



# NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, October 9th 2022

<https://ics-edu-org.zoom.us/j/88993504694>

### A G E N D A

Board Members Attendees	Present	Absent Excused	Absent Unexcused
1. Jason P. Dropik, President	x		
2. Dr. Connie Locklear, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	x	Excused 2:30	
3. Patricia Whitefoot, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	x	Excused 2pm	
4. Dr. Jolene Bowman, At Large General Board Member	x virtual		
5. Tesia Zientek, Treasurer At Large General Board Member	x		
6. Sedelta Oosahwee, Northeast Board Member	x	Excused 10 am	
7. Ka'ano'i Walk, Hawaiian Area Board Member	x		
8. Alison Black, Member at Large	x		
9. Teresa Sarabia, Alaska General Board Member	x		
10. Carrie Whitlow, 1-year Student Board Member	x		
11. Bernice Gover, 2-year Student Board Member	x		
12. Pam Carter, Board Member completing 1-year term	x		
13. Dr. Lori Quigley, Ombudsman	x		
<b>Staff/Guest Time Log In</b>		<b>Time In</b>	<b>Time Out</b>
14. Diana Cournoyer, Executive Director	x		
15. Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum, Events and Partnership Manager	x		

TIME	AGENDA TOPICS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
8:00 am	<p><b>Breakfast, Prayer, Call Meeting to Order &amp; Roll Call:</b></p> <p>Will start promptly at 8:00 AM</p> <p>Meeting called to order at 8:22 am CST. All in attendance, Jolene joining virtually.</p>	<p>Jason P. Dropik</p> <p>Prayer</p> <p>Ka'ano'i Walk</p>
8:15 am	<p><b>Approval of Agenda</b></p> <p>Motion by Ka'ano'i, seconded by Patsy to approve the Board of Directors meeting agenda for Sunday, October 9th, 2022 with the addition of approval of the minutes.</p> <p>All approved motions were carried.</p>	<p>Jason P. Dropik</p>
8:20 am	<p><b>Approval of rescinding President Vote at Special October 7th, 2022 Meeting</b></p> <p>In alignment with the constitution and bylaws it is requested to rescind the special Board meeting President vote held on Friday October 7th.</p> <p>Motion by Alison, seconded by Tesia to rescind the voting of the new President held on October 7th.</p> <p>11 approve 1 abstention, motion carries.</p>	<p>Jason P. Dropik</p>
8:23 am	<p><b>Approval of Meeting minutes for October 2nd and 3rd, 2022</b></p> <p>Motion by Tesia and seconded by Teresa to approve the meeting minutes from October 2nd and 3rd on 2022.</p> <p>10 approve 2 abstentions, motion carries.</p>	<p>Jason P. Dropik</p>
8:25 am	<p><b>Introductions</b></p> <p>Time to get to know one another and share about who we are, where we are from, and any other information to build community. We are going to meet our new members and have them share with us. At this time after sharing we will make medicine pouches provided by Tesia to wrap our prayers and good intentions to carry us through the next year of service. Chi miigwech Tesia</p> <p>Great sharing of collective capacity and strength. Continued collective prayers and support for one and all for everything we navigate together. All Board were able to put together and take their medicine pouch with them as we</p>	<p>BOD, Org, Ombudsman</p> <p>Medicine Bundle</p> <p>Tesia Zientek</p>

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	committed to our intentions, prayers, and support for all. Tesia sang an Eagle song for the Board after all had their medicine bundle.	
10:30 am	<p><b>Board Elections</b></p> <p>Preview the roles and responsibilities in Board Elections read by Dr. Quigley</p> <p><b>Board President</b></p> <p>Connie nominated Tesia for President, Tesia accepted the nomination. Teresa nominated Patsy, Patsy accepted. Both candidates spoke to the Board in regards to their nomination.</p> <p>Dr. Quigley ran the nominations and voting. Jolene Bowman voted virtually directly to Dr. Quigley. Sedelta did choose to not vote as she was excused for family obligations.</p> <p>Vote was taken and Tesia Zientek was elected.</p> <p><b>Appointment of Parliamentarian</b></p> <p>Tesia Zientek appointed Jason Dropik as Parliamentarian. Jason accepted.</p> <p><b>1st Vice President</b></p> <p>Jason Dropik nominated Ka’ano’i who accepted the nomination.</p> <p><b>2nd Vice President</b></p> <p>Jolene Bowman nominated Connie Locklear for 2nd Vice President she accepted.</p> <p>Jason Dropik nominated Patsy Whitefoot who accepted.</p> <p>Voting took place and Connie was elected 2nd Vice President.</p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p>Connie nominated Alison, and Alison accepted.</p> <p>No other nominations Patsy recommends closing nominations Alison is elected.</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p>Ka’ano’i nominates Sedelta for Fiscal committee she accepts virtually Tesia nominates Jolene for the Fiscal committee Jolene accepts.</p> <p>Alison nominates Patsy for Fiscal, she accepts.</p> <p>Vote was collected and Jolene was selected as Treasurer.</p>	Lori Quigley, Ombudsman

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12:00-12:30	<p><b>Lunch-Working Lunch catch up on other items or updates as needed</b></p> <p>During lunch it was requested completion of necessary Board documents.</p>	
12:30-2:00	<p><b>Committee Assignments/Scheduling of Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Review all committees, discuss role function, and determine assignments. All BOD will be on at least 2 committees.</b></p> <p>Next all committees were discussed to sign up for committee co-chairs. Lori read all of the committees in Native Control of Native Education Committees and operations committee.</p> <p>The Committee Board assignments are posted on the screen to sign up.</p> <p><a href="#">LINK to committee assignments</a></p> <p>Schedule time for initial meeting to discuss and reach out to membership in regards to meeting frequency and schedule.</p> <p>Tesia affirmed her Presidential desire to keep Lori on as Ombudsman. Tesia did ask for Governance to take a look at the language around Ombudsman being Presidentially appointed for 4 years or appointed by each President, looking to clarify whether the Presidential appointment or 4 year term dictate priority.</p>	
2:00-3:30	<p><b>Regional Meeting Updates</b></p> <p>Opportunity to share regional meeting updates, notes, needs. and share proposed gathering dates</p> <p>Connie sharing for Southeast-Membership and state tribe representation listed as items to connect on.</p> <p>Patsy shared for West. Looking for more forums in the Northwest and southwest after convention. Shared about the distance of the West region and numbers discussing about having subregion meetings due to space and needs. Good representation from members in the west with the award received by Warm Springs and it was good to see tribal leaders also present here.</p>	BOD

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	<p>The Great Plains regional meeting was held in Tulsa, NIEA did a blanket exercise as part of OCIE gathering. Educators enjoyed the gathering and had training to support their work. Plans for conference December 4th, 2022 in Great Plains.</p> <p>It is a large region going from Texas to the Great Lakes. The regional meeting was the NIEA conference. Representatives from Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and Nebraska. There was talk about needed improvements in work with Tribal Colleges and all education Head Start through high school to better align needs and services. Another focus was big discussion around healing. The need for trauma support and assistance was identified. SAMSA grant extending out to 20 or 25 years as opposed to 5 years. 5 years is not enough time to change the challenges that have existed. Another area of need is in the area of law and policy. Whether it is info sheets or technical assistance, there was a feeling that many families are overwhelmed with the processes. OCIE is meeting December 4th for the next regional opportunity.</p> <p>Alaska noted that one meeting of 4 people a few years ago, this year about 40. Believe that is in full response to the regional meeting in Alaska. I want to continue to connect with AFM and submit resolutions and work on gathering together. Alaska noted more with emergent and charter schools being implemented in Alaska. Discussion and sharing around work with facilities, jobs, and innovations. Many participants from Northern Alaska work on what they are doing. Communities using their expertise to build their own curriculum to not just use western "canned" curriculums. Community as the first educators and workers in all their areas to build and design curriculum that meets their needs. IHS opened doors to everyone for Juno because it opened it up to others and caused challenges within the community.</p> <p>Northeast regional update, no specific meeting during the year. They would like to have one in March after Hill week. Big conversations around complacency. The need for being nice to one another and attempts to reach out and connect with Maine. Looking to have the regional meeting follow a similar to previous format with information sharing and guest speakers. Look for a hybrid model, possibly so it could be attended in person and virtual. Meetings have been positive and work with the State Commissioner, indigenous teacher certification in New York State is positive. There was representation with Michigan to DC to the Northeast. New York has thousands of Native Students that do not have services as those services and programs have been discontinued. Lori shared the importance of continuing to advocate with your local legislatures that we meet and have them come to</p>	

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	<p>see what the needs are at regional meetings. “What is the take away that your meeting participants will get”.</p> <p>The Hawaii meeting talked about the panels and collaboration with NIEA to have multiple panels that were held virtually. The meeting for the convention talked about Native Hawaiian educators and advocates from around Hawaii as part of a gathering that focuses on traditional gathering and summits to bring people together to share. The Office of Hawaiian Education is having a summit in March gathering in areas and then coming together to share.</p> <p>Diana shared that NIEA also needs to learn, not just host. She is looking to sponsor and share space to create opportunities to learn as well as share so that we can better meet the needs of communities like Hawaii and Alaska. Co-hosting with some sponsorship of meals or something so that we as an organization can learn.</p> <p>There were conversations around Navajo, West, Southwest, and Plains wanting more regional breakdown. This is a challenge with the Board constitution and possible challenges, preferred path is subcommittees for regions that report up to the region heads.</p> <p>Provide dates as regional meetings are finalized.</p>	
3:30-4:00	<p><b>Other Items-Open Questions/Comments</b></p> <p>Upcoming events shared;</p> <p>Hill Week Dates March 4th-10th</p> <p>Convention 2023 October 14-22nd/23rd</p> <p>December 16th 1 pm EST Board Meeting Virtual-Pending other Board Members</p> <p>Jason and Tesia to schedule Board Orientation meeting with new members. Tesia to make recommendations for new Board members to have a mentor to support their year.</p> <p>Reminder for governance to look at recommendations on social media policy development.</p>	

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4:00 PM	<p><b>Blessing/Adjournment</b></p> <p>Tesia said closing blessing.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <p><b>Moved by Alison, seconded by Jason to adjourn the meeting; Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 2:46 CST.</b></p>	