



WORLD INDIGENOUS NATIONS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

# WINHEC Newsletter

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Greetings from the WINHEC Co-Chairs Dr. Elmer J. Guy and Dr. Jolan Hsieh

Greetings to our amazing WINHEC family in our languages- Ya'ateh, Tabe Imumi, Nga'ay ho, nanguanguaq sun, Sndamac su bale, Aloha, Tansi, Aniin, Kia Ora, Boozhoo, Burris, Bures, Etlante and so many more! We hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. As we are in different places and most of us into their holiday season, our thoughts turned to you - our WINHEC family around the world. We acknowledge your resilience and commitment through these challenging times and send our best wishes and prayers to you and your beloved family.

## PRELIMINARY REPORT 2020 AGM (25-27 November 2020)

### WINHEC's First Virtual AGM

WINHEC 2020 was hosted by Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia. By Professor Leanne Holt.

Thank you for attending this year's historic Virtual WINHEC AGM Event, hosted by Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.

What an outstanding job by Dr. Leanne Holt, Taylah Pearce and Tyren Ah-See! Leanne, you, and your team have achieved an historical success in hosting the first **VIRTUAL WINHEC AGM** to an international audience and across all our different time-zones. It was truly uplifting and inspiring in the face of the challenges that we are all facing in our homelands dealing with the pandemics of COVID-19.

We thank you for your time taken to attend and hope you enjoyed the session(s) you tuned in for. We had 190 online registrations and representation by Country of origin is as follows:  
Alaska: 0 (even though there were attendees were from Alaska, they must not have registered)

Aotearoa: 9  
Canada: 36  
Taiwan: 5

Australia: 44  
Hawaii: 9  
USA: 60

Chile: 1  
Norway: 26

Out of the 190 registrations, 34 said they are current WINHEC members.  
The registrations were from 95 different institutions (not incl. some listed as independent and retired).

Wednesday's 25th November 2020 meetings averaged 54 attendees

Thursday's 26th November 2020 meetings averaged 58 attendees

Friday's 27th November 2020 meetings averaged 45 attendees

Taylah and Tyren, thank you for all the support you provided to Leanne, and Australia, as the host country. Great work and much appreciated by members of the WINHEC Board and other WINHEC committees.



### **WINHEC Founders Share Historical Background**

We were blessed and touched by the participation of Rongo Wetere, Laura Horton and Lionel Bordeaux for sharing the creation stories and origins of WINHEC and WINU. Some of our members would like to set aside time for our previous Chairs to share their stories of WINHEC's and WINU's beginnings at future AGM's.

We are hopeful that the current accomplishments of WINHEC is what our founders had hope for.



### **WINHEC GIEA/Youth**

Virtual meeting turns out to be a good way to keep us all connected. Thank you all for a wonderful GIEA sessions. As soon as we get the necessary approvals to share the youth presentation, we will let you know and will be available on WINHEC's website.



### **WINHEC Journal and WIRA**

We are greatly indebted and sincerely appreciate the work of Dr. Paul Witnui, Onowa and their members for bringing WIRA and the Journal to its formation.  
After six-years, Paul made his official announcement that he will be stepping down from his role.

In the interim, to maintain the ongoing growth of the Journal and WIRA, a formal proposal will be sent to the WINHEC Executive Committee for consideration and endorsement. Rongo, Paul, Onowa and other volunteers will work on a transition plan and next steps in the WIRA journey.



### **WINHEC Final Review of Constitution and Practice Handbook Amendments**

A Working sub-group was formed to review and align the WINHEC Constitution and Practice Handbook. The sub-group will be led by Leanne Holt, with support from Boni Robertson and Berice Anning. Our efforts are to make sure we have information and rules cohesive and present to the Executive Committee in February 2021; and present amendments in Constitution for consideration at the 2021 AGM.



### **WINHEC WINU and WINU-HP**

Congratulations to WINU and WINU-HP for their new and valuable development. Information will be soon be linked to WINHEC website.



### **WINHEC Finance**

Sean Asiqlup Topkok will lead finance committee to apply for funding, including from our Sami Family's support for international collaboration project grant.



### **WINHEC Website**

This year we transitioned over to a new website at <https://winhec.org>. We would like to thank Hone Underwood from Te Wānanga o Raukawa in Aotearoa for all his work over the years maintaining the previous website. We also want to invite you to say THANK YOU to Eddie Walker from Te Wānanga o Aotearoa who is leading our website team. The new website will help us manage our memberships more effectively and reduce costs. If you visit the site today, you will be able to make nominations of the WINHEC Circle of Honors and WINU Honorary Doctorates and get information about our next WINHEC AGM. Go check it out [now...](#)



## WINHEC 2019 AGM Taiwan

We would also like to thank Jolan Hsieh and her team for hosting us in Taiwan in 2019. It seems an age since we were able to gather without having to be social distanced. A short video and report of 2019 AGM were posted on the [website](#) to celebrate the occasion.



## WINHEC 2021 AGM Canada

WINHEC 2021 AGM + World Indigenous Research Conference announcement is available on website. Registration is now Open! We encourage everyone to attend. The local host Blue Quills in Treaty Six Territory (Alberta, Canada).

**HAVE A SAFE, and ENJOYAABLE HOLIDAYS!!**



## WINHEC Complete 2020 AGM Evaluation Survey

It is important for our team to reflect and evaluate the structure and content of this year's event. If you haven't complete the short evaluation survey, please complete at [https://it-mqu.formstack.com/forms/winhec\\_2020](https://it-mqu.formstack.com/forms/winhec_2020)

We value and appreciate your feedback. Any questions regarding this survey please email [tyren.ah-see@mq.edu.au](mailto:tyren.ah-see@mq.edu.au)