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Oregon Indian Education Association

General Board Meeting
 February 3, 2012
 Chemawa Indian Boarding School

In Attendance: Alison Ball, Christine Bruno, Judy Wiley, Tana Atchley, Se-ah-dom Edmo, Delphine Jackson, Tedi Tanewasha, Jason Rodriguez, Ed Dennis, Brent Spencer, Wei-Wei Lou, Donnie Hale, Brenda Frank, Alan Merrill, Emilio Hernandez, Oskie Yasana

Absent:

Topic	Discussion	Action Items
Invocation & Welcome Role Call Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delphine makes a motion to fill - Brent seconds - Motion passes 	
Mascot Update (Steve Woodcock, Brenda Frank)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gathering research - Tough issue, asked to slow down process and work with Tribes. Asking for consensus was not a wise decision, Tribes have many different opinions. - Over the next few months, a proposal will be made to phase out mascots. - Tremendous pushback from school districts is expected. Need for students, alumni to speak about their experiences. How does this harm kids; how is it bad for them? - Student voices are the most powerful. - Concerns/Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State has no jurisdiction over Federal Schools (ie Chemawa) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic outreach as we build support over the coming months. - March: public comment period (all of the information will be reintroduced) - Brenda will be speaking with the 9 Tribes for the March 8th meeting in Salem, starts at 9am.
State Plan Resolution Update (Steve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Under intensive review. Taking some time. Will get back to us when 	

Woodcock)	they have more info.	
White House Executive order (Steve Woodcock)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objectives: reducing dropout rate, - Develop and implement plan to fulfill the order (annual performance indicators) - Need to hear back from USDOE - Outcomes, but no framework established yet 	
State-wide Indian Special Education Committee (Steve Woodcock)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OIEA would like to have a representative on the committee - Suggestion to bring in someone new who has a specialty in Special Education to work with Steve. - Gap in communication between Indian community within Special Education. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alison will send Steve Judy's contact information
Race/Ethnicity Classification Resolution (Steve Woodcock)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DOE says there is no correlation between funding and reporting of race. - Chris: Parents don't always know about Title XII, not all school districts have Title XII. If we don't know who they are, we cannot contact them. Many students are assumed to not be Native. - Wei-Wei: Identity of students is also an issue. 700-4,000 is the range in numbers depending on how you identify yourself. - Se-ah-dom: None of these definitions were made with input or consultation with any Federally Recognized Tribes. This resolution has been passed by OIEA, then ATNI, and NCAI. Ambiguity that it creates is a problem for districts. - Ed Dennis: Would OIEA be willing to help craft a letter to US DOE to express an interest in revisiting this 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Get a copy of the OIEA, ATNI and NCAI resolutions to Steve Woodcock. - Draft a resolution for NIEA Conference in Oklahoma.

	<p>issue?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alison: The data is skewed and that takes away our power to advocate from them since it won't reflect what is happening to our students. 	
Tana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website/Minutes - Post approved meeting minutes to the website? <p>Tana – Motion to approve minutes Brent – Second 4 abstain 4 in favor Motion passes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Send meeting minutes to Executive Board for review. - Email out meeting minutes to listserv before Board Meeting. - Approve Meeting Minutes at Board Meeting. - Post approved Meeting Minutes to OIEA website.
LUNCH		
OIEA Youth Conference Planning (Tedi)	<p>Teddi – Recommendation to not combine Youth with Adult Conference. Connected with Dean and Rachel at PSU, but rental was over \$1000. May 18-19 are proposed dates. Working with Gina over at COCC.</p> <p>Jason – Linfield would be interested in potentially hosting sometime.</p> <p>Brenda – suggested connecting with Willamette as well.</p> <p>Alison – we've discussed this before to move the Youth Conference to the Fall. There are more resources for programs to fund and also schools are more focused on recruitment and financial aid prep.</p> <p>Tedi – Thoughts for keynote include current Oregon Tribal Leaders or former OIEA Youth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check Willamette University for this Spring - Check Linfield for next Fall - Check Willamette for Fall 2013? - Send Tana the Registration Form/Liability Waiver to put on the website

	<p>Conference attendees who are now in college.</p> <p>LINFIELD has tentatively confirmed for the Spring Youth Conference!!!</p>	
<p>OIEA Annual Conference Planning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grand Ronde April 2-3rd - Theme: Dig Deep: Revitalizing American Indian & Alaska Native Education - Invites to the Governor and DOE - Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Evening, April 1. Board Meeting night before – why do we have this if we also have another meeting for elections at the end of the conference? • Conference April 2-3. • Annual Meeting afternoon of the 3rd. - Registration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take out membership fees and split the cost of the conference with the host. • Host Site Guests – should they be able to have non-paying attendees? What if they are volunteers for the conference? How many? • Vendors – do they get to attend the rest of the conference too? • Offer slots for scholarships toward the conference, but not cover membership dues. - Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move deadline to week before conference <p>Tana made a motion to change the name the Pepper Memorial Scholarship to the Pepper Memorial Award Alan 2nd All in favor Motion passes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Call for presenters will go out on website - Important to talk about drafting resolutions. - Upload Resolution Template to the website. - Get updated list of Title XII from Steve - Check conference registration fee and membership fee

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bylaws: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions for changes/updates? 	
OIEA Committee Reports		
Oregon State Board of Education has openings (Brenda)	<p>June 30th – Brend Frank’s position expires on the Oregon State Board of Education. 4 positions will be open. OIEA should work to support a Native representative to serve a term. At-large position is opening. These are volunteer positions. They cover travel/per diem as reimbursement.</p> <p>Recommendations: someone who is dedicated to education in its pure and abstract form. Can vocalize their ideas. At-large position can come from anywhere. 1969 was the first Native person to sit on the State Board of Ed, he came from Warm Springs. Brenda is the 2nd Native to be on the Board and the first Native to serve as Board Chair. Sit at the table with the rest of the group, represent Tribal and urban/Title XII issues. Must be able to read a ton of stuff. Good position for someone who is young and interested in the political realm who wants to learn about the process. Terms are 4 years. Meetings are January, March, April, May, June, August, October, December. They are a day and a half. Should have some flexibility in their schedule.</p> <p>Call/email Brenda if you have questions or would like to see a reading packet.</p> <p>Brent would like more info. Tedi suggested to see if Tom Ball would be interested.</p>	
Scholarship & Awards Chair (Se-ah-dom)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on IWOK Summer Academy - Two Spirit Conference taking place in PDX - Change deadline for Awards to April 1st or the day before the Conference 	
Communications Chair (Tana)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reminders via listserv and

		<p>Facebook to apply for Awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect with Tribes for their Tribal appointment to the Board. - Add position review to agenda on Sunday. - Add Student Speaker, Award Recipients, etc. to website.
Treasurer's Report (Urbana)	N/A	
Historical/Legislative Chair (Brent)		
Special Education Report (Chris)	Received grant!	
	Brenda: CIS is going to 9 Tribes meeting this month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact Tribal Representatives to make sure that they know about the CIS meeting on 2/16
Announcements	Everyone shared what their programs were up to.	
Adjournment		