



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

February 24, 2025

Members Present: Brenda Alcala, Jordan Jessup Bullock, Jennifer Faulconer, Jessica Gilmore, President Faimous Harrison, Ron Lodge, Lyle Markhart, Brett Peterson, Steve Wilkinson, Joshua Wood

Members Absent: Xavier Arinez, Bianca Ebreo, Don Gurnard, Danielle Marchant, Cathy Rixey

Staff Present: Lupe Brito, Rachel Evey, Brenda Magaña-Galvan, Emily Scovill

Guests Present: Wendell George, Tammy James, Lynn Palmanteer-Holder

Call to order at 12:02 p.m.

I. Consent Agenda

No questions or comments on consent agenda

II. Development Director Update

- a. **Business Sponsorships:** The foundation's goal for 2025 is to raise \$35,000 in business sponsorships. Sponsorships for WVC Alumni Week have surpassed the initial goal of \$10,000. The new goal is \$15,000. Currently \$11,000 has been raised. The sponsorship deadline for WVC Alumni Week is March 15. The event is May 14-17. The sponsorship goal for Food Truck Knight is \$25,000. Currently \$14,000 has been raised. The sponsorship deadline for Food Truck Knight is August 15. The event is September 19. Lupe and Rachel will be meeting with colleagues in Omak to discuss how the foundation can collaborate to support events on the Omak campus that coincide with WVC Alumni Week. Board members were reminded that there's still time to secure sponsorships, there's always next year if a business says no, and if board members don't feel comfortable making an ask they can introduce the business to Lupe.
- b. **Knights Collective:** The foundation's new volunteer group is engaging volunteers to strengthen and support the foundation's initiatives. The first planning meeting and activity (stuffing chuck-a-puck bags) went well. Thanks to the Collective, 275 chuck-a-puck bags were sold at Knight at the Wild totaling over \$1,000. This surpassed the goal of selling 200 bags. Board members were encouraged to invite people to join the group. Volunteers can pick and choose the initiatives they help with.
- c. **Pybus Nonprofit Day:** The foundation will be at Pybus Nonprofit Day on March 22 to promote volunteer opportunities through the Knights Collective.

III. Timx Institute

Guests introduced themselves. The Timx WA State Summer Indian Education Teaching Institute (Timx Institute) will be hosted this June in Omak. The first institute was hosted in 2016 due to WA State Senate Bill 5433, which requires indigenous education in K12

curriculum. 43 school districts have the Colville Tribes as their contact. For teachers and administrators to be credentialed, they need training for a minimum of 3 hours.

The 2025 Timx Institute is a statewide conference to share and learn best practices in culturally responsive education. Partners and collaborators include Wenatchee Valley College, Omak School District, Paschal Sherman Indian School, and the Colville Confederated Tribes.

Guests requested financial support from the WVC Foundation for the institute. \$15,000 of the \$32,000 budget is currently unfunded. Current financial partners include the WVC Omak Foundation, Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and Community Foundation of NCW. 2 funding proposals are currently outstanding. The foundation board will review financial capacity and take action at a future meeting regarding the funding request.

IV. Engagement Check-in

Review of board member engagement for fall quarter (September – December). Metrics are in comparison to what individual board members committed at the August retreat. The commitment form and quarterly check-ins are new this year. Positive feedback from board members. Appreciation for reminder of commitment and progress to date. Appreciation for variety of opportunities to make an impact and recognition that board members have different interest and capacity. Reminder to keep staff informed of involvement in meetings and volunteering that way everyone's time and capacity is respected.

V. Board Recruitment

Review of current board makeup. Discussion regarding new member recruitment.

Recommendation to request representation from large corporations in the area, especially those that have sponsored. Don Everington recommended for agricultural representation, he is currently an orchardist and on the Port board. Brett offered to reach out to Tate Mathison for a recommendation from Stemilt.

Board members should connect potential new members with Rachel through March.

Potential members will be invited to an introductory meeting with Rachel and a member from executive committee. If they are interested in serving on the board they will submit an application for review by the full board. The board will review the applications and take action at their May 19 meeting. Selected new members will be invited to attend the June 16 meeting as guests.

VI. Executive Director Update

- a. Staffing: The administrative assistant 3 position has been filled by Carolina Curiel. She will start March 3. The program manager position is still vacant. The primary duties are managing the scholarship program, volunteer program, and assisting with events. The goal is to have it posted by the end of January and filled by April.
- b. Finance Highlights: The budget and finance committee will determine the endowment allocation amount for 2025-26 at their March 3 meeting. No questions regarding financial statements. Two scholarships have been recently established:

the Cheryl Ann Coopriider Memorial Scholarship and Puget Sound Energy Foundation Powerful Scholars.

- c. Distinguished Alumni Award: Nominations for the 2025 award opened today and will close March 28. The board will make their selection at their April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Minutes taken by Rachel Evey.