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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, November 16, 2021 9:00 - 10:30 AM CST
Zoom Link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83316856927?pwd=YIRsd2xIQ1NGNHZWbVFCQytZN3NVUT09>

Board Members Attendees	Present	Absent Excused	Absent Unexcused
1. Jason P. Dropik, President	X		
2. Dr. Connie Locklear, 1 st Vice President	X		
3. Patricia Whitefoot, 2 nd Vice President		X	
4. Brandon Thoms, Secretary Great Plains General Board Member	X		
5. Dr. Jolene Bowman, At Large General Board Member	X		
6. Tesia Zientek, Treasurer At Large General Board Member	X		
7. Teresa Sarabia, Alaska General Board Member	X Arrived at approximately 9:30 AM CST		
8. Ben Baldwin, Parliamentarium Student Board Member	X		
9. Sara Mae Williams Student Board Member		X	
10. Robin Butterfield, Ombudsman	X		
11. Staff/Guest Time Log In		Time In	Time Out
12. Diana Cournoyer, Executive Director	X		
13. Miriam Davis-Rosenbaum, Organization Operations	X		

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9:04 am	<p>Call Meeting to Order, Prayer & Roll Call: Jason starts with words in Ojibwe: words of gratitude; acknowledging challenges but to also be grateful for the things we have. Talks of the earth and how winter is a time for her to rest. Talks of using our ways of being to overcome challenges and as guidance. Asks for a moment of silence for our own thoughts and prayers.</p>	Jason P. Dropik
9:07 am	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>Motion by Jolene seconded by Connie to approve the Board of Directors meeting agenda for November 16, 2021.</p> <p><u>6</u> Yes: <u>0</u> Opposed: <u>0</u> Abstentions</p>	Jason P. Dropik
9:10 am	<p>Introductions/Check-In</p> <p>Jason invites everyone to check-in if they so wish. Board members take the time to share the goings on in their communities/lives/areas of work.</p>	
9:20 am	<p>Review of Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of committees and assignments-Jason shares document, which is located here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dhDdQz4L3n7YpPuXtpmcMAjn3EgNDuzKNnaTPjJSK8s/edit?usp=sharing Jason gives update on the changes to executive officers and committee chairs. Any new committee members should be submitted to Brandon and Miriam. Connie asks for clarification on the process: says she is awaiting confirmation on whether or not the new committee members are NIEA members in good standing. Diana recommends that we simply hold the meetings and then inform the new members of the NIEA membership requirement. 	

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	<p>Suggests allowing the individuals to sit in the meeting and explain the process to them, including the membership requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason talks of setting goals and engaging the committees to continue to move the committees and organization forward. Suggests getting something out prior to the holidays to help identify what each committee is working towards to allow them to hit the ground running when they reconvene after the holidays. • Connie says she is waiting for NRAY—she is serving as chair in the interim: NRAY met in October but decided to hold off on the next meetings until January due to the meeting dates falling on holidays. Robin adds that Ben is the co-chair of the Governance Committee. Jason says we had talks of moving the Ombudsman to co-chair of governance. • Brandon asks if NEED can meet with Diana and Chris T for a legislative update on BBB Bill. Diana says to email her with the request and who we want included in the meeting. • Yearly Goal Deadline-we would like these back ASAP no later than January 2022. 	
9:40 am	<p>Announcements/Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Elections Continue to Recruit-Jason shares that we may have a Hawaii Nominee coming in the near future. Currently there are two nominations: Alaska (At-Large) and Hawaii. We still need a Northeast candidate. Nominations close December 17. • Connie asks if the criteria still exists of candidates need to have a history of serving on a committee or service to the organization. • Robin says that we broadened the definitaiton of service to include some sort of work or service with the organazation, whether that is helping at a convention or presenting at a convention—this was done to widen the prospective candidate pool. Diana clarifies and refers to board policies and procedures. Robin says if there are any changes to the criteria, it would be done within the constitution & by-laws. • Regional Meetings: Jason shares that these regional meetings are important. Tesia says she met with Diana and Miriam and NIEA will be doing a pre-conference session (Dec 5) for OC (Oklahoma Indian Education Association Conference, December 5 – 7, 2021) and will be doing a blanket exercise and hosting a meal and will share legislative priorities for NIEA during that 	Everyone

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	<p>time. Says there are 89 people registered for that. Connie says her region is planning the blanket exercise for February.</p> <p>Organization Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason again thanks Diana and staff for a great conference. Diana says they printed 970 badges-to include 250 students over the two-days. • Diana says the orgization is currently planning for OC. • Diana is speaking at Lakota Nation Education Confefence and is hosting a meeting there with Association of Community Tribal Schools December 13 -16, 2021. • Diana says communications team met and discussed what next year’s branding and promotion will look like. • Diana says highlighting Indian education proforma grants (Title 6) will be important. Oklahoma is the largest district: Alaska is the largest district in terms of how many students are served. We want to use this time in Oklahoma City to connect with the community (parent advisory committee). W need to find out what did PAC’s look like in the 70s and 80s and what do they look like now. We want to take this year and begin promoting and talking about PACS, what are the formulas, what does it mean for Indian education. Says tribes still have a voice according to the new law even though they are in urban areas. We want to empower tribal leaders and hope it reverberates to other states. The governor has decided to open up the re-writing of the state standards. That’s what our 2022 looks like. Says she wants to involve the board and will be getting more information in December. • Robin says since we lost 6 regional technical centers for OIC: the observation is that there has been turnover in the leadership of those programs and they sometimes lack the urgency the former directors had. Observed a sence of complacency; the programs have been around for 50 years and provide a lot of opportunity for innovation. • Connie is excited about what Diana is doing by bringing in Tribal leaders. And believes there is a lot of power in tribal consutation. Gives her own example of her experience where it was stated that consultation is mandatory and necessary. Giving tribal leaders the tools to use their voice. Is thankful for what Diana is doing. • Diana says her goal is to write the PACs into the legislation. Says superietndant has taken away money from Indian Ed grants and put it to something else—by rewriting the reports. They are not held accountable. Says she wants parents to uphold their responsibility. Will start in January and is going to be aggressive in the statements and communications. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tesia says there has been no guidance on how to bring a complaint. Says Julian says to put it in writing. In NES they've talked about putting together a toolkit. Diana says that's what the committees are for—to work to empower our tribal people, parents, tribal leaders. • Robin says the first meeting under the NACI (National Advisory Council on Indian Education) committee has convened under Biden administration. We need to nominate some people to get on NASI. There's a need for technical assistance. There's been a band aid approach. That doesn't necessarily mean we get the level of technical assistance we need. It's not like the old Indian ed centers where we'd go out to our committees and talk with them on the level of control they have. Says if Diana needs help with Parent Committees and Technical Assistance she will help. • Jason asks where do nominations for NACI go? Robin says to the white house. You could possibly send it to the secretary of education. Says it's a presidential appointment. They accept nominations from tribes and NIEA has nominated in the past. There are five positions open. Says maybe Diana can talk to Chris to check with Julian. Angela Hernandez is over the elementary department of the National Advisory Council on Indian Ed—supposed to oversee all programs that affect Indian students. The chair is Debra Dennisen—San Carlos Apache. Miriam shares email: Angela.Hernandez@ed.gov Website: https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-indian-education/national-advisory-council-on-indian-education-oie/ • Jason says the National environment can be turbulent and if there are ways we can support that as a board we should do that. • Robin says the best way to look at where NACI is, is to look at our last report. We haven't had an actual in-person meeting since covid. Look at the last report to see what they are doing. Maybe NIEA could send a copy of the most recent report out to everybody? Say the reports are due by the end of June: Last one was submitted in August /September. <p>Questions/Good of the Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason asks if there are any other things to share. None. 	

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10:21 pm	<p>Blessing/Final words by Jason /Adjournment: Asks the Creator to keep our people safe and help to guide us in our works.</p> <p>Action: Motion to adjourn meeting by Jolene Bowman, seconded by Connie Locklere.</p> <p><u>7</u> Yes: <u>0</u> Opposed: <u>0</u> Abstentions</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.</p>	