

Montana Indian Education Association 31st Annual Indian Education Conference
April 12-15, 2012, Best Western Plus GranTree Inn, Bozeman, Montana

MIEA Board of Directors 2012 Nomination Rules and Application

**Full Nomination Applications must be received (email preferred) or postmarked
by Friday, March 16, 2012 to the address below.**

Elections will be Saturday, April 14, 2012

Board Member responsibilities: The 10 member MIEA Board of Directors is very active in advocacy work for Indian Education in Montana and carrying out the purposes outlined in its Constitution

As a MIEA Board of Director Member you will:

- Be dedicated and committed to the goals, vision, and mission of MIEA.
- Be able to articulate the goals and mission to our membership, policy makers, educators, and general populations.
- Be an active leader in Indian education.
- Regularly attend board meetings and related meetings as an active participant.
- Volunteer for action.
- Complete duties as assigned thoroughly and on a timely manner.
- Stay informed on organization issues.
- Come prepared to meetings and activities.
- Know the association.
- Be a MIEA Team member.
- Be an active participant at assigned meetings.
- Be technology savvy – email and internet use daily.
- Be committed to fundraising.
- Be an active participant in organization.

It is recommended that candidates check with their employers/schools to determine if they will be able to attend meetings/activities of MIEA as some meetings may be during the work week. It is encouraged (but not required) that your organization/school assist with your travel expenses if possible; otherwise, travel expenses are covered by MIEA (mileage, meal costs and motel costs) for meetings.

Eligibility: All of the MIEA Board of Directors must be:

- Residents of Montana
- An enrolled member or descendant of an American Indian and/or Alaskan Native Tribe.
- At least 18 years of age, with exception of the high school student.
- Paid members of MIEA in good standing. (Good standing means that membership is paid for 2012-2013) If a person registers for the 2012 conference their membership fee is included. If they are not registered, they can pay membership fee separately.
- Membership fee must be paid by March 16, 2012 or they will not be considered.

Campaigning:

- Candidates will be introduced at the General Session on Friday morning.
- They can campaign throughout the MIEA Conference.
- Once elections start, candidates must remove all campaign materials from within 25 feet of the election area and refrain from any campaigning.

Board of Directors Nominations – continued:

Election Policies/Procedures:

- Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote for candidates. (*Good standing means that membership fees must be paid for 2012-2013*). This is accomplished by registering for the 2012 conference or paying the appropriate membership fee for 2012-2013.
- High school student members will be eligible to vote only for the high school representative.
- No** Proxy Votes are allowed.
- Election results will be announced at the awards banquet on Saturday evening, and the new Board will take office at the Sunday board meeting of this year's conference.

Election Process:

The MIEA Election Committee will approve all candidates before they are put on the ballot.

Board members will be selected by using the highest vote getter for the three year term, next highest for the two year terms and next for the one year term. To meet the requirements of the constitution in terms of membership, the board reserves the right to insure that at least three (3) of the seven reservations are represented in the General Board positions. This will be done by selecting the next highest candidate from another reservation community until three (3) reservations are represented.

In all other election issues that may arise, the Election Committee will make a recommendation to the current Board of Directors for a final decision.

Current board members who will continue in office:

- Joe Arrowtop
- Laura McGee (Urban East Representative)
- Luanne Kicking Woman (Urban West Representative)
- Michelle Mitchell
- Arlene Augare

The following board members terms will expire at this 2012 conference. Their positions are open for nominations. There are no Urban Representative positions available this year:

- Vance Home Gun – completing the 1 year High School Representative
- Thomas Brown – completing the General Member 1 year term
- Norma Bixby – completing the General Member 2 year term
- Corri Smith – completing the General Member 2 year term
- Carol Juneau – completing the General Member 3 year term

MIEA Board of Directors Nomination Form



CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT THEIR FULL NOMINATION APPLICATION BY FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012

(Must be received (email preferred) or postmarked by due date to the address below)

(See previous pages for rules and guidelines for Board of Directors)

Candidates must be in good standing – which means their membership for 2012-2013 must be paid. If a person registers for the 2012 conference their membership fee is included. If they are not registered, they can pay membership fee separately, but must be paid by March 16, 2012 or they will not be considered.

Name of Board Candidate _____ Tribe: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Biographical Sketch of Candidate (this info will be shown on the list of candidates):

Nominated by _____

(Person nominating must be a current paid MIEA Member in 2011-2012. If not a current member, they must have registered and paid for 2012-2013. Individuals can nominate themselves as well)

Please check which Board of Directors Position or Positions you are a candidate for:

(You can be a candidate for more than one position)

- High School Student Representative: One position - (one year term April 2012- April 2013)
- General Board Positions – Four Open Positions (number of votes determine the length of terms)
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| One (1) - 1 year term General Board Position | April 2012– April 2013 |
| Two (2) - 2 year term General Board Position | April 2012 –April 2014 |
| One (1) – 3 year term General Board Position | April 2012– April 2015 |

Complete form and email (preferred), mail or fax to:

(Contact Director for any questions on registration)

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