



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

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 1, 2020

Teleconference

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 9:06 by Brian Jackson

Welcome: Brian Jackson took care of prayer this morning, praying for our friends in Navajo country

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	✓ Celeste Clark
Central	<input type="checkbox"/> Gladys Walker	✓ Dr. Jolene Bowman
Northeast	✓ Doreen Wawronowicz	✓ Susan Crazy Thunder
West	✓ Brittany LeMere	<input type="checkbox"/> Deana Mitch
South	<input type="checkbox"/> Rachel Byington	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Roberta Moede-Carrington <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Nicole Bowman <input 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 checked="" 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 Werchouski , Rebecca Comfort

Guests:

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda for 6/12/2020 made by: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz

Discussion:

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for 3/20/2020 made by: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Brittany LaMere

Discussion:

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

President's Report

- 1) NIEA: Conference is still on in October; if the balloon event is cancelled, NIEA will become a virtual conference. COVID cases are spiking statewide and nationally. Lac du Flambeau is developing hybrid and virtual options for schooling in the fall. Plus one of the major sources, Gates, was not able to fund this fall as they are funding other programming.
- 2) WIEA Meetings: Nicolet College shout out - using the Blue Jeans platform. WIEA will continue to use this Virtual meeting platform. Our next meeting will be **August 21, 2020**. David suggested checking in next month; not a regular meeting, just wanting to connect to chat, communicate, update.
- 3) DPI Equity Council: Meeting next week.

Motion to approve the President's report made by: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Susan Crazy Thunder

Discussion:

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

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report, as presented by Virginia Nuske

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by: Celeste Clark

2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz

Discussion:

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



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2020 Conference Update

No Action - Discussion Only

1. **Brittany:** Casino just reopened on Monday; emailed to inquire about dates for 2021 conference. More time to start planning. Audra at ICS inquired for updates; ICS still on board for youth conference. Nicole took a new position, so no longer on the planning committee; this is a big loss. Brittany looking for help, if she can't find someone in her office, she will be looking for help from the board; the board collectively will chip in.
2. **Brandon:** As far as refunds go, this past week we've had 7 more refund requests come in - he will send to Virginia for processing. Brandon shared some of the challenges they are facing in reconciling refunds for credit card payments, etc.

Public Relations

No Action - Discussion Only, led by Brandon Thoms

1. Meeting via video is a challenge: internet connections not always working; not a lot of social media activity lately. He is looking at a different approach for social media, highlighting people. We need to highlight Dr. Byington!

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

Nicolet Technical College Lumina Project

No Action - Discussion Only, led by Brandon Thoms and Susan Crazy Thunder

1. Lumina Project is moving along very well. Invited 18 individuals to be a part of the work group; 12 accepted. There was a lot of momentum after the February meeting; then COVID hit, so switched to online.
 2. **Four areas of focus:**
 - a. **Native History**
 - b. **Native Governance**
 - c. **Native Culture**
 - d. **Native Language**
- 4 clan groups created around those subject areas; holding clan gatherings. 1 clan gathering every other week. One full group convening once per month. Well into developing competencies around each of the 4 areas.
3. **Prior learning assessment tool:** determines where students' knowledge is around each of the 4 areas.
 4. Welcome new people; will be asking others to step in as consultants to the project to further develop the competencies.
 5. **Project has 3 main outcomes**
 - a. **Develop curriculum**
 - b. **Credit for prior learning/ELA assessment tool**
 - c. **Recruit and develop Native instructors for Nicolet and technical colleges**
 6. **Additional outcome - PD Series:** an additional outcome is to create cultural congruence among colleges - so they developed a professional development series; holding workshops for faculty - teaching them about who native people are, their impacts across Wisconsin and beyond; helping faculty to understand their students.

Susan shared how much she appreciates Brandon's work ethic and his leadership.

Special Education

No Action - Discussion Only, led by Eva Kubinski

1. Compensatory Services (Additional services): Developed a bulletin that talks about when to consider additional services, how to determine this. Eva would be happy to provide a webinar on this topic for WIEA in the context of supporting our students with IEPs. Another piece is how Special Education has been affected by COVID-19. Trying to make resources available for parents. Eva is available for questions and support - reach out to her!



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Old Business

No old business

New Business

Scholarship update: The application window has closed. We received 16 scholarship applications. The committee is reviewing applications within the next two weeks and will notify the board and the winners.

Regional Reports

Region	Regional Reports
Northwest	Doreen: UW-Madison law graduate from Lac du Flambeau - persevered and completed her program!
Southeast	Celeste: (Missed the first few updates) Science Scholars program begins in July - it will be a virtual program.
Central	Brittany: Working with John on discussions about...; requesting discussion on COVID impacts
Northeast	
West	
South	
East	Crystal started a new position as UWGB Cultural Connections Coordinator

Upcoming WIEA activities:

Team Check-in: July 24, 2020 9:00 a.m. via Bluejeans

Regular board mtg: August 21, 2020 9:00 a.m. via Bluejeans

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at by: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Doreen Wawronwicz

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions: