



Wisconsin Indian Education Association ~ P.O. Box 910 ~ Keshena, WI 54135

Board of Directors Meeting  
9:00 a.m., Friday, June 17, 2011  
Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council  
Lac Du Flambeau, Wisconsin

MINUTES

- **Call to Order:** 9:16 am
- **Prayer:** Brian Jackson
- **Roll Call:** V.Nuske (E), R. Edler (E), J. Bowman (C), D. Juan (NW), B. Jackson (NW), A. Tromp (SE), R. Byington (S), B. Blackdeer- Mackenzie (W), D. O'Connor (S), J. Gonzalez(S); Excused: A. Gokee (C), C. Clark (SE), W. White (W)
- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion: V. Nuske; Second: D. Juan; Motion carried
- **Introductions of Directors: J. Gonzalez requested; B. Jackson agreed**
  - **Brian Jackson** – NARCH Coordinator; 2 children/sons – one a newborn; in July 2011 beginning a doctoral program at University of Minnesota- Duluth
  - **David O'Connor** – Bad River Ojibwe; UW-Madison; recently married
  - **Dezmond Juan** – St. Croix; Title 7 coordinator since 2001; involved with WIEA for some time; advocate for bridging Native & non-native communities; in college to get Special Education/ LBD degree certification concentrating on middle school and high school.
  - **Virginia Nuske** – Menominee; involved with WEIA since 1985; worked with Menominee tribe since 1975; “grandmother of WIEA”; mother, grandmother, great grandmother; WIEA Treasurer
  - **Jolene Bowman** – Stockbridge; with WIEA since 2006; work with Head Start/Higher Education/Workforce Development for the Stockbridge tribe; currently attending College of Menominee Nation seeking a Bachelors degree in

teaching; feels getting her degree will assist her with being a better advocate for the teachers – she then can fill in any of the positions she supervises as well

- **Rebecca Edler** – Menominee; work for College of Menominee Nation as an advisor in June 2011; 4 children; owns 2 homes – 1 on Menominee reservation
- **Jill Gonzalez** – Menominee/Stockbridge; Special Education advocate – Disability Rights of WI; concerned with high numbers of American Indian Students in special education; looking to form a committee regarding this
- **Rachel Byington** – Choctaw; with WIEA since 2007; Title 7 coordinator for MMSD; has teaching license; this summer working with DPI re: disproportion of American Indian & minority students in Special Education
- **Barbara Blackdeer MacKensie** – Ho-Chunk; WIEA representative for state task force; 2 children; Planning Specialist for Ho-Chunk Tribe – Head Start/ Education/Higher Education; wish more resources were available; advocate for federal government understanding their role with American Indian education
- **Amy Tromp** – Oneida/Lakota; Principal of Indian Community School; excited to be part of WIEA; 2 children – 1 with downs syndrome; about to become a grandmother in July 2011

- **Approval of April 28, Meeting Minutes:** Motion: V. Nuske; Second: B. Blackdeer-Mackenzie; Motion carried
- **Approval of April 30, Meeting Minutes:** Region term corrections requested- J. Bowman term ends 2012; A. Gokee term ends 2013; Motion: V. Nuske; Second: J. Bowman; Motion carried

Break

- **President's Report:**
  1. Attended the Great Lakes Intertribal Council (GLITC) meeting on Mole Lake reservation
    - Extended a thank you to Michelle LaRock for her service to WEIA
    - WIEA Conference April 2011: 164 registered adults/30 youth
    - Lac Du Flambeau Charter Language School & Day Care (Valliere/Carufel)- requesting tribe to put in their budget
    - Truancy – Ashland Schools/Bad River
      - J. Bowman shared that Department of Justice has federal truancy grants
      - B. Blackdeer- Mackenzie shared that also competitive grants available for dealing with attendance, choose carefully the people to write grants
    - Tom Maulson – Lac Du Flambeau – asking for help regarding programming to use language/culture
      - Paula Fernandez mentioned & her role as cultural resource on Menominee reservation
      - J. Bowman reminded us it starts with the little ones; LCO has a program that could be used as a model
      - B. Blackdeer-Mackenzie reported that Ho-Chunk has an immersion day care /headstart, but children lose the language when they move onto

public schools; also mentioned nationally recognized Social Studies curriculum in Ho-Chunk/Black River Falls School District

-Michael Skenandore mentioned as a person working on language as well as Oneida with You Tube language videos - "Charlie the Talking Bear"

-Suggested meeting with students to assure their permission to learn their language, because mainstream society makes them want to "fit in"

- Cleveland mentioned concerned with State of Wisconsin budget; WIEA going to help?
- J.P. Leary moving onto UWGB, causing a DPI opening, concerned this position will be cut; suggest sending a letter from WIEA advocating for the position with a "cc" to the governor; B. Blackdeer-Mackenzie will draft a letter.
- J. Bowman voiced her concerns about state of WI cuts & tribes especially in rural areas
- Next GLITC meeting 7/14/11 in Keshena, WI: B. Jackson looking for someone to attend as he will not be able to; D. Juan agreed to attend.
- GLITC Meeting 9/8/11 in Milwaukee - usually during Indian Summer

## 2. ACT 31 Status

-Act 31 certified consultants?

-A. Gokee & Lisa Poupart trying to recreate Native American Studies Consortium

-WIEA had Act 31 workshop - B. Blackdeer-Mackenzie attended

-CONCERN: How do we make sure teachers are following ACT 31 requirements?

-Resource available:

1. Native Wisconsin booklets and CD at GLITC office

2. Patty Lowe is updating her book (10 year old)

-Suggest a letter to tribal leaders for support; July report to ask chairs

## 2. Attended WI Greenprint Vision Forum 5/19/11 in Wisconsin Dells. WI

- "environmentally literate"
- Looking to have someone attend national conference in February 2012 from NIEA/WIEA

## 3. Commencement speaker at Lac Du Flambeau graduation May 2011

- **Approval of Presidents Report:** Motion: J. Bowman; Second: D. Juan; Motion carried
- **Treasurer's Report:**
  - Questions raised by J. Gonzalez re: 2010 Conference; R. Byington will submit 2009 WIEA Conference Expense Report
- **Approval of Treasurer's Report:** Motion: B. Blackdeer-Mackenzie; Second: R. Byington; Abstentions: V. Nuske; Motion carried
- **April 2011 Conference:**
  1. WIEA Preliminary Report

- A. Gokee reported that CREATE has offered to work with WIEA next year again (contact A. Gokee and D. Rosin)
  - Conference Planning Process sheet shared by Virginia Nuske
  - Suggest for future conferences – think outside the box – get connections
  - Funding – think outside for expenses, credits/sponsors
2. WIEA 2012 – WEST hosting
- B. Blackdeer-Mackenzie - LPC Chair
  - LPC can choose theme
  - LPC can choose vendors
  - LPC can choose dates
    - Reminder: Youth Track/days: reminder about schools Spring Break vacations
    - Reminder: NARCH Health & Wellness Days usually 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday, held in conjunction with UW Madison powwow
  - IDEAS: raffles, donations, letters
  - R. Edler suggested do not forget urban American Indian population when extending invitation to WIEA & Cooperative Education Service Agency (CESA) contacts
  - Registration: by regions: C. VanDenBerg will get data to 2012 LPC Chair
- **Approval of April 2011 Conference Report:** Motion: D. Juan; Second: R. Byington; Motion carried
- **NARCH Update “Teaching the Teachers Project” Amy Poupart:**
- Introduction to program: “more Native ways of knowing”; scientific theory and cultural theory – can they co-exist?
  - Involves Lac Du Flambeau schools; involves Science, Math, Social Studies and Literacy standards
  - July 2011 Summer School Module: students chosen to participate; field test curriculum
  - Hoping to involve other schools – meeting at Indian Community School on June 20, 2011
  - Program creation began with discussion regarding cultural significance of water/lakes/rivers to the Lac Du Flambeau area based on community driven process/concerns
  - Curriculum consists of:
    - Cultural teachings: Fish Story, Medicinal Plants & Stories
    - Observations of environments & of fish
    - Lake visits
    - Cultural information regarding lake environment and eco-system
    - GLIFWC Fish Hatchery collaboration & Climate Changes – Patty Lowe
- **Old Business:**
- WIEA Website Update
    - in need of an update: suggest each region having a link

- suggest that the current webmaster, Byron Black be contacted by V. Nuske to let him know non-renewal and to thank him for past services
- also request that D. O'Connor ask for proposal from Anthony Tallmadge for his services to update website which will include website samples and detailed cost

➤ **Approval of WIEA Website service provider non-renewal & proposal for replacement:**  
Motion: V. Nuske; Second: R. Edler; Motion carried

➤ **New Business:**

- Request to create Special Education Committee - within WIEA by J. Gonzalez
  - due to high numbers of American Indian students in special education and the need for parent advocacy/assisting families with making them aware of rights and laws regarding IDEA and other special educational policies

➤ **Approval of create Special Education Committee - within WIEA:** Motion: B. Blackdeer-Mackenzie; Second: V. Nuske; Motion carried

- WIEA Board of Directors Meeting Schedule:
  - August 19, 2011** Bad River Reservation, WI
  - NOTE: **8/9-11/2011** BIA Meeting in Hinkley to be held-nothing on education; WIEA will send letter asking why education not on agenda
  - September 23, 2011** Oneida/G.B., WI
  - November 2011** Location: TBA (Potawatomi Hunting Moon Powwow October 21-23, 2011)
  - January 20, 2012** conference call
  - NOTE: **February 22, 2012** Legislative Breakfast Madison, WI
  - March 23, 2012** Pre- WIEA Annual Conference Meeting Baraboo, WI
  - April 2012** WIEA Annual Conference DATES: TBA

➤ **Regional Reports:**

- NW - D. Juan
  - Phyllis took her name off as an alternate for the region
  - Coordinated October 11-15, 2011 Richie Plass exhibit in library
- Central - J. Bowman
  - shared website: [www.act31resources.com](http://www.act31resources.com)
- South - R. Byington, D. O'Connor, J. Gonzalez
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➤ **Adjourn:** Motion: V. Nuske      Second: J. Bowman      Motion carried      Time 12:02 pm