



Wisconsin Indian Education Association ~ N5448 Broder Road ~ Shawano ~ WI 54166

**MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

August 10, 2018

Oneida Nation High School

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** 9:00 am by Brian Jackson

**Welcome:** Artley Skenandore opened with a prayer and a brief history & overview of the Oneida schools

**Roll Call:**

Region	Board Member: Term Expires 2019	Board Member: Term Expires 2020
Northwest	<input type="checkbox"/> Katrina Werchouski	✓ Brian Jackson, President
Southeast	✓ Celeste Clark	✓ Rebecca Comfort
Central	✓ Jolene Bowman	✓ Gladys Walker
Northeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Crazy Thunder, Vice-President	✓ Doreen Wawronowicz
West	✓ Maggie Jensen	<input type="checkbox"/> Brittany LaMere
South	<input type="checkbox"/> Kelsey Harker	<input type="checkbox"/> Rachel Byington
East	✓ Shannon Chapman, Secretary	✓ Virginia Nuske, Treasurer

Region	Alternate Board Members: Term Expires 2019
Northwest	<input type="checkbox"/> William White <input type="checkbox"/> Jerry Moore <input type="checkbox"/> Cassie Brown
Southeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Sommer Drake
Central	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Munson <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Munson <input type="checkbox"/> Roberta Moege-Carrington <input type="checkbox"/> Kameo Yakoweyani'yo Fehrenbach
Northeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Ashley Maki <input type="checkbox"/> Melinda Young <input type="checkbox"/> Brooks Big John <input type="checkbox"/> Norman Crazy Thunder <input type="checkbox"/> Crystal King <input type="checkbox"/> Victoria Long
West	<input type="checkbox"/> Nehomah Thundercloud
South	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Tara Tindall
East	<input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Lepscier <input type="checkbox"/> Julie Schultz



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**Roll Call continued:**

**Excused:** Susan Crazy Thunder, Rachel Byington, ...

**Guests:** Delaney Boelter, Mickey Maddox, Brandon Thoms, David O'Connor

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**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion to approve the Agenda for 8/10/2018: Virginia Nuske**

**2nd: Jolene Bowman**

**Discussion: Virginia will begin the meeting with a Scholarship Report, as one of the recipients is present.**

- ✓ Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for 6/15/2018 in Lac du Flambeau: Virginia Nuske**

**2nd: Jolene Bowman**

**Discussion: Approved with corrections**

- ✓ Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

**Scholarship Report**

- Scholarship report: 23 applications - 2 with no essay, 1 with no transcripts, 2 were late, 1 with no tribal certification. A total of 17 applications were reviewed and scored according to their letters of recommendation, personal essay, and grade point average. Here are the scholarship recipients:
  - Ruth Tucker - St. Norbert College / Early Childhood Education
  - Delaney Boelter - Bellin College of Nursing / Nursing
  - Samuel Boivin - Fox Valley Technical College / Aviation; Commercial Pilot's License
  - Benjamin Grignon - UW-Green Bay / First Nations Education Doctoral programThe winners will be recognized at the WIEA annual board meeting and conference
- The scholarship committee recommends that WIEA add two (2) more scholarships for graduate students, due to the lack of financial resources at this level of education, as well as to encourage others to go on for their master's and doctorate degrees.
- Jolene commented on the quality of the scholarship essays, overall.
- Celeste mentioned the Advanced Opportunity Program for graduate study fellowships at UW-Milwaukee. Here is a link with more information: <https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/aop-guidelines/>

**Motion to add two (2) more graduate level WIEA scholarships: Doreen Wawronowicz**

**2nd: Maggie Jensen**

**Discussion: None**

- ✓ Pass
- Fail
- ☐ Abstentions:



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### Scholarship Recipient, Delaney Boelter

- Delaney is the daughter of Tom and Deb Boelter. She is the youngest in her family, with 4 older sisters. She grew up in Keshena and is a 2013 graduate of Shawano High School. She was a 3 sport athlete all 4 years of high school, going on to play soccer at UW-Stevens Point. She graduate from UWSP in 4 years, obtaining a bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration. She eventually decided that nursing was her calling, so she is now pursuing a bachelor's degree at Bellin College in Green Bay. She shared her essay with the WIEA board.

### President's Report

- **Act 31 celebration:** The event has evolved over the last 5 years, and it is a great way for tribal communities to highlight their efforts. Next year's celebration will be held **August 19, 2019 in Lac du Flambeau**. This will be the 30-year anniversary of Act 31, and the 6th annual celebration. Ashley Maki and team are taking the lead.
- **2019 WIEA Conference:** As the West Region couldn't take the lead this year, the Central Region is hosting. The committee was deciding between two locations. Two dates were proposed. The board clarified to the committee chair, Gladys Walker, that the committee doesn't need board approval for anything; they can move forward how they see fit.
- **Brandon Thoms and Torchlight Contract:** The Torchlight contract expired on July 10th, however, Brandon has continued to provide services to WIEA out of good will. He fulfilled all aspects of the contract and a new contract was proposed and sent out for a poll vote. He has not increased his contract amount since he began providing services during 2015. This contract has a slight increase, as he provides additional services in assisting with the WIEA conference in terms of marketing and technical support and he continues to donate to the annual conference. Under Torchlight's services to increase awareness of WIEA, conference revenues have increased.
  - **Raising awareness:** If there is an event or story in your community, send the information (along with a contact person) to Brandon so that he can share this information with the WIEA contacts. Send to [bthomstbn@gmail.com](mailto:bthomstbn@gmail.com)
  - **Monthly outreach:** Discussed having monthly features of Tribal Education Directors, WIEA Board, NIEA, DPI, etc. Brandon will obtain video of Act 31 celebration keynote speaker and include in WIEA media
- **WIEA web host site:** There continues to be issues regarding the .org website account with NewTech Solutions, as the previous WIEA President's name is on the account and WIEA does not have any authority over the .org domain. The board is looking to remedy this situation. The board made a motion that Brandon would draft a letter to NewTech, requesting either replacing the authorized name on the account or adding Brian's name. The letter will give the date that Michelle LaRock stepped down and Brian Jackson stepped in to the WIEA President role; including information stating that these are elected positions, along with the minutes/motions that reflect this statement. If they don't honor the request to change the name on the account, we may have to discontinue services with them.

**Motion to have Brandon draft the letter to NewTech Solutions: Jolene Bowman**

**2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz**

**Discussion: None**

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



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**Motion to reaffirm poll vote and ratify it to support contract with Brandon Thoms: Jolene Bowman**

**2nd: Virginia Nuske**

**Discussion: None**

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

President's Report, continued...

- **DPI Equity Council:** The DPI has many resources to support socio-emotional learning needs. CESAs can help, as well. State Superintendent asked for \$600 million to support special education. Trauma Informed Care: on-line modules for Tier 1, 2, 3. Cultural piece in education: We want to make sure student needs are met; struggles with buy-in from admin and staff; keep sharing successes until it catches on.
- **NIEA:** Travel arrangements are being made for Brian and Brandon.
- **WIEA September meeting:** Will be held at ICS, Celeste working with Jason Dropik. Celeste getting a head count for lunch. A lot going on in Milwaukee that week. The Milwaukee Public Museum will have an exhibit, "Tribute to Survival." WIEA will have a table at Indian Summer - Doreen and Carol Amour will be at the table.

**Motion to approve the President's report: Celeste Clark**

**2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz**

**Discussion: None**

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

**Treasurer's Report**

Separate document provided

\$5000 seed money for WIEA conference.

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

**2nd: Celeste Clark**

**Discussion: None**

- ✓ **Pass**
- **Fail**
- ☐ **Abstentions: Virginia Nuske**

**2018 Conference Recap**

No Action - Discussion Only

- 2018 conference report still being compiled
- \$250 donation just came in
- Request to sort out attendees by region/zip code

**2019 Conference Update**

No Action - Discussion Only

- Confirming venue soon



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## **Public Relations**

No Action - Discussion Only

- Brandon gave an update. The WIEA website is redirected from the .org to the .net site. Brandon will be drafting the letter from NewTech for the WIEA President and Secretary to sign, and mailing it to NewTech.
- A mailer was done this week, promoting events. Brandon will be at Indian Summer and assisting Doreen with the booth. He will also be at NIEA with Brian, covering Indian Education events out in Connecticut.
- Brian recommended to Brandon to highlight Indian Community School & the Southeast Region for next month's WIEA highlight.
- If you come across stories/events/articles, please share with Brandon. [bthomstbn@gmail.com](mailto:bthomstbn@gmail.com)

## **Mascot Logo**

No Action - Tabled.

## **Special Education**

No Action - Discussion Only

- Dr. Evers is asking the state to increase special education funding by \$600 million in the 2019-21 state budget
- Eva Kubinski is our point of contact

## **NIEA Update**

No Action - Discussion Only

- Jolene gave an update. The NIEA Bulletin went out, highlighting that the Perkin's Act was signed by the President (Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act). Among other things, the reauthorization mandates tribal consultations regarding planning, goal-setting, and maintaining of Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.
- Discussed state & tribal elections - some individuals don't believe in voting because they think they may be compromising their status. If you want to make change, you need to vote!
- Unseen Tears document: Jolene is doing a workshop at NIEA. She started her research on boarding schools under Sister Stephanie Spence. She continued her work, talking with elders, discovering the undocumented side of boarding schools. She started some writing on this. There is still a lot of healing to do from this era.
- August 11th was the deadline for the NIEA board application. Jolene shared an update on the NIEA awards.
- By-laws will be voting on during the 2019 convention. Regionality is the issue in the forefront. Attendees are strongly encouraged to vote. NIEA needs to continue to strengthen themselves to stand strong in the face of this current administration.
- 2019 marks the 50th anniversary of NIEA. The annual conference will be held in Minnesota.
- The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) is hosting their first national conference, on October 2-3, 2018 in Carlisle, PA. The theme is *The Spirit Survives: A National Movement Toward Healing*. The deadline to apply to be on the board for NABS is October 15th.

## **Old Business**

- No old business

## **New Business**

- David O'Connor introduced Mickey Medix from the Necedah School District. David and Mickey are conducting exploratory work and seeking input regarding a proposed project. They shared that there is an Observance Calendar across public schools in Wisconsin, celebrating Leif Erikson Day, Abraham Lincoln Day, etc. However,



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there is a lack of representation of Wisconsin tribes and people of color in this calendar. The goal is to have this calendar be inclusive of all Wisconsin tribes. To have this done, it would have to be an act of Legislators. The idea is to have 11 separate days that would represent each Wisconsin tribe - and each tribe would have input as to their specific day and the educational materials that would be provided/shared. Many schools are starting to be aware of Act 31, and this would support the language of Act 31. Joe Strohl would be a potential drafter of this proposal; involve organizations such as WASDA (Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators), WIEA, etc.

- Here is a link to the DPI website, with each current Observance Day listed for the 2018-2019 school year: <https://dpi.wi.gov/news/observance-days/next-year-dates>

**Regional Reports**

Region	Regional Reports
<b>Northwest</b>	Lac du Flambeau schools start August 16th. There are new changes in the school calendar. Ricky White is coming to Lac du Flambeau August 14th.
<b>Southeast</b>	Milwaukee events in September: 9/6 Board meeting, Indian Summer, Milwaukee Public Museum exhibit, UWM starts classes after Labor Day, UWM Consortium Agreement with UWGB fo Oneida language class 2x/week.
<b>Central</b>	Stockbridge powwow starts August 10th - grand entry at 7pm.
<b>Northeast</b>	
<b>West</b>	Maggie works for the Eau Claire Area School District. The 2018 World Flute Society convention was held at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.
<b>South</b>	
<b>East</b>	The Investiture of the new CMN President will take place October 12th.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, September 6, 2018 at the Indian Community School in Milwaukee**

**Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 11:45: Virginia Nuske**

**2nd: Jolene Bowman**

**Discussion:**

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



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### 2018-2019 Meeting Schedule

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> August 10, 2018	Oneida
<input type="checkbox"/> September 6, 2018	Milwaukee
<input type="checkbox"/> October 19, 2018	Madison
<input type="checkbox"/> November 16, 2018	Stockbridge
<input type="checkbox"/> December 2018	No meeting
<input type="checkbox"/> January 18, 2019	Conference Call
<input type="checkbox"/> February 19, 2019	Madison - Legislative Breakfast
<input type="checkbox"/> March 15, 2019	Keshena
<input type="checkbox"/> April 2019	Held during annual WIEA conference