



# NATIONAL INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

**Approved June 19, 2018**

Board Members Attendees	Present	Absent Excused	Absent Unexcused
1. Dr. Jolene Bowman, President	X		
2. Christopher Bordeaux, Vice President & Parliamentarian	X		
3. Margaret Landin, Secretary		X	
4. Marita Hinds, Treasurer	X		
5. Robin Butterfield, President-Elect	X		
6. Angie Butler, General Board Member		X	
7. Fredina Drye-Romero, General Board Member	X		
8. Samantha Eldridge, General Board Member	X		
9. Darrick Franklin, General Board Member	X		
10. Dr. rene holt, General Board Member	X		
11. Michael Vendiola, General Board Member	X		
12. Vacant, Student Board Member			
Dr. Sylvia Hussey, Ombudsman (ex-officio)	X		
<b>Staff/Guest Time Log In</b>		<b>Time In</b>	<b>Time Out</b>
Ahniwake Rose, Executive Director	X		

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

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### I. Call Meeting to Order, Prayer & Roll Call

President Dr. Jolene Bowman called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. EST and completed roll call as noted above for Secretary Margaret Landin. Vice President & Parliamentarian Christopher Bordeaux provided the invocation.

### II. Approval of Agenda

**Discussion:** The posted meeting agenda and related documents were reviewed by the Board of Directors (BOD); and edits to the agenda were requested by Board members re: reports about various events and activities (e.g., WIEA, TEDNA, Consultation in New Mexico) by Board members and the Executive Director, and an update regarding the filling of the student vacancy process. J. Bowman noted the updates will be shared after the Committee Reports and actions.

**Action:** *Moved by Robin Butterfield, seconded by renee holt to approve the April 24, 2018 BOD meeting agenda as revised; no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions or opposition; motion carried.*

### III. Approval of Minutes of the Board - February 11, 2018, February 12, 2018 and February 14, 2018

**Discussion:** Posted minutes for the Board meetings held on Sunday, February 11, 2018; Monday, February 12, 2018; and Wednesday, February 14, 2018 were reviewed. Board members noted the following edits (e.g., additions, corrections) for each of the meetings: Sunday, February 11, 2018: none; Monday, February 12, 2018: participants, motion/second makers; Wednesday, February 14, 2018: motion/second makers names.

In addition, the 2018 Convention theme electronic vote results, aggregated on March 5<sup>th</sup> were posted, reviewed and noted (referred back to C&E Committee).

**Actions:**

- 1. Moved by Robin Buterfield, seconded by Marita Hinds to approve the Sunday, February 11, 2018 Board minutes as posted; no further discussion; all approved, no opposition or abstentions; motion carried.*
- 2. Moved by Robin Butterfield, seconded by Chris Bordeaux to approve the Monday, February 12, 2018 Board minutes as corrected; no further discussion; all approved, one opposition (Samantha Eldridge) and no abstentions; motion carried.*
- 3. Moved by Robin Butterfield, seconded by Darrick Franklin to approve the Wednesday, February 14, 2018 Board minutes as corrected; no further discussion; all approved, one opposition (Samantha Eldridge) and no abstentions; motion carried.*

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### IV. Treasurer's Report & Fiscal Committee Actions

#### **Financial Statements as of and for the 3 Months ended March 31, 2018 and Financial Activity over \$10,000**

**Discussion:** Treasurer Marita Hinds noted that the financial statements and reports as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and a schedule of the Financial activity over \$10,000 were posted. The Fiscal Committee recommends approval of the financial statements and reports as of and for the 3 months ended March 31, 2018; and the financial activity over \$10,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018, as presented.

#### **Actions:**

1. *Moved by Marita Hinds, seconded by Robin Butterfield to approve the financial statements and reports as of and for the 3 months ended March 31, 2018; no further discussion; all approved, no opposition or abstentions; motion carried.*
2. *Moved by Marita Hinds, seconded by Robin Butterfield to approve the financial activity over \$10,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018, as presented; no further discussion; all approved, no opposition or abstentions; motion carried.*

#### **Resourcing Constitution & By-Laws Work**

**Discussion:** Treasurer Marita Hinds and other members of the Fiscal Committee summarized key points discussed and recommended by Fiscal Committee including: Engagement of consultant to do Constitution & By-Laws (C&BL tasks identified; Meet face to face/in person for 2 days in Connecticut in June 2018 to do C&BL work; and Address how NIEA could resource the cost of the consultant (\$15,000) + the 2 day face to face meeting in Connecticut given its current resources/budget.

Ahniwake Rose providing an update on the NOVO grant (which was available in the Grants folder in DropBox for the Board) including items covered (e.g., direct services programs, evaluator, video, Boarding School curriculum, NABS meeting expenses); grant period for May 2018 to April 2019 and grant awarded though first year funds not transmitted; currently NOVO grant includes \$14,000 for airfare and hotel only, no per diem for Board strategic work; if Board uses the funds for a June 2018 meeting, will not have these funds available for February 2019 Legislative Summit; 2018 convention per diem budgeted is approximately \$7,000; no funds available for \$15,000 contractor work; \$450/night rate in June 2018 at convention site/Connecticut hotel; option o fly into a "hub city" like Chicago or Minneapolis would be more cost effective (e.g., flights/routes and accommodations/meals); prior year strategic work, including C&BL was funded by multiple grants and consultant operating "lines"; and funding sources from convention and discretionary grants.

Due to the lengthy discussion, the Board tabled the topic and continued on the agenda to the Committee reports and actions and resumed discussion later in the meeting.

**Resumed Discussion:** Discussion resumed with Ahniwake Rose sharing that with Board approval, staff can move forward to identify a date and location for C&BL work in June 2018 utilizing \$14,000 of grant specific funds for air, hotel and continental breakfast in a "hub city" location. The \$15,000 for the C&BL contractor work will be reviewed and

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resourced possibly through re-adjusted grants and/or other 2018 operational budget adjustments.

### **Actions:**

3. *Moved by Robin Butterfield, seconded by Samantha Eldridge to approve staff to move forward in securing a cost effective option for June C&BL work; no further discussion; all approved, no opposition or abstentions; motion carried.*
4. *Moved by Marita Hinds, seconded by Fredina Drye-Romero to approve engaging the Contractor for C&BL work in an amount not to exceed \$15,000; no further discussion; all approved, no opposition and one abstention; motion carried.*

## V. **Executive Director's Report**

**Discussion:** The All Staff Monthly Report for March-April 2018 was posted by the Executive Director and highlights of the report were covered with the Board, including recent events attended and support by Board members (i.e., WIEA, TEDNA, consultation in New Mexico). For information only, no Board action taken.

## VI. **Board Committee Work**

### **A. Legislative & Resolutions (Advocacy) Committee**

No Board actions, report as of April 2018 on file in DropBox.

### **B. Organizational Policy (Governance) Committee**

No Board actions, report as of March 2018 on file in DropBox.

### **C. Fiscal Committee**

No Board actions other than those addressed above, report as of April 2018 on file in DropBox.

### **D. Convention & Events (C&E) Committee**

**Discussion:** Sponsorship Calls: Based on the approved 2018 budget, the board has a \$20,000 sponsorship goal. Staff will be creating personal call sheets – similar to last year – to assist the board in reaching this goal individually and collectively. The C&E Committee recommends the following four actions:

I – 2018 Convention Theme: *Building Education Nations through Culture, Creativity and Critical Thought.*

II - Committee members:

- A. Anna Ross (MN Public Schools)
- B. Susan Wise (President, Minnesota Indian Education Association)

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- C. David Scata (Mohegan Tribe of CT)
- D. Paula Smith (Mohegan Tribe of CT)
- E. Melvin Monette-Barajas (Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians)
- F. Daphne Littlebear (Pueblo, NM)

III – Six names (in order of priority) for staff to pursue for keynote 2018 convention speakers:

- A. Beth Regan, Mohegan Tribe of CT, Council of Elders
- B. Sterlin Harjo, Filmmaker
- C. Chelsey Iuger, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in North Dakota and Thosh Collins, raised in Salt River, Arizona
- D. Jessie Little Doe Baird, Wampanoag
- E. Denise Juneau, Mandan Hidatsa Tribes and a descendant of the Blackfeet tribe
- F. Wendell Waukau, Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin

IV - Specific support and commitment of the \$20,000 sponsorship Board goal as approved in the 2018 budget.

### **Actions:**

1. ***Moved by Robin Butterfield, seconded by Rene Holt to approve the 2018 Convention Theme of “Building Education Nations through Culture, Creativity and Critical Thought”; no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions or opposition; motion carried.***
2. ***Moved by Robin Butterfield, seconded by Samantha Eldridge to approve the following six names as C&E Committee members: Anna Ross, Susan Wise, David Scata, Paula Smith, Melvin Monette-Barajas and Daphne Littlebear; no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions and one opposition; motion carried.***
3. ***Moved by Fredina Drye-Romero, seconded by Marita Hinds to approve the following six names, in order of priority: Beth Regan, Sterlin Harjo, Chelsey Iuger/Thosh Collins, Jessie Little Doe Baird, Denise Juneau, Wendell Waukau for staff to begin the inquiry, invite and scheduling process for 2018 convention keynote speaker(s); no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions or opposition; motion carried.***
4. ***Moved by Marita Hinds, seconded by Robin Butterfield, to approve the \$20,000 Board convention sponsorship goal as approved in the 2018 budget; no further discussion; no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions or opposition; motion carried.***

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### E. Programs, Projects & Research (PPR)(Education) Committee

**Discussion:** All Board members needed to review workshop/research proposals between May 4th (Friday) and May 18<sup>th</sup> (Friday)—two weeks; in order to stay on schedule. Co-Chair renee holt noted: Samantha Eldridge is a PPR/Education Committee member; Keiki Kawaiaea is the member co-chair with renee holt on the Native Educator, Education sub-committee; and that Board co-chairs for the Native Educational Systems (Robin Butterfield) and Native Research, Evaluation and Assessment (Chris Bordeaux) sub-committees are in the process of securing member co-chairs to serve with them.

The PPR (Education) Committee recommends the Board approve the following three actions:

I - The following eight names for sub-committees:

1. Tarajeon Yazzie Mintz, American Indian College Fund
2. Jeremy Garcia , University of Arizona
3. Valerie Shirley, University of Arizona
4. Lolly Ac'aralek Carpluk, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
5. Mary Wilbur- Director of the Title VI Program for Lake Washington School District, and Chair, of the Western Washington Indian Education Council
6. Norrine Smokey Smith (Washo Tribe)-past Director of Indian Education Program, Portland Public Schools
7. Gail Morris (Tribe)- Director Indian Education, Seattle Public Schools
8. Dr. Star Yellowish- Director Indian Education Oklahoma City Public

II – The name change from “Education” to “Native Control of Education” Committee; and

III – Walter Kahumoku as the member Co-Chair of PPR (tbka Native Control of Education) Committee with rene holt.

#### **Actions:**

1. ***Moved by Marita Hinds, seconded by Robin Buttefield to approve the above eight names for sub-committees; no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions or opposition; motion carried.***
2. ***Moved by Robin Buttefield, seconded by Samantha Eldridge to approve the name change from “Education” Committee to “Native Control of Education” Committee in the proposed C&BL and operationalizing PPR work; no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions or opposition; motion carried.***
3. ***Moved by Robin Butterfield, seconded by Marita Hinds to approve Walter Kahumoku as the member Co-Chair of PPR (tbka Native Control of Education)***

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*Committee with rene holt; no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions or opposition; motion carried.*

### **F. Executive Committee**

No Board actions, report as of March 2018 on file in DropBox

*Action: Moved by Robin Butterfield, seconded by Darrick Franklin to accept the written committee reports as posted no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions or opposition; motion carried.*

### **VII. Updates**

**Re: Updates** - Marita Hinds noted that the Executive Director's earlier detailed update included updates re: WIEA, TEDNA and the recent consultation in New Mexico, so no further updates needed.

**Re: Student Board member vacancy** - Ahniwake Rose noted that the student Board vacancy was posted on February 20<sup>th</sup> (e.g. website, facebook, Twitter, broadcast) and no applications received thus far. Information will be e-mailed to the Board for follow up recruitment. Student Board position will only be for the time period until convention 2018; and so the short-term nature is challenging in recruiting a potential new student board member. Discussion also included possible incentives for recruitment and service.

**Action: Moved by Robin Butterfield, seconded by Fredina Drye-Romero to approve the Board's active recruitment (by the end of May) of eligible students to fill the current student Board vacancy with the incentive of paid student membership for 2018 and 2019; no further discussion; all approved, no abstentions or opposition; motion carried.**

President Jolene Bowman offered an apology for her expressed frustrations; and several Board members graciously accepted.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 24, 2018 @ 3:00 p.m. EST

*Action: Moved by Marita Hinds seconded by Samantha Eldridge to adjourn the meeting; all approved, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m. EST*