October 21: Lac du Flambeau
 - November 18: Stockbridge-Munsee
 - December through February - meet virtually
 - March 17: Possibly in south region (Kate looking into MATC Mequon).
 - April: South Region during annual conference

9. Guess What Prize: skip

Next regular board mtg:

October 21: Lac du Flambeau

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:55 made by: Brian

2nd: Celeste

Discussion:

Pass

Fail

Abstentions