

MIIN - Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 19, 2024

[Zoom Link](#)

I. Call to order

Board Chair Miigis Gonzalez calls to order the regular meeting of the MIIN Board of Directors at 5:30pm on February 19, 2024 via ZOOM meeting.

II. Roll call

Secretary Wm Howes conducts a roll call: William Howes III, Melissa Boyd, Miigis Gonzalez, Joe Nayquonabe, Jr., Michael Sullivan, Dustin Burnette (E.D.)

Members absent: none

Motion to approve tonight's Agenda by M. Boyd, seconded by J. Nayquonabe; no discussion - Approved unanimously

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Link to DATES of last meeting meeting minutes: Motion to approve the minutes by M. Boyd, seconded by M. Sullivan, no discussion - Approved unanimously

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IV. New Topics

a) [OPD Editor Report](#)

1. Would any MIIN board members be interested in volunteering to discuss features and/or to beta test features for the community-enabled editing software?
2. Is there any collaboration that MIIN would be interested in doing in regards to gathering the feedback from OPD Dictionary users about the web design?
3. Informal OPD agreement with MIIN - What are the goals of the grant? Mobile friendly website; faster/more efficient website options; and enable community editing and entries. MIIN as an Advisory Board - who is initiating the formal side of an official agreement between OPD and MIIN? It really is John Nichols and Nora Livesay, as the OPD is truly just hosted by the University of MN. There are administrative issues at the University of MN that are slowing this down. M. Sullivan recommends that OPD submits an official agreement to the UofM

leadership and the UofM initiates the formal agreement with MIIN. M. Boyd recommends that the American Indian Studies Board Chair, Vicente Diaz, at UofM receives the MOU and he presents it to leadership. N. Livesay will make it a part of her performance evaluation and push it forward through the appropriate official channels.

b) [Executive Director Report](#)

Veracity Pros will take over CPA services for MIIN; How does MIIN better network with donors and members to bring in funding? This is a future long-term goal of MIIN efforts to ensure MIIN is considered for contract work and/or specific translation services; MPR messaging from Board members? Naawakwe will help with FDL specific things and things in general; Baabiitaw will help; Migizi will help as well; Joe will help as well;

c) Revisions to the Policies in the area of adding Retirement and Salary Negotiations related to selection of various benefits like Health Benefits

V. Action Items

a) [OPD Partnership Agreement \(MOU\)](#)

b) [Less Commonly Taught Languages Grant Application](#)

c) [Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa](#) (contract)

d) [Personnel Policies](#) pg. 43, XII - specifically the Retirement rate

e) Contractor - Aazhoo-bines

f) [Organizational Budget Modification](#)

g) [CPA service with Veracity Pros](#)

Approval of all Action Items a) through g): unanimously approved with edits to health insurance coverage starting immediately on date of hire.

VI. Ongoing Topics

a) none

VII. Adjournment - meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

Minutes submitted by: William Howes III

Minutes approved by:  _____