

# ***MIIN - Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network***

## ***Meeting Agenda***

Date: February 13, 2023

[Zoom Link](#)

### **I. Call to order**

Board Vice-Chair Michael Sullivan calls to order the regular meeting of the MIIN Board of Directors at 5:40pm on February 13, 2023 via ZOOM meeting.

### **II. Roll call**

Secretary Wm Howes conducts a roll call.

Members Presents: Migizi Michael Sullivan, Baabiitawigiizhigookwe Melissa Boyd, Jiigewegaabaw Joe Nayquonabe, Naawakwe William Howes III

Staff and Others:Gimiwan Dustin Burnette, Zhaangweshi Brooke Simon, Nora Livesay

Members Absent: Niizhwaasanangookwe Miigis Gonzalez

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Link to DATES of last meeting meeting minutes:

[November 28, 2022 MIIN Board of Directors Meeting](#) : Motion to approve by Naawakwe and second by Jiigewegaabaw; Discussion: none; Passes Unanimously

### **IV. Action Items**

- a) Listed action to be taken/decided: Review email on Policy Changes from E.D. Gimiwan and respond to it

### **V. Ongoing Topics**

- a)

### **VI. New Topics**

- a) [Exec Director Report](#) : Note for Board to review email from E.D. on recommended policy changes from contracted Agency; Is there a need for more consistent Board meetings? Not at this time - stay with Quarterly; Overview of Recent Presentations - 2 presentations at FDL Ojibwemowin Language

Symposium for \$500.00 each for a total of \$1,000.00 to MIIN, Anishinaabemowin-teg for no compensation, Language Presentation for Walpole Island for no compensation; Facebook Page and GoFundMe Donation Page; \*Motion to accept E.D. report by Baabiitaw, seconded by Jiigwewegaabaw, unanimously accepted

- b) Presentation of Request from Nora Livesay (motion to amend tonight's agenda was made during meeting by Naawakwe, seconded by Jiigwewegaabaw, unanimously approved): Two Requests:
1. Proposal to collaborate on the OPD where MIIN will serve as an Advisory role (policy issues, outreach to the Ojibwe communities who use the OPD, finding an editor of the OPD who is an Ojibwe Linguist and is a permanent Tenure-track position based on University Funds);
  2. Should the UofM discontinue its support of the OPD, MIIN shall become the housing agency of the website and the ones responsible for providing an Editor (the OPD is in a precarious position given that the Editor position is soft-funded and not guaranteed; the domain Ojibwemowin.org is owned by Nora Livesay and once the web-design work is done, it will be moved off the current University web-host "RubyOnRails" and hosted somewhere else; this would cost \$200.00/monthly and then \$75.00/year for domain name ownership)
- \*(Background information - the web platform format was changed by the University of MN Library System which changed the database structure making it less friendly to update and edit on the technical back-end issues and limiting its functionality)
- \*\*Discussion: Suggested campaigning to networks in Board Member's realm to put pressure on UofM to maintain and support the OPD legitimately (There are not any political or procedural issues from the Board reaching out to contacts and networks about putting pressure on); Is there a timeline for a decision on either of the two Requests? No, there is no timeline for either. Who would MIIN enter into an agreement with for either request? The OPD Editor (currently Nora Livesay). Who owns everything in OPD? How could it be handed over from UofM to MIIN? The data sits in a database on various servers, programming language from webhost (currently RubyOnRails), Grouple open source program to create things like menus and headers.
- Can we get a form letter from Nora Livesay that we can cite in our requests of support for the OPD from our contacts? Yes, that will be sent

## VII. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 7:04pm by Vice-chair Migizi

Minutes submitted by: William Howes III

Minutes approved by:  \_\_\_\_\_