

COMMITTEE REPORT

EDUCATION and YOUTH COMMITTEE

Name of Committee

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
u2014 Mid-Year Convention
Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA

DISCUSSION

Sunday, May 4, 2014, (12:00 – 2:00 pm) – EDUCATION NORTHWEST MEETING

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER(S)
12:00-2:00	Education Northwest Follow-Up Meeting	Phyllis Ault and Matthew Eide, Education NW Ph: 1-800-547-6330 or 503-275-9638 (Phyllis)

Monday, May 5, 2014, (1:00 – 2:00 pm) – UNITY PLANNING MEETING

United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Local Planning Committee meeting was conducted via Telephone Conference Call with Mary Kim Title, UNITY Executive Director at 1:15-3:00 pm. ATNI participation included Jeanie Louie, ATNI Executive Board; Patsy Whitefoot, ATNI Education Committee Chair; Johnny Buck, ATNI Youth Committee Chair; Mariana Harvey, Sophia Kizilbash, and Robin Sigo. On the call were Mary Kim Titla, Jason, LoVina Louie, and Karen Kitchen. Discussion focused on updates of key tasks to be addressed; i.e., fund-raising, transportation, cultural reception,

Monday, May 5, 2014, (3:15 – 5:15 pm) – EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

TOPIC	PRESENTER(S)
Opening, Introductions and Committee Report; i.e., Mission and Goals, etc.	Patricia Whitefoot, Education Committee Chair, Office: 509-865-8246. Mike Iyall of the Cowlitz Tribe begin the meeting with a prayer. Patsy Whitefoot had attendees introduce themselves with 27 individuals attending the meeting.
Chehalis Tribe's Education Overview Oakville, WA	Tracy Bray, Education & Development Director, Phone: 360-109-1871. Ms. Bray provided an overview on the 10 year, K-12 program which has provided after-school tutoring and support for students in the local school districts. The tribe has seen an improvement in the test scores scoring at 71.4% during its' 5 th year. The tribe also provides Parent Night with a Home Work Help with Literacy Services for students.
Cowlitz Tribe's Education Goals Overview Longview, WA	Mike Iyall, Cowlitz Tribe, Phone: 360-577-8140. Mike provided an overview of the uniqueness of the Cowlitz Tribe in the delivery of education support. A highlight involved the provision of Mental Health services for students in three urban

	communities of Vancouver, Tacoma and Tukwila.
Education Northwest Update	Phyllis Ault and Michael Eide, Education NW, Phone: 503-275-9638 (Phyllis). Phyllis provided a power point presentation on current services being provided BIE funded schools in the northwest. She also highlighted input provided at the Winter ATNI in Lummi with a follow up session at the Washington State Indian Education Conference.
Washington State University Overview and Updates	Barbara Aston, Tribal Liaison, WSU, Phone: 509-335-8618. Barbara provided an overview of current education initiatives at WSU that includes Native American Programs and Services which reports to the Native American Advisory Board. This includes, but is not limited to: Tribal Liaison, Native Outreach, Native Retention, Native Graduate Student Services, Plateau Center Digital Projects, Clearinghouse on Native Teaching and Learning, American Indian Studies, Native American Health Sciences and Speech and Hearing Sciences. Native student applicants increased 40% from Fall 2013 to Fall 2014.
OSPI Indian Education Program Overview, Olympia, WA	Robin Butterfield, Indian Education Director, Phone: 360-725-6160. Robin begin by announcing that three tribes have submitted applications for the Tribal Compact Schools which will function similar to a public school district. She also announced that the Tribal Sovereignty Curriculum training will occur during the summer months in eastern and western WA. A Future Native Teacher Initiative Forum will be held at the Muckleshoot Tribal School on May 15 & 16, 2014. On May 13, an English as Second Language meeting will be held in Yakima, WA to support Native Language goals, as well.
Northwest Indian College Update	Julie Johnson, Vice-Chair, NWIC Foundation ,Ph: 360-640-0222. Julie announced that NWIC had a fund-raiser and raised \$150,000 for student scholarships.
Establishment of a Native American Graduate University	Alan Parker provided an overview to establish a Native American Graduate University in collaboration with the Maori Indigenous University. Mr. Parker will work with the NCAI and Maori CEO to advocate this goal.

Tuesday, May 6, 2014 (1:15 – 3:15 pm) – COMMITTEE MEETING

TOPICS	PRESENTER(S)
Opening, Introductions and Committee Report; i.e., Mission and Goals, etc.	Patricia Whitefoot, Education Committee Chair, Office: 509-865-8246. Ross Brain opened the meeting with a prayer. Patsy asked individuals to introduce themselves. There were 31 individuals in attendance.
ATNI Youth Committee Update	Johnny Buck, Mariana Harvey and David Cournoyer, Native Youth Leadership Alliance (NYLA), Johnny Buck Phone: 509-823-8313. The Youth Committee provided an overview of NYLA and plans to follow up on the Youth Forum held in 2012 in Siletz, OR in conjunction with a Youth Forum to be held at the annual ATNI Conference at Wildhorse Resort in Pendleton, OR.

Washington Interscholastic Athletic Association Introduction	Mike Colbrese, WIAA Executive Director, Phone: 425-687-8585. Mr. Colbrese provided an overview of WIAA and a recent meeting held with tribes regarding WIAA goals. He requested that individuals follow up with him regarding any questions or suggestions they may have.
University of Washington-Bothell Update, Bothell, WA	Patricia Cheadle, Cheadle & Associates, Phone: 425-398-1749, Bothell. UW staff provided an overview of the work they are undertaking with some tribes in support of technology in the northwest. They will continue to meet with the TEN.
University of Washington Update, Seattle, WA	Ross Braine, UW Tribal Liaison, Phone: 206-616-6056. Ross provided an overview on the status of the Longhouse-style construction timeline, recruitment/retention and outreach to tribes in the northwest. He also highlighted the fact that UW has seen an increase in enrollment and graduation rates at UW. UW is also ranked #10 in Native student graduation.
The Evergreen State College Update, Olympia, WA	Micah McCarty, Special Assistant to President, Phone: 360-867-5337. Micah provided an update on the goals being addressed among tribal leadership with one being the need to support Native internships with the Governor's Office of Indian Affairs. He will continue to work on this need. Micah also introduced a resolution to support the establishment of a Billy Frank, Jr. Scholarship Fund with a second by Ross Braine. The motion was approved.
Education Resolutions and Announcements	Education Committee. A motion was made by Lynn Holder with a second by Joyce McFarland to approve the resolution, "Development of a northwest Tribal Education Alliance in collaboration with Education Northwest". The motion passed.
RESOLUTIONS DEADLINE	

ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Resolution # & Title: Billy Frank, Jr., Scholarship Fund

Resolution # & Title: Development of a northwest Tribal Education Alliance in Collaboration with Education Northwest

Minutes/Report submitted by: _____
Committee Chair