



# NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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Board Members Attendees	Present	Absent Excused	Absent Unexcused
1. President, Yatibaey Evans	X		
2. Vice-President, Dr. Sylvia Hussey (via phone)	X		
3. Secretary, Angie Butler	X		
4. Treasurer, Brett Locklear		X	
5. Parliamentarian, Robin Butterfield	X		
6. President-Elect, Dr. Jolene Bowman	X		
7. Member, Robert Cook		X	
8. Member, Fredina Drye-Romero (via phone)	X		
9. Student Board Member, TaNeel Filesteel	X		
10. Member, Renee Holt (via phone)	X		
11. Student Board Member, Caitlin Tozier	X		
12. Member, Patsy Whitefoot	X		
<b>Staff/Guest Time Log In</b>		<b>Time In</b>	<b>Time Out</b>
Executive Director, Ahniwake Rose	X		

**NIEA Board Governing Documents (included on the agenda as a standing reminder):**

1. NIEA Board Policies – Oath of Office, Code of Ethics, Conflict of Interest, Record Retention and Documentation Destruction Policy, Board Development Menu
2. NIEA Budget, Financial Status and Audit
3. NIEA Constitution & By-laws
4. NIEA Contracts/Agreements:
  - Accountant
  - Board – (12)
  - Executive Director
  - Legal Counsel (in progress)
  - MABU
5. NIEA Policies – Board, Fiscal, Investment, Personnel, Convention Planning Guide
6. NIEA Strategic Plan and Fund-raising Plan

**NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
*Tuesday, February 14, 2017*

**1. Call Meeting to Order, Opening Prayer and Roll Call**

President Yatibaey Evans called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.; Secretary Angie Butler completed the roll call.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Action: Moved and seconded to approve the agenda as distributed and posted; no opposition, no abstention, motion carried.*

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**January 24, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

*Action: Moved and seconded to approve the posted January 24, 2017 meeting minutes; all approved with no opposition, one abstention, motion carried.*

**4. Review Hill Day and Agenda**

Ahniwake Rose and Matt de Ferranti briefly reviewed the Hill Day agenda and related activities; no Board action needed.

**5. New Business Strategic and Tactical Planning**

Dr. Walter Kahumoku facilitated this section of the agenda with Board members participating and the actions taken noted below. Discussion included the suggestion to add “Native Language” under the “Culturally Based Learning wheel”

*Action: Moved by Jolene Bowman to establish NIEA 10 Year Strategic Plan, seconded by Patsy Whitefoot; after discussion, all approved, no opposition or abstentions, motion carried.*

*Action: Moved by Jolene Bowman to approve layout #1, Seven Pillars of Strategic Goals, seconded by Robin Butterfield; after discussion Robin Butterfield withdrew her second, motion. The motion then died for a lack of a second.*

*Action: Moved by Robin Butterfield to approve seven pillars of Strategic Goals and adding “Native Language” to the “Culturally Based Learning” pillar, seconded by Patsy Whitefoot; after discussion, all approved, one opposition by Jolene Bowman and no abstention. Motion carried.*

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**6. 2016 Year-End Financials Review**

Colleen Smith and Amy Foulkes from O’Conner Consulting reviewed the 2016 year end financials as well as the process to report/record in-kind donations, respectively; for information only, no Board action needed. The Fiscal Committee will be reviewing the 2016 draft audit report and Form 990 at the March 2017 meeting for recommended actions to the Board.

**7. Update, Bureau of Indian Education**

The Board engaged in discussion with the following guests: Tony Dearman, Director; Clint Bowers, Policy Analyst, and Bart Stevens, Chief of Staff. No Board action needed.

**8. Communication Contractor Update**

Mala Persaud, Vice President and Michelle Hunsberger, Account Representative of Fenton Communications provided an update on NIEA communications related activities, including a discussion on strategic messaging.

**9. Organization Updates**

The Board heard reports and updates from the following staff members: Matt De Ferranti and Dimple Patel – Policy & Advocacy; Diana Cournoyer – Programming; Leah Salgado – Communications; and Ahniwake Rose – ED report format. No Board action needed.

**10. Team Building Exercise**

President Yatibaey Evans deferred the planned team building exercise.

**11. New Business**

The Board reviewed the proposed 2017 Convention marketing support proposal by MABU; and the GT Law engagement proposal.

***Action:** Moved and seconded to approve the 2017 Convention marketing support proposal by MABU; after discussion, all approved, no opposition or abstentions, motion carried.*

***Action:** Moved and seconded to approve the GT Law engagement proposal; after discussion, all approved, no opposition or abstentions, motion carried.*

**12. Adjournment**

President Yatibaey Evans adjourned the meeting 3:35 p.m. EST.