



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

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 11, 2020
Madison

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 5:08 by Brian Jackson

Welcome: Rachel Byington

Roll Call:

Region	Board Member: Term Expires 2020	Board Member: Term Expires 2021
Northwest	✓ Brian Jackson, President	<input type="checkbox"/> Katrina Werchouski
Southeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Comfort, Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/> Celeste Clark
Central	<input type="checkbox"/> Gladys Walker	✓ Dr. Jolene Bowman
Northeast	✓ Doreen Wawronowicz	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Crazy Thunder
West	<input type="checkbox"/> Brittany LeMere	<input type="checkbox"/> Deana Mitch
South	✓ Rachel Byington	✓ Verna Comfort
East	✓ Virginia Nuske, Treasurer	✓ Shannon Chapman, Secretary

Region	Alternate Board Members: Term Expires 2020
Northwest	<input type="checkbox"/> William White <input type="checkbox"/> Cassie Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Anna DeMers
Southeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Sommer Drake <input type="checkbox"/> Audra Williams <input type="checkbox"/> James Flores
Central	<input type="checkbox"/> Barb Munson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roberta Moede-Carrington <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Nicole Bowman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lucille Burr <input type="checkbox"/> Iris Carufel
Northeast	<input type="checkbox"/> Pat Takamine <input type="checkbox"/> Donald Keeble
West	<input type="checkbox"/> Karie Decorah <input type="checkbox"/> Savannah Shegonee
South	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Fish
East	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Schultz <input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Lepscier
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	
Liaisons	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David O'Connor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eva Kubinski



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Roll Call continued:

Excused: Katrina Werchowski, Celeste Clark, Brittany LaMere, Susan CrazyThunder, Rebecca Comfort

Guests: Joe Strohl, Gary Besaw, Kateri Nuske, Nicolet College students Jeffrey Valliere (LDF), Elijah Mishigette.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda for 2/11/2020 made by: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz

Discussion:

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for January 2020 made by: Jolene Bowman

2nd: Virginia Nuske

Discussion:

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

President's Report

- 1) **NIEA Hill Week:** Board meetings on Monday & Tuesday. Discussed Administration's priorities, ESSA accountability, JOM, etc. They talked to appropriations people, they are not sure what's coming yet. Great visit with Senator Tammy Baldwin. NIEA Regional efforts: regional meetings will occur this year; will take place at Indian Community School during WIEA conference on Sunday, April 19th. Executive Director Diana and NIEA team will be at WIEA. NIEA sponsoring WIEA and holding workshops Will also have some trainings with teachers at Lakeland Union High School coming up. New office in Oklahoma - want to hold an NIEA board retreat in June.
 - a) NIEA Empowerment and KAIROS Blanket Experience: Trained facilitators; a truthful and honest experience for non-native communities and healing for native communities. Jason Dropik invited Corryn from this organization to come to meeting that they are hosting at ICS.
 - b) Since it's a regional meeting, Diana will be putting out an invite to the regional tribes to attend.
- 2) **Legislative update:** Brian and the board thanked Joe Strohl for the communications. Gary Besaw was on the State-Tribal Relations Committee that helped draft the bills. Public hearing on Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. Rep. Mursau will go first. The WIEA board needs to organize the order of speakers. The bills will not pass this session due to timeline, but it will be on the floor at the hearing. We have a total of 3 hours to be heard. The bills were developed by the study committee; 5 of the 6 bills deal with education and no one on there was from the education community. We want to hear the positions of other organizations such as DPI. Gary will be here later in the meeting for further discussion and clarification on the bills.

Motion to approve the President's report made by: Jolene Bowman

2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz

Discussion:

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



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Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report presented by Virginia Nuske

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

2nd: Jolene Bowman

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions: Virginia Nuske

Special Education/Eva Kubinski

No Action - Discussion Only

- Big push at DPI regarding social emotional learning, not only in regard to students but also teachers.
- Develop various strategies for social emotional needs to be better met.
- Website has the State Superintendent's plan for this issue.
- They also would like to work with community groups through partnerships.
- The DPI has an EBD/Autism consultant, Eva Shaw.
- Finally have a specific Learning Disabilities consultant, Sharon Madsen.
- Jolene question: How are these consultants utilized? Eva: The consultants need to stay on top of the research for the area. They also provide training. They can answer questions from parents regarding the topic (most calls are from parents - what are strategies for working with specific learning disabilities). Jolene: How do they know how to identify? Eva: They typically do not evaluate unless there is a complaint that needs to be addressed. If the child is a tribal member, then the matters are addressed to Eva as the tribal liaison. Since the two consultants have just started, they won't be taking calls for the first month; Eva will share their contact information once they are available for support. Jolene: shared her concerns that the trainings offered are not providing the understandings needed to carry out the special education responsibilities. Eva: it is the school district's responsibility to ensure that the tasks are implemented appropriately.

Public Relations

No Action - Discussion Only

- Proposed legislative changes to Act 31:
 - Assembly Bill 105: Direct DPI to develop model K-12 academic standards for American Indian studies.
 - Assembly Bill 106: Develop and distribute informational materials related to a school board's obligations to provide instruction on American Indians.
 - Assembly Bill 107: Updates the American Indian studies requirement for teacher licensure.
 - Assembly Bill 108: Requires private schools participating in a parental choice program and independent charter schools to provide instruction in American Indian history, culture, and tribal sovereignty.
 - Assembly Bill 109: Increases the required instruction in American Indian studies in the elementary and high school grades.
- Comments: WIEA should provide the names of who they want to go up to speak at the hearing tomorrow. If you speak, you need to fill out a hearing slip. We are testifying about all 5 bills at the same time. Joe went over the make-up of the committee (Democrats/Republicans, etc). Thiesfeld (potential candidate for State Superintendent) will be there. Gary shared the history of this with us. These laws would allow a scope and sequence to be developed for schools. Gary stressed the importance of these understandings in the working world (i.e. outside vendors that work with tribes, businesses that work with tribes), along with the importance of WHY these topics



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are important. Social understanding, combatting misconceptions, understanding benefits that they hear about. DPI has been updating the social studies standards, which include additions that cover some of these topics. The standards were sent out to tribal leadership for comment. School districts are not required to adopt standards, however. Question to ask: will it be budgeted to have these standards printed in booklet form and distributed? Question from Jolene - when schools get their report cards, what are they evaluated on? (the state assessment). If a district decides not to follow the state standards, they are still evaluated on ELA, math, science, social studies; state assessments aligned with state standards; can schools be evaluated on their implementation of Act 31? It wouldn't be on the state report card. Comment from Rachel: Bills should refer to 11 federally recognized tribes and bands in Wisconsin. A teacher new to the state could interpret this as teaching about Cherokee Trail of Tears for Wisconsin. Change all titles to reflect this. Joe recommended that she share this during the hearing. We will take their suggestions, revise them, and get them on the agenda for next session, which is January 2021. A number of actions have been taken, some weren't politically feasible, others worth revisiting. Bill 106: Gary reviewed the bill in relation to material distribution; Joe shared that this needs to be done annually because new school board members are elected every year. In regard to the teacher licensure, Gary's daughter testified that this is not being done in her teacher preparation program at UW-Madison. Her story needs to be shared again. There are 35+ teacher education programs in the state: discussion regarding teacher prep programs, resources, lesson plans, etc. Bill 107/comment by Gary: part of the reason they looked at the audit component, they want to know what is happening and what is not happening so that we know what to change/modify after the audit and develop recommendations. Bill 109/comment by Joe: they added the word contemporary and increase the number of times instruction occurs K-12. Rachel, Brian, Gary will be testifying. Paula Mohan, Christine Harrison, Jeff Ryan, Paul Rykken submitted a written statement. Joe recommends they get together over breakfast and decide the order that they will testify. Even if you do not testify, be there and register in support of the bills. We will go through the bills and share why they are important!

- Brandon gave an update on Facebook posts and shared how many reactions and shares each received. The biggest post was for the Native American Scholarship Fund.
- Discussed how often it is good to share: 3 times per week (and not on the same day) is good!
- Lumina Project: Brandon oversees the 3 prong project. Meeting this Friday in Rhinelander with 13 people from across the state. 9am to 1pm. Goal is to develop competencies and get feedback as to what they think should be included in a native curriculum. Because there are subjective viewpoints within tribal communities, how do we reach consensus? The second convening will be in Milwaukee during the conference. Also working on building capacity for native instructors.

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

2019 Conference Update

No Action - Discussion Only

- 19 registered attendees as of today. This follows a pattern that has been established over the years. It lags until a month out.
- Indian Community School (ICS): Want to develop a youth day registration on-line.
- Been in touch with various speakers, keynotes.
- Brittany has been working hard to solicit donations from tribes. She has been swamped.
- The conference is 3 days this year, as opposed to 2 days in the past.
- NIEA wants to host regional meetings - so Jason Dropik at ICS will be hosting it at ICS.
- Meeting every other week; looking for more volunteers to join sub-committees.
 - Julie needs help with registration during the conference.
 - Need help promoting Call for Proposals.

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- Powwow will be held in Franklin at ICS.
- Promotions: David has 5500ish on his listserv so he will help promote. It also helps to send conference emails out to Tribal Education Directors to share in their communities.

Nicky Bowman: Professional Development Grant Birth to 5

- Funded by Department of Health and Human Services:
- Outreach to ethnically diverse voices/communities
- Director Michelle Robinson (provided her background)
- Project was funded, now working to get it off the ground
- Nicky is one of the outreach people
- Conversations about what is important in birth to 5, what would you like to see
- More information will come. She did send out an email with the preliminary information.

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.

Old Business

No Action - Discussion Only.

Shannon shared student blogs from the trip to Columbia University, along with the thank you card to the board from the students. Shannon will send Powerpoint to Brandon to share.

Motion to...

2nd:

Discussion:

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

New Business

Brian continuing his work with the concept of a WIEA Executive Director. This could be a full-time person.

Motion to...

2nd:

Discussion:

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Regional Reports

Region	Regional Reports
Northwest	
Southeast	
Central	
Northeast	
West	
South	Rachel: Jessie Conaway; Native Education pathway forum - would like to move it to October. Lac Courtes Oreilles College would host it. Co-sponsorship to have Megan Bang as a keynote. Indigenous Arts & Sciences will be submitting proposals for the conference.
East	

Next Meeting: March 26th in Crandon

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 7:13 by: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Doreen Wawronwicz

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
<input type="checkbox"/> March 26, 2020	Crandon
<input type="checkbox"/> April 16, 2020	Milwaukee/ICS