

MIEA CALL TO CONFERENCE 2008

April 24-26, 2008
Hilton Garden Inn, Missoula, MT

“MIEA – A Voice for Indian Education”

From:
Montana Indian Education Association
Box 55
Browning, MT

TO:

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MONTANA INDIAN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Dear MIEA Members and Friends:

The Board of Directors of the Montana Indian Education Association invites you to join them, other friends, and advocates of Indian education at the 27th Annual Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn, April 24-26, 2008, in Missoula, Montana. We have a revised format for the conference this year with a Thursday-Saturday schedule. Our awards banquet will be on Saturday evening instead of a Sunday lunch and we will have a membership meeting on Friday afternoon for our reports and resolutions. This will allow people time to drive home early on Sunday to get ready for school/work on Monday.

Also, since 2008 is an important election year, MIEA will host a Candidate Forum to open the Conference on Thursday, April 24. The Indian vote has grown in strength and we need to continue to make our voice heard at the ballot box.

MIEA, as an advocate for Indian students and their families, has chosen the theme “MIEA – A Voice for Indian Education.” Our work this past year included the first ever Montana Urban Indian Education Summit in December 2007 to bring together educators and parents to address the unique needs of the urban Indian population; MIEA was a strong advocate in the 2007 Montana Legislative Session for adequate funding for Indian Education for All; MIEA continues to be active participants in other educational groups including the Montana Advisory Council on Indian Education and partnering on a day-long training program for Indian Education for All at the MEA/MFT Convention in October 2007; and we were represented at the Educational Summit on Closing the Achievement Gap for American Indian Students hosted by the National Caucus of Native American State Legislators in September 2007.

Progress has been made in Indian education and many Indian students are finding success. But, we must remain strong in our advocacy and our work for helping to close the achievement gap, to restore our native languages, to insure respect for our culture and history in our state’s school standards, and policy. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard for so many years to see some of these positive changes!

When we are united in this effort, we can make a difference.

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	Thursday April 24 Reception	Friday April 25	Saturday April 26 Awards Banquet
7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m.		Conference Registration continues all day 7:00 –8:30 Breakfast	7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast
8:30 a.m.		8:30-10:00 1st General Session Introduce MIEA Board Candidates Keynote Speaker	8:30-10:00 2nd General Session Keynote Speaker Board Elections 8-11
9:00 a.m.	MIEA Board of Directors Meeting	↓ 1st General Session Continues	↓ 2nd General Session cont'd
10:00 a.m.	MIEA Board Meeting	↓ 10:15 - noon <u>FORUMS I</u> 3 Forums Student Campus Visits	↓ 10:15 - noon <u>FORUMS II</u> 3 Forums Board Elections 8-11
11:00 a.m.	MIEA Board Meeting	↓ <u>Forums Continued</u>	↓ <u>Forums Continued</u>
NOON 12:00-1:30	Education Organization Meetings in afternoon	Lunch (on-your-own)	Lunch (on your own)
1:30 p.m.	Registration 1-6	1:30 – 2:45 <u>Session 1 - Workshops</u> Adults and Students Elder's Workshops	1:30 – 2:45 <u>Session 3 Workshops</u> Adult and Student Workshops Elder's Workshop
3:00 p.m.	Registration continues	3:00 – 4:15 <u>Session 2 - Workshops</u> Adults and Students Elders' Workshops	3:00 – 4:15 <u>Session 4 Workshops</u> Adult and Student
5:00 p.m.	Registration continues until 6 p.m. Vendor Set Up – 5 p.m.	4:15 – 5:30 MIEA Membership Meeting Report, Fiscal Status, and Resolutions	
Evening Activities	6-8: MIEA RECEPTION Forum " Meet the Candidates" (National/State)	7:00 – 9:00 MIEA Social Activity	5:30-7:30 AWARDS BANQUET

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Conference Registration - Student

Please fill out one form for each student. Pre-registration due by April 4, 2008

Registration categories - Please Check One:

Student K-16:

- Pre-registration \$ 100.00
 On-site Registration \$ 125.00
 One-Day Registration \$ 50.00

Name _____	School/College _____
Please print your name clearly	
School: _____	Grade Level: <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 9-12 <input type="checkbox"/> Grade K-8
Home Address _____	City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Where you prefer mail to be sent – home or work	
Tribal Affiliation (if any) _____	Phone _____ Email _____

Pre-registration Special Group Rates – Must be received by April 4, 2008

If your school/organization sends 10 or more students at the full pre-conference rate of \$100 one registration will be provided free for the 11th student. Any registration received after April 4 will be at the on-site rate of \$125.00.

Registration fees include the MIEA Membership Fee for 2008-09 for students.

PAYMENT: Please check payment method you will use: () Check enclosed Amount _____
() Money Order enclosed Amount _____
() Purchase Order* Amount _____

*Note: Add \$25.00 handling fee to all purchase orders. Please list all conference participants on purchase order if paying registration fee for groups. All persons attending must fill out individual registration forms.

Send registration/payment/purchase orders to: MIEA, P. O. Box 55, Browning, Mt. 59417
(406) 338-5689 (office) (406) 338-5688 (fax)
Email: csjuneau@3rivers.net

Sorry, No Refund on Registration Fees

MIEA is a Drug and Alcohol Free Conference. All sanctioned functions at the 2007 Conference will be alcohol and drug free. This is the policy of MIEA and all conferees are expected to honor this policy.

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Conference Housing and Local Resources

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN SLEEPING ROOM RESERVATIONS

Conference Hotel: **Hilton Garden Inn**
3720 North Reserve Street, Missoula, MT 59808
406-532-5300 1-877-STAY-HGI www.missoula.gardeninn.com
Fax 406-532-5305

\$78.00 night plus 7% tax. We have 125 rooms in MIEA Room block. Tell them that you are with MIEA the conference rate.

Call by Tuesday, March 25, 2008 for your room – this is deadline for reservations.

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(Motel requires 1st night room deposit with major credit card, purchase order, or check/cash for 1st night's deposit)

Hilton has heated indoor pool and whirlpool, workout facility, 24 hour business center, complimentary airport shuttle, wireless high speed throughout hotel, Casino, and Restaurant. Also every room has refrigerator, coffee maker, and microwave. There is also a Great American Grill that serves breakfast, lunch and dinner in lobby area.

Other Motels close by on Reserve Street

Ruby's Inn	4825 No. Reserve Street	721-0990
Comfort Inn	4545 North Reserve Street	542-0888
Courtyard by Marriot	4559 No. Reserve Street	549-5260
La Quinta Inn	5059 N. Reserve Street	549-9000
Best Western Grant Creek Inn	5280 Grant Creek Road, (right off freeway on Reserve Street)	543-0700
C'Mon Inn	2775 Expo Parkway (right off freeway on Reserve Street)	543-4600 888-989-5569
Microtel Inn and Suites	50 5 N. Reserve	543-0959

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Workshop Proposal Form

Deadline Friday, March 7, 2008

There will be only 4 workshop sessions this year (with 5 workshops each session for a total of 20 workshops). Each session being 75 minutes in length this provides the presenters with more time to share their information and resources. So, it is important that you get your workshop request in on time. If there are more requests than space available, the MIEA Board will review requests and make selections on the workshops.

Workshop Title:	_____
Session Description: (100 words or less)	_____ _____
Presenter name(s):	_____ _____
Audience:	<input type="checkbox"/> K-12 Students <input type="checkbox"/> College Students <input type="checkbox"/> Adults <input type="checkbox"/> Elders
Please attach a Biographical sketch of ALL presenter(s)	
Address for main presenter:	_____
	Name/Organization _____
	Street Address/PO Box _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
	Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Session format (Please check one) panel hands on activity lecture
 individual presentation interactive workshop Other

Equipment: Presenters are encouraged to bring their own equipment needed for presentations. Workshop rooms will have only chairs and head table. There will be a small pad of paper and pen as well as water provided. There is both wired and wireless internet available throughout facility and each room has power outlets available.

AV Equipment needed: Presenters are responsible to make arrangements with the hotel for their own equipment needs. Contact is Tony Galarza, Hughies Audio Visual Company (located within the Hilton) 406-541-2295 email tgalarza@hughies.com

If presenters plan to attend the MIEA Conference (*other than their own workshop*), we expect workshop presenters to register and pay for the conference.

Complete form and mail, email or fax to: MIEA, P. O. Box 55, Browning, Mt. 59417
(406) 338-5689 (office) (406) 338-5688 (fax)
Email: csjuneau@3rivers.net

All presenters will be contacted by postcard or email regarding workshop acceptance, date and time.

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Award Nomination Form

Full Application (see bottom of page) is due by Friday, March 21, 2008

MIEA's annual awards recognize individuals who through their work, their involvement in school/colleges, leadership, and personal commitment are making a positive difference in Indian education in Montana and exemplify the importance of education in the lives of Montana's Indian people.

CHECK ONE:

- Indian Educator of the Year Indian College Student of the Year Indian Elder of the Year
 Indian Teacher of the Year (K-8)* Indian High School Student of the Year Indian Parent of the Year
 Indian Teacher of the Year (9-12)* Indian Parent of the Year Special Recognition Award **
 Indian School Support Staff (teacher aides, etc..)

*This category includes school counselors, librarians, and other certified staff.

**This award is an open category for all persons; regardless of profession, culture, or ethnicity. This award is presented to someone who has encouraged and promoted Indian education in the state of Montana and whose example inspires others. All award winners will receive a plaque and cash award at the final MIEA Award Banquet.

Award Nominee: (Nominee does not need to be a MIEA Member)

Name _____ Tribal Affiliation (if any) _____
Job/Title _____ School/Institution/Organization _____
Address _____ City _____ St. _____ Zip Code _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominator: (Must be a current member of the Montana Indian Education Association 2007-087 or a paid Member for 2008-09)

Name _____
Address: _____
 Box/Street City Zip
Telephone: _____ email: _____

The following documents must accompany the nomination form or nominations will not be considered:

1. One page statement on why the nominee should be selected.
2. Biographical information of examples of nominee's accomplishments. These should include education experience, degrees (if applicable), year in school/college, involvement in Indian education, leadership on committees or organizations, involvement with the school and community, special interests. Please note any publications.
3. At least 2 letters of support.
4. Other supporting documentation as desired.

Note: MIEA Board members or their immediate family members are not eligible to be nominated for any of these awards.

Nomination forms must be postmarked by March 21, 2008

Send to: MIEA, Box 55, Browning, MT 59417
Fax 406-338-5688 Email: csjuneau@3rivers.net

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MIEA Board of Directors 2008 Nomination Rules and Application

Due by Friday, April 11, 2008 (Mailed, emailed or faxed)

Elections will be Saturday, April 26, 2008

Board Member responsibilities: The MIEA Board of Directors (a 10-member board) is very active in advocacy work for Indian Education in Montana and carrying out the purposes outlined in its Constitution. It is important to have Board members who are willing to accept these responsibilities. They should be able to attend the meetings and participate in the various activities sponsored by MIEA. Board members work on various committees and are expected to carry out the activities necessary as Committee members. It is recommended that candidates check with their employers/schools to determine if they will be able to attend meetings/activities of MIEA. 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 candidates must be residents of Montana. All must be 18 with exception of the students. All must be members in good standing with MIEA. (*Good standing means that membership is paid for 2008-09, which can be done by paying for registration for 2008 Conference or paying membership fee*). All General Board candidates must live on/near the boundaries of a Montana Indian reservation. Urban members must live in an urban/off reservation community. Election Committee will approve all candidates before they are put on the ballot.

Speech/Campaigning: Candidates will be expected to give a 1-2 minute speech at the General Assembly on Friday morning. They can campaign at 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 within 25 feet of the election area.

Election Policies/Procedures: Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote on Saturday, April 26, 2008. Elections will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 am. *Good standing means that membership fees must be paid for 2008-09.* **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 adjournment of this year's conference.

Election Process: Board members will be selected by using the highest vote getter for the two year terms, and the next for the one-year term. Per MIEA's constitution to insure adequate representation of the majority of the Indian reservations in Montana: In the event that less than 4 of the 7 reservation communities are represented in the 6 General Board member positions in the final vote tally, the elections committee will select the next highest candidate from another reservation community until 4 are represented. In the event that a minimum of 4 of the 7 reservations cannot be represented, this will be reduced to 3 of the 7 reservations. The Urban candidates will need to live in the area of the state they expect to represent (east or west). If a candidate runs for more than one position and is elected to more than one position, the election committee will make a recommendation to the current Board of Directors who shall place the candidate in one of the positions he/she ran for.

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: Dulce Whitford and Joe Anderson who are the Urban Representatives; Thomas Brown, Joyce Silverthorne, Carol Juneau, and Arlene Augare.

Following Board members will have completed their terms as of 2008: Mariah Friedlander (High School Student), Larry Blacksmith and Joe Arrowtop, General Board members.

MIEA Board of Directors Nomination Form

CANDIDATES MUST SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION BY Friday, April 11, 2008 (postmark) (See previous page for rules and guidelines for Board of Directors)

Candidates must be in good standing – which means their membership for 2008-09 must be paid. If a person registers for the conference their membership fee is included. If they are not registered, they can pay membership fee separately.

Name of Board Candidate _____

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 2007-08. If not a current member, they must have registered and paid for 2008-09. 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 year term April 2008-April 2009)
- General Board Positions – Two (2) Open Positions (possibly 3 positions will be elected)*
 - One (1) - 1 year term April 2008 – April 2009
 - One (1) - 2 year term April 2008 – April 2010
 - One additional 2 year term April 2008-April 2010* (see below)
- College Student Representative (one year term April 2008-April 2009)* (see below)

*A constitutional amendment will be presented to the MIEA membership at the Friday General Session to delete the College Representative Position and change this to a General Board Position (2-year term). If this amendment passes, the MIEA Board elections at this year's conference will not include the college student representative position and another position for a General Board position (2-year term) will be included in the elections. If MIEA receives any college student representative nominations, the nominee will be moved to the General Board category. The MIEA Board of Directors approved this proposed constitutional amendment September 11, 2007. There have not been any college student representative nominations for the Board in recent years.

SEND YOUR COMPLETED NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY MAIL/FAX/EMAIL BY Friday, April 11, 2008.

Mail/email/fax to:

MIEA, P. O. Box 55, Browning, Mt. 59417

Email: csjuneau@3rivers.net

406-338-5688 (fax) 406-338-5689 (phone)

MIEA Constitutional Amendment - Recommended by the MIEA Board of Directors
This amendment will be voted on at the Convention

As outlined in the Constitution, Article X – Amendments to the Constitution, the following amendment will be offered to the MIEA Membership at their annual convention April 2008. The Amendment offered below eliminates the College Student Representative position and increases the General Board positions from six (6) to seven (7) positions with the additional General Board position being a 2-year term.

**ARTICLE V - Board of Directors Membership,
Purpose, Board Composition and Terms of Office, Elections,
Vacancies, Meetings, and Board Expenses**

Section C - Board Composition and Terms of Office: The Board of Directors will be composed of 10 members elected at large from the Association membership at the annual convention.

1. The following categories will be the Board's composition:

A. There will be ~~six (6)~~ seven (7) General Board Member positions with two (2) serving three (3) year terms, ~~three (3)~~ four (4) serving two (2) year terms, and one (1) serving a one (1) year term.

Of the ~~six~~ seven board positions listed in A at least four (4) must live on or near the boundaries of four (4) of the seven (7) Indian reservations in Montana to insure adequate representation of the majority of the Indian Reservations in Montana. In the event that a minimum of four (4) of the seven (7) reservations cannot be represented, this will be reduced to three (3) of the seven (7) reservations.

B. The remaining three (3) positions will be as follows:

a. One (1) ~~Two (2)~~ must be a ~~student - a high school student and a postsecondary student who resides in and attends high school or a post-secondary institution in Montana with each~~ serving a one year term.

b. Two (2) members must live in an urban community and represent urban Indian education issues and will serve a two (2) year term. The State of Montana will be divided into two districts (see map) with each district having one Urban Representative position on the MIEA Board of Directors.

C. All of the above ten (10) members with the exception of the student member must be at least 18 years of age or older.

D. All of the above ten (10) members must be members (in good standing) of the MIEA.

E. All of the MIEA Board of Directors must be residents of Montana

Vendor Registration

Check Vendor Category: Education \$40.00 Commercial \$150.00

Vendors will be able to set up on Thursday, April 24, 2008, beginning at 5 p.m.

(Note: Fee is for one table only. Additional tables may be purchased at same price.)

Must register and make payment to reserve space. If additional space is available, vendors can register and pay on-site.

Contact Name _____

Organization _____

Address (organization) _____

Email _____ Phone _____ Fax _____

Amount Enclosed _____ Check Money Order No Purchase Orders Accepted

Send form and check to: (Make payment payable to MIEA)

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Conference Booklet Advertisement

*This is a great way to share your success and programs with
MIEA Conference Participants*

*Curriculum to Sell?
Professional Development Opportunities?
Assessment Tools?
Recruitment to College?
Summer Programs?*

Advertisements will be due by March 14, 2008

- Advertise your program/organization/business in the MIEA Conference Program Booklet!
- Submit your advertisement camera-ready, black/white on disk.

Rates: (first come first served on cover advertisements)

Back cover	7.5" x10"=	\$400.00
Inside front cover	7.5" x10"=	\$350.00
Full page	7.5" x10"=	\$300.00
Inside Back Cover	7.5" x10"=	\$350.00
Half page	7.5" x 4.875"=	\$150.00
Quarter page	3.5" x 4.875"=	\$ 75.00
Business card	3.5" x 2" =	\$ 30.00

Make checks or money orders payable to Montana Indian Education Association (MIEA).
(School purchase orders will be accepted for advertisements)

Please mail/email to: MIEA , P. O. Box 55, Browning, Mt. 59417
E-Mail: csjuneau@3rivers.net
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MIEA Seeks Sponsors for 2008 Convention Activities

MIEA has Tax-Exempt status under IRS 501 C (3) – your contributions will be tax exempt. You are welcome to sponsor a portion or all of any of the activities. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated. As a sponsor, your name will be listed in the convention brochure and will be announced during the general session. *Sponsorship Forms are included with this packet.*



Sponsorship Opportunities

Suggested Amount

<u>Welcome Convention Reception Sponsor</u>	\$3,000.00
Montana Indian Education Association Board of Directors hosts a reception for participants the first evening of the convention. This sponsorship is for food, refreshments and beverages for an estimated 200 participants.	

<u>Awards Banquet Sponsor</u>	\$5,337.00
MIEA Awards Banquet is the highlight of the annual conference with honors given to outstanding Educators, teachers, parents and students. There is an estimated 350 participants at \$14.95 each plus a 19% gratuity = \$5,337.00	

<u>Convention Breakfast Sponsor</u>	\$4,260.00
To get the day started right, MIEA provides breakfast each day of the convention: Friday - All American Breakfast - 200 @ \$8.95 each plus 19% - \$2,130.00 Saturday – All American Breakfast – 200 @ \$8.95 each plus 19% - \$2,130.00	

<u>Coffee Breaks (4) Sponsor and Elder's Room (4 breaks)</u>	\$1,416 per break x 4..... \$5,664.00
	\$ 212.40 per break for elders room x 4 .. \$ 850.00
Coffee breaks for participants are provided twice each day. MIEA also has an Elder's Room with refreshments available. The estimated costs of breaks at the Hilton (coffee/rolls) are approximately \$5.95 per person plus a 19% gratuity of \$1.13 = \$7.08 per person x 200 per break = \$1,416 per break	
Per break estimate of.....	\$1,416 x 4 breaks..... \$5,664.00
Elder's Room \$7.08 x 30.....	\$212.40 x 4 breaks..... \$ 850.00

<u>Convention Name Badge Sponsor</u>	\$1,580.00
Vylon badge holder. Sponsor name included on front of badge. 500 @ \$3.07 plus \$45 setup fee.	

<u>Donation to General Conference Expenses</u>	Sponsorships up to \$2,000.00
Following are other areas of conference expenses that you may wish to support:	
a. Keynote Speakers (\$2,000.00)	d. Registration (\$2,000.00)
b. Call to Conference (\$ 400.00)	e. Facility costs (\$2,400.00)
c. Convention Program (\$ 800.00)	f. Other (\$2,000.00)

Sponsorship Form

Yes, I want to help sponsor the MIEA 2008 Conference:

Enclosed is my contribution for \$_____ as a sponsor for the MIEA Conference for.

Mail your contribution to: Montana Indian Education Association
Box 55, Browning, MT 59417 csjuneau@3rivers.net 406-338-5689

If you have a preference for use of your contribution, please indicate below:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Reception Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Break Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awards Banquet Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Convention Breakfast Sponsor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Name Badge Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> General – Use for Convention needs |

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Organization: _____

Do you need a receipt for tax purposes? Yes No

If you need an invoice for your contribution, please let us know

MIEA Resolutions 2008

Resolutions passed at the MIEA Conference help guide the work of MIEA, as well as provide support or opposition for various educational programs/policies. Resolutions you wish to submit to MIEA for consideration should be sent by email or on disk by Friday, April 18, 2008

To: MIEA, P. O. Box 55, Browning, Mt. 59417
Email: csjuneau@3rivers.net

However, resolutions, if typed and properly formatted, will be accepted during the conference if submitted by Friday morning, April 25, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

RESOLUTION FORMAT:

Montana Indian Education Association Resolution 2008

Whereas, the Montana Indian Education Association is a duly constituted education organization sanctioned by the membership which includes educators of Indian children and adults, parents/guardians, school board members, tribal governments, and state government leadership, reservation and urban Indian representation, educational organizations, and other interested individuals in Montana, and

Whereas, the Montana Indian Education Association has been organized to represent, protect and advance the views of the Indian community as outlined in the MIEA Constitution, and

Whereas, (Add more whereas if needed)

Whereas,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Montana Indian Education Association...

Please indicate to what agencies, organizations or individuals you would like the ratified Resolution disseminated.