



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

MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 15, 2021
Teleconference

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: 9:06 a.m. by Brian Jackson
Welcome: Brian prayed for us 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Comfort, Vice President	✓ Celeste Clark
Central	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Jolene Bowman
Northeast	✓ Doreen Wawronowicz	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Crazy Thunder
West	✓ Brittany LeMere	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 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 type="checkbox"/> Crystal Lepscier
Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction	
Liaisons	<input type="checkbox"/> David O'Connor <input type="checkbox"/> Eva Kubinski



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Roll Call continued:

Excused: Katrina, Rebecca, Jolene

Guests:

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Approve the agenda for 1/15/2021 made by: Doreen Wawronowicz

2nd: Virginia Nuske

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for 11/20/2020, with corrections, made by: Rachel Byington

2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

President's Report

- 1) Keeping conversation alive with GLITC CEO regarding the expansion of Act 31 and increasing grade levels
- 2) Conference: Need to pick up the momentum and plan for the virtual conference and think about what the make-up of the board will look like in April.
- 3) Julie Schultz submitted a letter to Brian and Shannon this morning, resigning her role as a board alternate. *She will be focusing her work with the GLITC Americorps program as a senior volunteer. Her plan is to help GLITC build the Menominee community's capacity in the Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion Program. In her letter, Julie shares, "Working with leadership at WIEA, and helping the organization accomplish advances in Indian Education, has been a valuable learning experience. The most special part of my involvement was meeting and working with authentic human beings who are passionate about promoting educational opportunities for Indian people."*
 - a) We had the vision of adding Julie as a full fledged board member, in the place of Virginia who will be stepping out of her role as Treasurer. We need to rethink what that will look like.
- 4) Brian spending more time on dissertation - moving forward with his advisor; finished chapter 1 - moving on to chapter 2.

Motion to approve the President's report made by: Celeste Clark

2nd: Brittany LaMere

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions:

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report, as presented by Virginia Nuske

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



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2nd: Celeste Clark

Discussion:

- Pass
- Fail
- Abstentions: Virginia Nuske

2021 Conference Update

No Action - Discussion only

1. SAVE THE DATE: Brandon created and posted flier
2. Need to start thinking about the format
3. Brittany: Was hoping to get the template/schedule from David. There are a few people that are interested in presenting. Has been hearing talk about the amount being charged. We will need to add language to our Save the Date fliers stating what the registration will be used for (i.e. student scholarships, requests for assistance, etc.)
4. Discussion on the registration fees: 80% are paid by the individual's organization.
5. We divided and assigned the committee work for the conference:
 - 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**
6. Fundraising: We will be reaching out to tribes and asking for donations as well as scholarship sponsors for individuals who cannot afford to pay the registration fee.

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 comprised of the four clans.

1. Things are moving along very well - in home stretch/11th month. A month away from completion.
 - a. They have had 11 full nation convenings - full work days where they have speakers,
 - b. Focusing on PLA (Prior Learning Assessment): Assessing knowledge levels so that individuals can test out of courses and be awarded credits for their existing knowledge.
 - c. Curriculum portion is near done - but will always be a work in progress.
 - i. Analogy of tree rings and tying it to history of self, family, community, etc.
 - d. Working on developing a set of questions so instructors can guide students as to which questions to take first: history, culture, language, governance
 - e. Will look to the tribes to be the final assessors of this knowledge.
2. Discussion regarding the WIEA motion to charge a 20% administrative fee for any funding sources flowing through the organization and whether this applies to the Lumina grant. It was determined that the MOU between Nicolet and WIEA was signed approximately June 2019. The motion to charge 20% administrative fees was made in November 2019.

Motion by Virginia Nuske to move forward with Lumina Project according to the MOU. For future grant applications the administrative cost should be included. The Lumina Project cost is determined only by the interest that the project generates.

2nd: Doreen Wawronowicz



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Discussion: Virginia's role will be reflected as in-kind for grant accounting purposes.

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

Special Education - Eva Kubinski

Tabled

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Regional Reports

Region	Regional Reports
Northwest	
Southeast	
Central	
Northeast	Brian would like to acknowledge Carol Amore for her work - creating an institute with possible certifications as a part of this institute. 501c3 status. Establish a team; certify different initiatives such as elders as trainers.
West	
South	Rachel has been offered a position with Earth Partnership as the Tribal Youth and Community Liaison. She will be focusing her work with the youth
East	

Next regular board mtg: Friday, February 19, 2021

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 10:45: Virginia Nuske

2nd: Celeste Clark

Discussion:

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