



WORLD INDIGENOUS NATIONS HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

WINHEC AGM 2019- National Dong Hwa University, Hualian, Taiwan

## WINHEC Executive Co-Chair's Report

Dr. Laura Horton

Dr. Elmer J. Guy



WINHEC 2018 - Guovdageaidnu

Miigwech to Sami joatkkaskuvla ja boazodolloskuvl and Sami allaskuvla for hosting our WINHEC AGM , WINHEC Youth Camp and our World Indigenous Research Alliance. We are grateful for your kindness. Thank you to all who helped make our meetings a huge success. Your facilities were phenomenal, your youth impressive, your land and forever sunlight memorable. Special thanks to Ellen Inga and Gunvor for leading your respective schools.



### **WINHEC Remembers**

#### **2012 AGM- Taiwan**

National Dong Hwa University hosted WINHEC AGM and our first WIRA, World Indigenous Research Alliance Conference.

Miigwech for welcoming us back to your home.

We look forward to learning more about your people. It is good to be back.

*I, Laura, post this respectfully recognizing that not everyone walks with us in this physical realm anymore. We remember, with love. And, yes, that is my forehead and Elmer is holding the stick.*

## Executive Co-Chairs Report 2019.

Tabē, Etlanta, She:kon, Cw:en, Aanii, Burris, Tansi, Boozhoo Niwiichiwig minawaa Kia ora tatou katoa! These are but a few ways to express greetings in our Indigenous languages. If you do not see/hear your language, please call it out, and share in writing so we continue to capture the sounds given to the Indigenous peoples globally.

As Executive Co-Chair, I wish to acknowledge the traditional lands of the Pangcah people and the Indigenous peoples of Taiwan. Their history is complex and to hear a small part of their story is an honour.

Miigwech to Jolan and her team from the National Dong Wha University for hosting us again! Both Laura and I attended back in 2012 and we have fantastic memories of your people, the welcoming ceremony, the lands and the waters that we visited. The line up this week is fantastic and we are excited that you have made the journey.

Welcome WINHEC family and friends. Greetings to you all – Youth, elders, leaders, and of course the staff of our various institutes who support our efforts. Miigwech for being here, and continuing the work we choose to accept.

*We acknowledge the Holy people in the east, south, west and north for bringing us safely together from our respective homes. We ask Holy people to help us through our AGM that we may get our work done in a good way, with open ears, hearts, and minds, to speak with good voices so our people's lives may improve. We ask Holy people to be with us as we respectfully honour those who have moved WINHEC forward in the past, in the present and those yet to join us.*

As you may have noticed, Laura is unable to join us this AGM. A persistent ear infection has grounded her, no flying on Doctor's orders. She booked her flight months ago and is saddened not to be here to complete her term as Executive Co-Chair this week. She will not be standing for re-election. As you may be aware, her life partner, Delbert-iban, passed away Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> after an MRI detected several growths in his brain in November. Everything went quickly. Delbert-iban signed the WINHEC Charter on the hills of Kananaskis, Alberta, Canada with Laura and Elder Ann Wilson-iban standing with him. They, representing Seven Generations Education Institute, have walked with WINHEC since 2002, sat on many Accreditation committees and hopefully, left a mark. She sends her love and best wishes for a great WINHEC AGM and Community Engagement. Yangwamizin- be determined.

WINHEC suffered another loss this year. Aunty Anne Leisha-iban also passed away suddenly this past winter. Her community and Griffith University have suffered a great loss. She was a vibrant and feisty Aunty who spoke clearly from the heart. She and Delbert-iban were the Co-Chairs of the Global Indigenous Elders Alliance. They will be missed. This year Vicki-Ann Speechley-Golden will sit in their place. The GIEA have a Sharing Circle with elders and youth each AGM. They also joined the Youth Camp for part of their session, gave advice to the

Executive and helped share teachings from their respective Indigenous Nation. Both Delbert and Aunty Ann did their work with the spirit of respect, kindness, caring, wisdom and laughter.

The GIEA Co-Chair positions need to be filled. Please present names to your respective Country/Nation Representative. As WINHEC Board members, they will bring forward the names for the full Board to come to agreement upon.

... Dr. Horton and I would like to offer a minute of silence for individuals who have left us for the spirit world ...

This has been a very different year for WINHEC.

It has also been productive. Various meetings have been conducted face to face and via Zoom. Zoom has proven to be an effective tool to gather all nations. Unfortunately, there is someone up very late while others are just waking up to make things happen. Zoom is a good tool to help us share thoughts and work loads to move forward. Miigwech Hohaia and his team for hosting many meetings to prepare for this AGM.

WINHEC success is due to our members, our commitment to do the work, to make change so we enact "Our Education, Our Way". We are a participatory consortium so never be shy to offer an idea and then do the work to make the agreed upon idea, a reality. We are the people, working for the people.

### **]Highlights of WINHEC 2018-19**

#### *WINHEC Leadership Meeting*

- ✓ WINHEC Constitution revised and available
- ✓ WINU Constitution revised and available
- ✓ WINHEC Newsletter 2018:3 written
- ✓ AGM 2019 planning

*Planning for WINHEC AGM 2020 with WIPCE- Tandanya (Adelaide) Australia, Nov. 1-6..*

WINHEC will be held in Tandanya (Adelaide) prior to WIPCE. This will be Year 2 of our 3 Year Cycle meaning we need 3 days for meetings. Oct. 28-31 are suggested dates giving time for the Executive Board to meet prior to the AGM plus meeting dates.

#### *WINHEC Board of Accreditation*

Miigwech to Keiki and Walter for finalizing the new, combined Board of Accreditation Handbook. This version addresses needs of Postsecondary, P-12 as well as Teacher Education programs all in one handbook. Training will be available this week to those who wish to sit on an Accreditation Site Visit Team. The work includes reading, listening, discussing, writing and of course, learning about another culture and their issues which may take you around the globe. This is a highlight for all WINHEC members.

## *WINU Developments*

Hohaia, Peter and Boni have been work hard to complete the WINU Constitution

Yesterday, Hohaia provided us an overview of the WINU Constitution and we appreciate your comments and recommendations provided.

## *WINHEC Practice Handbook*

Miigwech to Leanne Holt for completing the final revisions of the WINHEC Practice Handbook. All things WINHEC should be included in this Handbook. It is a living document and is to be revised as needed. It is available for distribution.

## **AGM 2019 Calls to Action**

Again, the agenda is filled with opportunities to get involved, learn more, and roll up our sleeves and to get our work done.

\*\*\* This is **ELECTION YEAR**- step into a leadership role

### **1 Executive Co-Chairs (F), Secretary and Treasurer**

1. Members of a country/nation identify their Country/Nation Representatives.
2. **Only COUNTRY/NATION Representatives can run for office and VOTE.**
3. The Executive Co-Chairs, Secretary and Treasurer, may give up their voting privilege as Country/Nation Rep on the WINHEC Board. Another of their Country/Nation members may be put on the Board. That executive person, would have no vote.

\*\*\* Take the Training offered by the Board of Accreditation

\*\*\* Volunteer

1. Attend the sessions of your choice and add energy to face the challenges and effect change.
2. Ensure your membership is up to date.

To the WINHEC executive board members and all chairs, we acknowledge you. Yangwamizin, be determined. To our new members and returning people to the WINHEC welcome and welcome back.

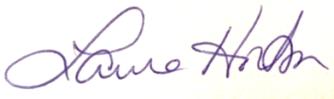
Let us remember a quote from UNDRIP, “We are founded upon our commitments to one another across borders and across nations and between indigenous nations communities and institutions; as such we hold a bold vision in our hands one which asks each of us to assist to support to participate and in many ways to build a light upon the hill as a guiding fire for those who will come after us and for those already alongside of us.”

As Delbert-iban taught us in Ojibway, Booshkegiin waa izichigeyaan- It is up to you, what you will do.

As we learned from Jan Henry in Sapmi, Ale Moras- It will all work out.

Our teachings, our ways, our beliefs recognize the power of our ancestors who continue to guide us. We work today, remember yesterday so that tomorrow will be better.

Respectfully



Dr. Laura Horton

Exec Co-Chair



Dr. Elmer J. Guy

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Laura and Waasenigan,  
aka Payton.

Life goes on, she  
graduated grade 12.  
WINHEC 2018 with Papa  
and Youth Camp was one  
of her highlights! College  
is next 😊

Being WINHEC Executive  
Co-Chair from 2014-2019,  
is my highlight! 😊