



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

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 19, 2019
Madison

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 5:07 by Brian Jackson

Welcome

Roll Call:

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

Roll Call continued:

Excused: Virginia Nuske, Katrina Werchouski, Celeste Clark, Susan Crazy Thunder

Guests: Eva Kubinski, David O'Connor, Mark Powless, Jason Dropik, Tammy Pecore, Myrna Warrington joined at 5:50



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Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda for 2/19/19, adding Eva back to the agenda for Special Education updates, made by: Doreen Wawronowicz

2nd: Rebecca Comfort

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for 1/18/19 (hosted by Madison team) made by: Rebecca Comfort

2nd: Doreen Jolene Bowman

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions: Shannon Chapman

President's Report

Legislative Breakfast: Reviewed agenda and talking points for tomorrow's breakfast meeting

Act 31 language/Jolene Bowman: November 2017 - it was first discussed to open up Act 31 for discussion, rebranding, revisions. *Jolene Bowman respectfully requests to be on record, recommending WIEA diversify and strengthen work on presenting new laws and policies that advance Indian Education within the State of Wisconsin to the State Tribal Relations Committee. This means not solely focusing on Act 31, but rather using the proposed Act 31 changes in new laws or policies that compliment Act 31 versus changing the historical integrity which is a pillar to the 1989 Act as we know it.*

- Discussions with universities: They feel they are compliant because they address the multicultural language.
- Recommends that we leave Act 31 the way it is and instead work on separate policies on laws that support and cross reference Act 31, but stands alone/speaks specifically to American Indians. She brought a sample law from the state of Montana, along with the Wisconsin Constitution, with suggested language for incorporating the Montana language into the Wisconsin Constitution. Also mentioned state of Washington law. Theirs is in a bill, speaking to indigenous history and the importance of teaching it.
- Rebecca comment: 1972 Montana wrote it in constitution and created policy to enforce it in 1999. Funds were allocated in 2005.
- Jolene prefers both approaches. Important to keep Act 31 unchanged. Make things stronger versus trying to put everything we want into Act 31, making significant change.
- State-Tribal Relations meeting minutes: She is asking if they can look at what other states have done and what would be successful here.

Act 31 - State Tribal Relations Update/Brian

- Rebranding
- Revisions from Joe Strohl: What is up for review: Expanding the grades that teach about natives from 3 to 5. 1- Will talk about model academic standards for instructors to incorporate into their curriculum, historical and contemporary. 2 - Significant events, tribal sovereignty; required instruction in Social Studies - needs to take place twice in elementary and once in high school currently - increase to 3 times in elementary and 2 times in high



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school. 3 - school boards are not aware of this language. DPI to develop material to share with new school board members and administrators. 4 - Teacher instruction: currently required to incorporate into teaching prep programs, need to add language about contemporary events. 5 - Charter and choice schools - students are leaving school without an understanding; bill requires that these schools incorporate 2x in elementary and 1x in high school.

- It's an ongoing process, establishing that greater awareness. Strong relationship with DPI.
- We should wait to see what the State Tribal Relations committee has to say about it tomorrow before we decide as a board to take it off the table.

Comment/Rachel: We have this law, but isn't happening in the schools. We are increasing how much it is offered in school. The gateway is to focus on pre-teaching programs. Montana - how did they get this to pass? How hard is it to change the state constitution - is that something that can happen? What is the process?

Comment/Rebecca: Where does Act 31 fall short? What would the benefit be to change it? Funding issue. When Montana changed their constitution, they didn't have funding until 2006. Looking at accountability.

Comment/David: There is accountability - language about DPI withholding state funding is there. The only way it can be enforced is if someone put a claim in with DPI stating that it isn't happening - so DPI would have to follow up. He also spoke of resources created - it is up to the school districts to ensure these resources were being used. Tier purchasing program - can purchase resources this way for school districts. School boards have big influence in this.

Comment/Eva: Students with disabilities doing better in cultural classes. Also discussed funding issue: Minnesota has funds on top of Title VI funds, which are tied to requirements.

Jolene continuing: Constitution; House bill examples. Read excerpt from Washington law. Funding/grants - professional development can be tied in.

Comment/Rebecca: We should ask for their thoughts on what other states do and what the best route for Act 31 may be. We've come this far and should continue.

Comment/Doreen: Comment from council member - we need to get it moving and keep it moving. We changed our minds so much already. We've been promoting the positive changes; need to get some teeth in it. If we change our mind again, it will look like we don't know what we are doing.

Comment/Jason: He agrees that we will never be in an ideal state; the idea of standards needs to be the way we go.

Discussions with GLITC: Assistance with writing for funding; having a full-time person as WIEA Director. Meeting with Beth in Menominee when we meet in March.

Tribal School & Community Liaison licensure: David to present on this at the conference. There are many people who could qualify for this license. Brian sees WIEA being able to increase capacity for people to get licensed in this area.

Motion to approve the President's report made by: Brittany LeMere

2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz

Discussion:

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report presented by Julie Schultz

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by: Rachel Byington

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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2nd: Jolene Bowman

Discussion: Jolene asking if new member information could go to the listserv so they can be added to the mailing list.

- Pass**
- Fail**
- Abstentions: Julie Schultz**

2019 Conference Update

No Action - Discussion Only

- Gladys coordinating the registrations - received 6 in 1 day.
- Registration up and running
- Vendors are limited to 13.
- Discussion about deadlines -
- Discussion about document formatting -
- Youth Day: Lynnette Walker volunteered to do it as long as it is done her way :)
- Fundraising letters went out. Jolene will help her with the Shakopee request. Stockbridge's check is in the mail!
- Next planning meeting is Friday, February 22nd at 10 am. Gladys will send us the dial-in information.

Public Relations

No Action - Discussion Only

- **Please forward information to Brandon to share! Send to WIEA email: wisconsinindianeducation@gmail.com**

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No Action

Strategic Committee Reports

No Action - Discussion Only

- Youth & Students - Champion: Brittany LaMere
- Partnerships & PR - Champion: Brandon Thoms
- Foundations & Growth - Champion: Brian Jackson
- Professional Development - Champion: Brian Jackson, David O'Connor
- Legislative Breakfast - Champion: Susan Crazy Thunder

Look at June to have work time as a board.

Special Education/Eva Kubinski

No Action - Discussion Only

- Eva is the contact person at DPI for native students with disabilities.
- Staff changes:
 - Carolyn Stanford Taylor is now the State Superintendent
 - Barbara is now the Assistant State Superintendent for
 - Alicia Weinhardt - transition in graduation consultant (replaced Nancy)
 - Marilyn Johnson -
 - Jessica Moe -
 - Andrea -
- Handed out a copy of the Special Education Information Bulletin. Bulletin put together by their compliance team.



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Students who are unable to access print material have a resource called NIMAS (National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard), under IDEA. Students with visual impairments/limitations may be eligible for this.

Budget proposal - increasing funding for students with disabilities. Governor Evers may be signing the budget he developed.

Transition - comment by Myrna Warrington. She is the Vocational Disabilities Director. Trying to work with schools to make sure that the students are getting the services they are entitled to in terms of transition.

ESSA Consultations - proposal to have a workshop on the conference that provides guidance to schools and tribes on how to maximize the benefit of consultation meetings. With the deadline looming at the end of June, it was suggested that tribes should consider MOUs with the partner schools to continue the work. David shared a resource on developing MOUs on the DPI website: https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/amind/MOU%20Document_7-31-2017_version.pdf

Old Business

No old business

Motion to...

2nd:

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions

New Business

No new business

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Regional Reports

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Northwest	
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Next Meeting: March 15, 2019 at the College of Menominee Nation, Shirley Daly Hall Room 126.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:20 pm: Julie Schultz

2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz

Discussion:

- Pass
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2018-2019 Meeting Schedule

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