



WORLD INDIGENOUS NATIONS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

WINHEC Newsletter

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Greetings from the WINHEC Co-Chairs Hohaia Collier and Laura Horton

Kia Ora, Boozhoo, Bures, Etlante! Hello again to all of you and we hope your year has been well. Progress is being made by Indigenous people globally. We recognize progress in many ways as more Indigenous stories are being told on screen, in books and in publications such as our **WINHEC Journal** which you can find on our website. Miigwech Dr. Peter Anderson and your crew for getting this important work done!

Our **2018 WINHEC AGM** is fast approaching which coincides with the Indigenous Youth Gathering followed by our **WIREC** World Indigenous Research Education Conference. The Sami have been working hard to ensure we are well taken care of as we learn about their lands, people and ways of being. Registration is open at www.winhec.org.

Country/Nation Representatives are to arrive early as our Executive Board Meeting is at 3:00 Sunday. You are also reminded to submit your joint Nation/Country Report by July 15th to Hohaia and Laura (Hohaia.Collier@twor-otaki.ac.nz, laurah@7generations.org). The written report may cover the many regions you represent and highlight issues related to your various institutes with respect to WINHEC business. There is no limitation on length of the written report. Further to the written report, each Country/Nation is to present a joint oral report on Monday within a 10 minute timeslot. The oral report may be done with power point to give visual depth to your presentation and highlight the written report. Please keep your oral report relative to WINHEC business and within the timeframe given. Written reports will be posted on the website.

Remember, WINHEC is about all of us remembering and acting with our best indigenous minds, hearts, spirits and beings. We seek to uplift one another in our thinking and engaging in our work. If you have need for a working committee or talking circle to deal with a specific issue, submit your request to us. You must be willing to facilitate the discussion.

WINHEC meaning of Higher Education as accepted at WINHEC AGM 2016, Otaki.

Originally, WINHEC was designed for "Higher Education", postsecondary or tertiary education. Originally, WINHEC accepted a specific western concept accepted from the mainstream education system. As Indigenous peoples we recognize that "education" is a lifelong process and occurs across time, space, and place and within

relationships. As Indigenous peoples we also recognize the cycle of education as elders pass knowledge to those younger and the younger learn from all of creation through a lifetime of learning and sharing. During WINHEC's early years, we have made space for P-12 and community programs that cross all ages. WINHEC has embraced like-minded Indigenous peoples in our journey to remember, share, and relearn our respective teachings. In doing so, we have been humbled by the depths and heights of knowledge held in our languages, songs, stories, and ceremonies. We now understand "Higher Education" as that which opens our Indigenous minds to all that has been given to us by Creator and challenges us to be who we were intended to be as Indigenous peoples. We must remember and take our place in this world and seek to stand on our highest ground, with our clearest Indigenous minds, hearts, spirit and body, reaching for Indigenous Higher Education.



WINHEC AGM 2017 Highlights

Much was accomplished during our 2-day AGM hosted by Six Nations Polytechnic. What an incredible job SNP did, completing their WINHEC Accreditation process, and hosting the North American Indigenous Games, WINHEC AGM, and WIPC:E! Well done. Rebecca and her team are to be commended for their thoughtful work and dedication. We learned much about your institute and the people you serve. We also enjoyed the international networking required to meet our objectives within our few days. It was wonderful meeting the many young people from Australia who are ready to take up the WINHEC challenge. Everyone should follow suit and bring people from your organizations who can carry us forward.

Congratulations to our newly accredited institutions- Six Nations Polytechnic and Fond Du Lac Tribal/Community College. Congratulations also goes to Red Crow Community College, Yellowhead Tribal College and Yellow Quill College all receiving joint NIAB/WINHEC Accreditation. Our MOU with the National Indigenous Accreditation Board provides a model for countries to partner with WINHEC in an accreditation process that is true to indigenous frameworks.

We hope you have utilized the WINHEC video produced by Thru the Red Door while we were attending our AGM. It is a powerful video which encapsulates all that we do in a few minutes. It is on our website and is a great tool to help you explain why we are committed to WINHEC.

Our Constitution has been revised and was distributed during the AGM. We will put it to a vote this year.



WINHEC 2017 Election and Appointment

WINHEC Executive: (3 year term)

Co-Chairs: Dr Laura Horton

Dr Hohaia Collier

Treasurer/Secretary: Umi Jensen

Country/Nation Representatives: (1 year term also members of Exec Board)

Country/Region	Representative	Representative
U.S.A. Mainland (4)	Carrie Billy	Liz Jaakola
	Roxanne DeLille	Sonny Peacock
Hawaii (2)	Namaka Rawlins	Konia Freitas
Alaska (2)	Dr. Ray Barnhardt	Dr. Sean Topkok
Aotearoa (2)	Dr. Hohaia Collier	Teina Mataira
Australia (4)	Prof. Boni Robertson	Dr. Gary Thomas
	Prof. Anita Lee Hong	Prof. Peter Buckskin
In training	Emily Sutton	Jason Brailey
	Inala Cooper	
Canada (4)	Doreen Beauchamp	Dr. Rebecca Jamieson
	Dr. Delbert Horton	Dr. Laura Horton
Sapmi (2)	Elisabeth Utsi-Gaup	Ellen Inga O. Heatta
Asia/Taiwan (2)	vacant	vacant

WINHEC Executive Board:

Consists of both the Executive and the Country/Nation Representatives as listed above.

WINHEC Board of Accreditation Executive:

Co-Chair PSE

Dr. Ray Barnhardt

Co-Chairs P-12

Dr. Keiki Kawai'ae'a

Dr. Walter Kahumok

WINHEC BoA Executive Board Country Voting Members:

Roxanne DeLille

Prof. Peter Buckskin

Dr. Peter Hanohano

Lisa Baal

Dr. Delbert Horton

Global Indigenous Elders Alliance:

Co-Chairs

Aunty Anne Leisha

Dr. Delbert Horton

World Indigenous Research Alliance/Journal:

Co-Chairs

Dr. Paul Whitinui

Dr. Onawa McIvor

Journal Editor

Dr. Peter Anderson

Student Access and Engagement:

Co-Chairs Rene Dubay Melvin Abraham

Membership:

Chair Umi Jensen

Branding (communication, ECOS):

Chair Dr. Gary Thomas

World Indigenous Nations University Executive: (3 year term)

Chancellor Dr. Jan Henry Keskitalo

Deputy Chancellor Prof. Boni Robertson

Vice Chancellor Dr. Peter Hanohano

**WINHEC Executive Co-Chairs Meeting, May 4-6, Kerikeri, NZ.**

The WINHEC Executive Co-Chairs met to address issues and prepare for the 2018 AGM. Laura and Delbert were in Aotearoa so we made the best of a great opportunity to catch up with Hohaia. We talked story, enjoyed a cuppa, and addressed some key issues.

Our AGM agenda has been confirmed to date and is included. We are open to working groups or talking circles to be expanded. If interested, submit your issue to us with a critical question/issue; what you hope to gain; who you hope will attend; and be willing to facilitate the session. Facilitation includes preparing your agenda and submitting a report with recommendations or motions to be addressed by the Executive Board.

We also video chatted with Keiki, BoA Co Chair. She is actively working on an accreditation data base project. Over the past 12 years, our data has grown beyond our storage capacity. She and her team are working on a solution. More to be shared in the BoA sessions.

WINHEC is revisiting old friends and they are expected in Sapmi. This includes our Taiwanese cousins. We are reminded that we must attend our AGM's and get actively involved to keep WINHEC real once we are back to our day jobs. We are making waves in our countries and our Indigenous relatives are remembering what we started. Country Nation Reps are reminded to connect with all your mates to ensure they are booking flights and getting ready.

Country/Nation representatives and anyone holding office must be a Member. Check with your institution to see if your fees are paid. Please have your institute head or their finance person go to our website and fill in the membership section to pay your institution fees. It is a simple process. You can pay with credit card or be invoiced. Please do this so we know who to invoice. That has been the greatest challenge. Thanks. Registration fees are for all attendees. The website is open with early bird rates for both WINHEC and WIREC.

Huge Break Through In Canada!!! In Ontario, Canada, the Indigenous Institutes Act 2017 was passed in December. Ontario now recognizes Indigenous Institutes equal to Universities and Colleges. Of course a whole system must be developed to do this and so the Indigenous Advanced Education and Skills Development (IAESD) branch has been created. Delbert sits on the inaugural council and Laura sits on the Quality Assurance Board. It gets better... Remember, WINHEC BoA has accredited 4 indigenous institutes in Ontario- Seven Generations Education Institute, First Nations Technical Institute, Shingwauk Kinomaage Gamig and Six Nations Polytechnic. Ontario mainstream accreditation processes did not meet our needs so we went with WINHEC. Hawaii has taken us further now Hawaiian institutions may be accredited through their mainstream process or WINHEC BoA. What a brilliant idea! Ontario and PEQAB have been informed, and they agree, that IAESD is to create a partnership to apply our BoA process in Ontario. We are not there yet but we recognize that Australia is also on the same pathway.

We need a Protocol and Policy to guide us worldwide. We are supportive and inclusive and staunchly protective of working with others not just giving things away to be changed. We are working on the process to present at the AGM.



2017 WINHEC AGM, Registration and Agenda

WINHEC 2018 AGM **online registration** and payment process is **open with early bird fees until June 1st**. Registration closes Aug. 1st. Please go to the WINHEC website www.winhec.org and follow the registration process. Registration covers meeting expenses, meals and shuttles.

Hosted by: Sami University of Applied Sciences and
Sami High School and Reindeer Husbandry School

Dates: Sun., Aug 19- Wed., Aug. 22 2018. (WIREC follows)

Transportation from Alta to Guovdageaidnu is being worked on by the Sami planning committee.

WINHEC 2018 Preliminary Meetings Agenda

Date: Sun., Aug. 19, 2018

Location: Diehtosiida, Sámi University of Applied Sciences

Time	Agenda Item
Sun., Aug. 19, 2018.	
10:00	WINHEC Executive Committee and Local Planning Committee joint meeting <i>Nation/Country reps are welcome to attend.</i>
12:00	Lunch provided for Local Planning Group, WINHEC Exec Board and WINHEC BoA Working Lunch- Board of Accreditation Preliminary Meeting Others to continue as needed
2:45	Sustenance break- coffee, tea
3:00- 5:30	WINHEC Executive Board (<i>Exec and Nation/Country Reps</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm attendance of WINHEC Executive Board Members, Executive Committee Members, Board of Accreditation Co-Chairs and Members

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Role and Responsibilities, Update contact information Review 2017 Minutes and Working Committee Reports- Address issues, discuss and resolve accordingly Review Constitution presented 2017 AGM for final vote Discuss need for WINHEC Protocols when dealing with mainstream governments and institutions (WINHEC BoA and the World- Update on Ontario and Australia fronts with regards to potential partnerships with WINHEC to utilize BoA process.)
	Succession Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify vacancies arising immediately, Executive members are encouraged to step up, identify those who could be mentored or ready now
	WINHEC Research Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief on what they are. How might we share? WINHEC does not have market but wants to be recognized when our work is used elsewhere
6:00	Dinner on own
TBD	<i>WINHEC 2018 AGM Registration at hotels</i>

2018 WINHEC AGM Agenda (Draft 4)

Dates: Mon. Aug 20 to Wed., Aug 22, 2018, noon
(WIRA follows- noon Aug 22- noon Aug 24)

Location: Diehtosiida, Sámi University of Applied Sciences
Guovdageaidnu (also known as Kautokaino), Norway

Time	Agenda Item
Mon., Aug 20	
7:30	Breakfast at your hotel, included in your rates.
8:30-8:45	Shuttle from/to Arctic Motel (5 minute walking distance from Villmarksenter and Thon Hotel)
8:45	Tea/coffee at meeting venue
9:00	Cultural Welcome by SHS&RHS and SUAS; officials, Cultural Response WINHEC Co-Chairs AGM- Introduction to 2018-19 Executive Board Members Overview of WINHEC Agenda and 3 day Indigenous Youth Camp.
10:00	Short coffee/tea break Exec Co-Chair Report 2017-18 Present Constitution Financial Report Nation Reports- Highlighting Efforts directly related to WINHEC business
12:00	Lunch
1:00	1. Tour of Site
Choose 1	2. Marketing WINHEC Research Standards- Boni Robertson?
	3. Board of Affirmation- Training on Accreditation Process
3:00	Sustenance Break
3:30	Continued workgroup meetings as needed or free time
7:00	Cultural Event TBA and dinner
Tues., Aug. 21	
7:30	Breakfast at your hotel, included in your rates.

8:30-8:45	Shuttle from/to Arctic Motel <i>(5 minute walking distance from Villmarksenter and Thon Hotel)</i>
8:45	Tea/coffee at meeting venue
9:00	Cultural Opening-possibly Hawaii/Aotearoa
9:30 Choose 1	Full Day Working Sessions or Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Board of Accreditation- refer to BoA Agenda 2. Confirmation of WINHEC Protocols, MOU's to guide WINHEC membership when working with Mainstream governments and institution 3. Best Practices and strategies pertaining to Indigenous presence in higher education, research and accreditation Other as requested by WINHEC member willing to facilitate session
9:30	Closed WINU- Board members only- refer to WINU agenda
10:00	Short Coffee/Tea Break
12:00	Lunch
3:00	Sustenance Break
6:00	WINU Honorary Doctorate Conferral
7:00	Dinner and Cultural Event TBA
Wed., Aug 22	
7:30	Breakfast at your hotel, included in your rates.
8:30-8:45	Shuttle from/to Arctic Motel <i>(5 minute walking distance from Villmarksenter and Thon Hotel)</i>
8:45	Tea/coffee at meeting venue
9:00	Cultural Opening-possibly US/Canada
9:20	Presentation of Reports Executive Board to Respond as required
10:30	Short coffee/tea break
10:45	Presentation of WINHEC Circle of Honours Awards WINHEC moving forward and Official closing of WINHEC 2018 AGM 2019- Blue Quills, Alberta 2020- Fond du Lac, Minnesota 2021-
12:00	<i>Lunch for those registered with WIREC 2018 only</i>



Membership Categories and Fee Structure

WINHEC Membership Categories and Fees have been uploaded to the Website. Please review carefully. You should be a WINHEC member through your institution or organizations who pay fees or as an individual who pays their own fees. Please review and identify accordingly. We need to tighten our Membership Lists for actions to be taken in the future as we seek funding avenues.

Remember, AGM registration fees are different and paid by all who attend. Membership is a choice we make to be part of our vibrant and strongly Indigenous Consortium.



Website Updates www.winhec.org

- WINHEC Membership Application is activated online with secure online payment system;
- BoA Accreditation Handbooks are online;
- WINHEC Journal 2017 is online. Congratulations to Dr. Peter Anderson and his crew!