**WIEA President’s Report**

**December 17, 2021**

**R. Comfort**

Aaniin my esteemed colleagues in Indian education: I apologize for my absence due to an unexpected illness this morning. Please accept this as my report.

***Sponsorship Request***

**Lumina Project Event Celebration**

Below you will find the final vote tally below for the Lumina sponsorship request. The board took a vote to determine its ruling on the request via email due to the time sensitivity of the request. I appreciate everyone who weighed in, including alternates. For the purpose of this vote, since it was done by email, only seated board members’ votes counted toward the total. There are 13 voting members since I am a non-voting member as President:

Yes: 8

No: 1

Abstain: 2

No response: 2

(13 voting members - 7 YES needed for approval by majority)

***Media & Comms***

**2021-2022 Board Member and Alternate Information Form**

I am currently in the process of reviewing and updating WIEA’s media and communications tools after having received the login credentials for WIEA-related accounts in October. In anticipation of these updates, please complete and submit the 2021-2022 Board Member and Alternate Information Form no later than December 30.

All board members/alternates need to complete this to ensure accurate & up-to-date info

* [WIEA Board & Alternate Information Form](https://forms.office.com/r/1aSM7MzenJ) Due December 30

***Annual Programming and Events***

**Legislative Breakfast** *Volunteers needed ASAP!*

If we are going to move forward with planning the Legislative Breakfast for February, we need volunteers ASAP who are willing to help with planning, including a planning committee chair.

If you are available to volunteer to help coordinate the event, please email me or one of the officers.

**Annual Conference**

Miigwech to Audra and the SE Region conference planning committee for getting out the Save the Date, which has been posted on the WIEA Facebook Page.

**RHC Brainstorming Notes - Organizational Planning & Operations**

**Please be ready to pick subcommittee assignments at the January meeting.**

Below is a -DRAFT- of proposed subcommittees based on WIEA’s organizational needs from a mission-driven lens. Please review the bulleted notes for each committee below and begin thinking about which one(s) you’d like to be involved with or have questions about.

I will be continuing to develop and expand on each of the sections while reviewing for anything I may have missed. This will be a big agenda item in January. Prior to the meeting, I will send out a final draft for the board to review and ask that we discuss it and respond to the expanded document during the meeting.

Scholarships *external focus*

* Coordinate WIEA scholarships (general)
* Assists with Buck Martin Scholarship

Membership & Communications *external focus*

* Responsible for maintaining email-related membership communications including the monthly newsletter and other news and updates
* Keeps membership engaged through social media

Operations and Board Governance *internal focus*

* Develop, implement **board member orientation**
* Lead review of bylaws, engage board members in process
* Develop policies and procedures, adopt and standardize best practices for board operation and management
  + Conflict of interest
  + Contracting services (RFP and bidding)
  + Ethics statement

Policy and Advocacy  *external focus*

* Identifies advocacy opportunities
* Tracks key issues in priority areas
* Develops policy strategy, exercises leadership to help board with implementation
* Monitor and track activity at state and local (district) levels
* Propose, maintain, and update resolutions
* Mascot & Logo Taskforce-related work
* Assess policy impacts (determined to be relevant to Indian education)

Outreach *external/internal*

* Lead outreach and recruitment efforts to identify and engage potential board members
* Develop outreach strategy for fostering tribal partnerships, growing network
* Identify fundraising opportunities and solicit sponsorship

Please let me know if you have any questions.