

# WINHEC Newsletter

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PRELIMINARY REPORT 2022 AGM (August 15-19, 2022)



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

Greetings to our wonderful WINHEC family - Ya'ateeh, Tabe Imumi, Aloha, Tansi, Aniin, Kia Ora, Boozhoo, Burris, Burris, Etlante. Just a small sample of the Indigenous languages from our communities. We hope that you and your family are staying safe during this unprecedented global pandemic that has restricted our communities. We pray that your academic year is progressing well, and that students and faculty are adjusting well to the new norm. We are hearing from our members around the globe as they continue to meet via various virtual platforms. As such, our 2021 AGM was held virtually to keep our WINHEC family safe from the virus.

We are especially happy to report that our WINHEC family continues to maintain the values of our Indigenous ways and continue to spread our enthusiasm locally and we encourage your colleagues and youth to participate in our 2022 special hybrid AGM, hosted by the Fon du Lac Tribal and Community College, Roxanne DeLille, and her amazing team.

This previous year we also recognized two amazing indigenous female achievements. That of Canada's new Governor General, Mary Simon a proud Inuk woman from Northern Quebec and Ngaragu woman, Ashleigh Barty, who won the Wimbledon championship in tennis (see our [website](#) for our acknowledgements). This reflects our WINHEC values and was one of the themes for celebrating indigenous women during [United Nations' International Indigenous Day](#).

We are stronger at this moment because we rest on the shoulders of those who have come before us and who made a significant commitment to WINHEC. They provided the foundation that allowed us to keep moving forward. We are thankful for our ancestors, founding members, past and current leaders of the organization, and all our members. We thank them for carving a pathway. We are humbled and incredibly grateful to our WINHEC Executive Board, for their leadership, courage, wisdom, and insight during this tough and challenging time.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a serious global health threat. Many countries are working with health organizations to vaccinate as many people as possible. We hope that you are all keeping safe, wearing face coverings, social distancing, washing hands, sanitize regularly and avoid large gatherings. We've lost family members, students, staff and faculty members. Please be safe.



## WINHEC AGM 2021 Highlights

WINHEC 2021 was hosted by Blue Quill in Treaty Six Territory (Alberta, Canada). The Conference theme was: We are Land, Language, Ceremony, Relationship on July 5<sup>t</sup>– 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We were very grateful to our host Dr. Sherri Chisan, President of the University off nuxethot'jne thaa?ehots'jnistameyimâkanak Blue Quills, Treaty Six Territory, St. Paul Alberta, Canada, and her team for last year's World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) AGM and World Indigenous Research and Education Conference (WIREC).

Even though we were still entrenched in a global pandemic with many challenging times on many levels with many uncertainties, Dr. Sherri and her team allowed us to come together if not physically, then virtually and spiritually which was great for our collective health and wellbeing. We were also able to join Dr. Sherri Chisan and her communities to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of exercising sovereignty and providing outstanding indigenous education at Blue Quill.



## WINHEC AGM 2022 August 12 - 18



World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium  
(WINHEC)  
World Indigenous Nations University (WINU)  
August 12-18, 2022



This summer, Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College in Minnesota USA, will have the distinct honor of hosting the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium (WINHEC) and World Indigenous Nations University (WINU) welcoming members of Indigenous-serving institutions from around the world.

Two days of the event are dedicated to the annual meetings of WINHEC and WINU. All Indigenous-serving educational institutions are welcome to attend the general meetings. The three additional days of the conference are dedicated to events designed to showcase the host college and community: FDLTCC, the Fond du Lac Reservation, the Ojibwe culture and youth programs.

We invite you to join us in this landmark event.

This year's AGM will be held in a hybrid fashion welcoming all that can attend in person, as well as those from around the world who will need to attend virtually.

## Program

### Friday, August 12

Arrival day

### Saturday, August 13

Community welcome.  
Pre AGM closed Executive meetings

### Sunday, August 14

Community events  
Country / Nation reports

### Monday, August 15 | Tuesday August 16

Community events  
Concurrent meetings:

- Board of Accreditation
- WINU
- WIRA Journal
- Elders / Youth

### Wednesday, August 17

Community events  
Concurrent meetings:

- Site visit Presentations
- Closed Executive Board

Circle of Honors  
WINU Graduation

### Sunday, August 14 Elections

Executive Board Report  
Community farewell  
Gift exchange  
Closing ceremony

For registration, location, and accommodation information visit: <https://fdltcc.edu/windhec2022/>



## WINHEC and its member organizations

Established at the World Indigenous Peoples Conference: Education in 2002, WINHEC has a membership that represents many Indigenous Nations and education institutions in eight countries – Alaska; Aotearoa; Australia; Canada; Hawaii; Norway; Taiwan and USA. In their collective concerns for the rights of Indigenous people to access all levels of education and to address the barriers that impeded respectful engagement of Indigenous peoples in teaching, research and other endeavors in education, the founding members determined that the goals and objectives of WINHEC must align with the goals and objectives of international instruments.

These include the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP); the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; the International Declaration on Human Rights; and other international documents of note designed to protect and promote the sovereign rights of Indigenous Peoples.



## WINHEC Practice Handbook and Organization Framework- was approved at the 2021 AGM.

The WINHEC Practice Handbook was presented by the WINHEC Executive Board to the Governors for consideration and was approved unanimously. A copy of the Constitution and/or Practice Handbook is available upon request.



## Board of Accreditation

We acknowledge Dr. Keiki Kawai’ae’a and Dr. Walter Kahumoku III in their amazing work to bring the highest quality accreditation process to our indigenous communities to ensure our educational sovereignty. They continue to make solid progress in this process even at a time when site visits are impossible to execute. Their commitment to WINHEC Accreditation is exemplary. The BoA met in February as interest has increased in seeking accreditation from WINHEC. A new BoA handbook and policies are currently being developed by the board. Please refer to The BoA written report for more detailed information.



## World Indigenous Nations University (WINU)

Rongo Wetere is in the process of establishing a ‘Not-For Profit’ status for WINU which was supported by the WINHEC Executive Committee on April 21-22, meeting. Also, WIRA and the WINHEC Journal will be moving under WINU’s administration. This has been discussed for several years, and we finally make decision on Tuesday August 16 during the Executive Committee meeting where detailed information will be presented to the AGM.



## WINHEC Leadership

Member	Role	Indigenous Nations Affiliation	Institution
<b>WINHEC Executive (3 years term, 2019-2022)</b>			
<b>Dr. Elmer J. Guy</b>	Co-Chair	Navajo (USA Mainland)	Navajo Technical University
<b>Dr. Jolan Hsieh</b>	Co-Chair	Siraya (Taiwan)	National Dong Hwa University
<b>Dr. Leanne Holt</b>	Deputy Co-Chair	Worimi   Biripai (Australia)	Macquarie University

Member	Role	Indigenous Nations Affiliation	Institution
D.K. Bubba Martin	Deputy Co-Chair	Oneida (Canada)	Six Nations Polytechnic
Dr. Berice Anning	Secretary	Keinjan   Bidjara   Goomeroy (Australia)	University of Technology Sydney
Dr. Sean Topkok	Treasurer	Iñupiaq, Sámi, Kven, Irish, and Norwegian (Alaska)	University of Alaska Fairbanks

Country   Region	Representatives
<b>WINHEC Executive Board</b>	
<b>Aotearoa (2)</b>	Hohaia Collier Naomi Simmonds
<b>Alaska (2)</b>	Sean Asiqłuq Topkok Theresa John
<b>Australia (4)</b>	Boni Robertson Leanne Holt Berice Anning Peter Buskin
<b>Canada (4)</b>	Sherri Chisan Rebecca Jamieson William J. Perrault D.K. Bubba Martin
<b>Hawai'i (2)</b>	Keiki Kawai'ae'a Nāmaka Rawlins
<b>Mainland USA (4)</b>	Carrie Billy Jim Green Roxanne DeLille Elmer J. Guy
<b>Sampi (2)</b>	Elisabeth Utsi-Gaup Ellen Inga O. Heatta
<b>Taiwan (2)</b>	Jolan Hsieh Awi Mona

Membership	Role	Members
<b>Other WINHEC Memberships</b>		
<b>WINHEC Board of Accreditation Executive</b>	Co-Chairs  Voting members	Keiki Kawai'ae'a Walter Kahumoku III  Aotearoa - Naomi Simmonds Australia - Peter Buckskin Canada - Rebecca Jamieson Sámi - Lisa Baal and Sara Ellen Anne Eira Taiwan - Civas Pawan U.S Continent - Roxanne DeLille and Carrie Billy U.S. Pacific - Hawai'i - Walter Kahumoku III and Keiki Kawai'ae'a
<b>Global Indigenous Elders Alliance</b>	Chair	Vicki-Ann Speechley-Golden
<b>Indigenous Youth Ambassadors</b>	Ambassadors	Elle Ravedre Lavre Johan Eire
<b>World Indigenous Research and Journal Alliance</b>	Co-Chairs	Vacant Acting Co-chairs Boni Robertson and Jolan Hsieh
<b>World Indigenous Nations University Executive (3-year term)</b>	Chancellor Deputy Chancellor Vice Chancellor Deputy Vice Chancellor Secretary/Treasurer  Pro Vice-Chancellors (Regional Academic Directors) for:	Trevor Moeke (Aotearoa) Boni Robertson (Australia) Rongo Wetere (Canada) (Academic and Administration) - Berice Anning (Australia) TBA  Australia - Boni Robertson, Berice Anning Aotearoa - TBA Alaska - Sean Topkok Canada - Sherri Chisan Hawai'i - TBA Taiwan - Awi Mona USA - Roxanne DeLille Sapmi (Norway) - Line Aimee Kalak and Ylva Jannok Nutti.

Membership	Role	Members
	The WINU Board of Governors also include: Academic Elder Representatives WINHEC Co-Chair Representative from the Global Indigenous Elders Alliance Representative of the World Indigenous Research Alliance Board of Accreditation Working Party Chair Invited Attendees	TBA Elmer Guy TBA TBA Walter Kahumoku III Eddie Walker (Website) Peter Mataira (WINU Hawai'i Pacifika)
<b>WINHEC Advisor – Circle of Chiefs</b>	Past Co-Chairs	Rongo Wetere [Aotearoa] Turoa Royale [Aotearoa] Trevor Moeke [Aotearoa] Boni Robertson [Australia] Jim Shanley [USA] Verlie Ann Malina-Wright [Hawaii] Peter Hanohano [Hawaii] Laura Horton [Canada] Jan Henry Keskitelo [Norway] Hohaia Collier [Aotearoa]
<b>WINHEC Website</b>	Website Chair	Eddie Walker
<b>Hualani Foundation</b>	Admin	Umi Jensen



## WINHEC Website

This previous year, Eddie Walker, our website co-ordinator has been working with Rongo Wetere and his team to attempt to create a standalone WINU website. Unfortunately, due to the limitations of the software we use for the WINHEC website, we were unable to achieve this. Having a standalone WINU website will give WINU more flexibility to provide their current and prospective students the service they deserve. So, as Eddie was unable to commit to build a standalone WINU website, it was decided to hand this over to a third-party developer Andrew Forward.

Eddie also connected with a third-party software provider called Pacxa based in Hawaii to get WINHEC setup with a Microsoft 365 subscription. Initially we have a limited number of licences, but we want to set this platform up so that we can better collaborate, share key documents, and all meet using Microsoft Teams.

Thank you, Eddie, for your professional skills and dedication to looking after us in this area.



## **United Nations UNESCO World Higher Education Conference**

WINHEC Co-Chairs were invited by Dr. Lorna Williams from Canada to be one of the presenters to address An Indigenous Perspectives Circle on the Future of Higher Education. We have Co-Chair Dr. Elmer Guy to presented on behalf of WINEHC as well as Navajo Technical University. Thanks to Boni and Berice who helped to prepare the WINHEC document for the Forum. The Forum was held on May 17-20, 2022, in Barcelona Spain.



## **2022 WINHEC and WINU Awards**

This year is no exception when it comes to honoring the people in our collective communities who have given their lives and served to further indigenous wisdom and knowledge. Please join us on Wednesday, August 17 where we acknowledge these prestigious leaders during our Circle of Honors and WINU awards ceremony.