



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

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 26, 2021
Teleconference

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 9:06 a.m. by Brian Jackson

Welcome: Brian said his prayers this morning

Roll Call:

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

Region	Alternate Board Members: Term Expires 2020
Northwest	<input type="checkbox"/> William White <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Julie Schultz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crystal Lepscier
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	
Liaisons	<input type="checkbox"/> David O'Connor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eva Kubinski



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Roll Call continued:

Excused: Virginia Nuske, Brittany LeMere, Celeste Clark, Katrina Werchouski

Guests:

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the agenda for 2/26/2021 made by: Doreen Wawronowicz

2nd: Rebecca Comfort

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for 1/15/2021 made by: Susan CrazyThunder

2nd: Verna Comfort

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

President's Report

- 1) Upcoming WIEA Board Terms: Brian will be stepping down from President role, Virginia is retiring from her board service.
 - a) Recruitment: Public notice of board openings - bullet points as to what we are looking for in board members; engage with untapped talent that is out there
 - b) Incorporate thoughts around a youth council
 - c) Suggestion to hold a special meeting to discuss this
- 2) Brian - LDF Public School: Mission to advocate for Native staff in the school system - reaching out to the various sectors within the system.

Motion to approve the President's report made by: Doreen Wawronowicz

2nd: Rebecca Comfort

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report, as presented by Crystal Lepscier

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

2nd: Verna Comfort

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
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2021 Conference Update

No Action - Discussion only

1. Committees:
 - a. **FUNDRAISING: Brian, Doreen (who will also head up a silent auction)**
 - b. **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS/WORKSHOPS: Brittany, David**
 - c. **REGISTRATION/PUBLICITY: Brandon, Celeste**
 - d. **AWARDS: Rachel,**
 - e. **YOUTH DAY: Shannon**
 - f. **BOOKLETS/SWAG: Shannon**
2. Brian went over the schedule that was selected by the team that met earlier in the week.
3. Awards: We will honor the award selections from last year. Rachel will reach out to Brittany to get the names and order the plaques.
 - a. Ideas for celebrating award recipients: Post their pictures and information on the website; feature them in the newsletter; Zoom video of each recipient showing their plaques;
 - b. Rachel: UW can host a Zoom for 500 people
4. Shannon will host weekly Zoom meetings for conference planning/dialogue on Fridays at 9 am - all board members are invited to join. This will start Friday, March 5th and run weekly until the conference.
5. Doreen has 3 donations for the silent auction so far. Discussed the cost of postage; possibly keeping the initial bids low so that people are encouraged to bid; recoup the cost of postage through the bidding process.
6. Board members are encouraged to get donations for the silent auction

Nicolet Technical College Lumina Project - Brandon Thoms & Susan Crazy Thunder

Project is called "Many Ways of Knowing: American Indian Cultural Competencies for Community College and Career Pathways." Within the project themselves, they call themselves The Nation - and The Nation is composed of the four clans.

Celebrated the first year of the project on Friday, February 12th. Recognized this milestone at convening that day.

- 12 History Clan gatherings
 - 11 Language Clan gatherings
 - 11 Culture Clan gatherings
 - 12 Governance gatherings
 - 8 All Nation convenings (First one was Friday, February 12, 2020)
- 1) The project is at a point where the competencies have been gathered.
 - 2) Now focus on the prior assessment tool/model.
 - 3) Starting to push the professional development piece, engaging the faculty, indigenizing the faculty, sharing the aspects of who we are as native people.
 - 4) Lumina Foundation has been the overseer of this grant - they scheduled a site visit to Rhinelander. Susan thanked Brandon for coordinating the site visit for Lumina - including Nicolet faculty and leadership. She said it went very well and the visitors were very happy with the work that has taken place. The 1-year report was submitted to them, as well. Susan acknowledged Brandon for his good work with this project. Lumina commented on how engaging and compelling it was to meet the tribal experts and people involved in this project - that got rave reviews.



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Special Education - Eva Kubinski

Council on Special Education [Electronic Public Forum](#): March 1-5, 2021

The Wisconsin Council on Special Education and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction wants to hear from parents, families, educators, and community members. We ask special education directors to help ensure your families and staff are aware of the upcoming public forum so they can share their voice on special education in Wisconsin on March 1-5, 2021, during an electronic public forum. Participants can add their comments in English or Spanish. Share this information and the attached flier with all of your families, educators, and staff in your schools by email or mail at least two weeks prior to the event. For more information about the council on special education, go to [the DPI council web page](#).

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Regional Reports

Region	Regional Reports
Northwest	
Southeast	<p>Rebecca: Gov. Evers' Executive Budget Proposal for Director of Native American Affairs. Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o '21-'23 Biennial Budget (https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StateFinances/CurrentBiennialBudget.aspx) o Executive Budget complete document PDF (https://doa.wi.gov/budget/SBO/2021-23 Executive Budget Complete Document.pdf) (p. 61 of 717) document page 49 (pt #15 Director of Native American Affairs) <p>Support letter to Evers budget line item (proposed by Jolene) – shared by Rebecca</p> <p>The position is full-time.</p> <p>FY 2022 125,600 first year FY 2023 160,100 second year (salary and fringe benefits)</p> <p>Proposed as a new position located in the Office of the Secretary for the Department of Administration.</p>
Central	<p>Crystal - for Shannon:</p> <p>EvaDPI CONNECT ED – interview Shannon’s college and career readiness – out to State to educators</p> <p>Rachel – connect with CEW for new beginnings and pathways opportunities</p>
Northeast	



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West	
South	<p>Dr. Byington - will email an article she has published to the board; essay titled "They Should Never Have Fed You," is about children's experience with Thanksgiving in classrooms, was accepted for special edition of a publication "Early American Literature" titled "1621 Interrupted."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Important to get the scholarship out· Welcomed to send out to the board· "They Should Have Never Fed You" children's experience with Thanksgiving· Asked to share her data to WIEA/DPI
East	

Next regular board mtg: Friday, March 12, 2021

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:44: Jolene Bowman

2nd: Rachel Byington

Discussion:

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