Western Washington Native American Education Consortium

May 1, 2009

Dear WWNAEC Members:

What a busy and productive year we have had! We all survived NIEA; and with the great support of Squaxin Island, held a very successful reception showcasing our Title VII programs (thank you, Sally Brownfield).
Then, Sam Morseau got us up and running on the web (check our latest pics), and created our *new* brochure. Thank you, Sam. It was a great undertaking considering you do the same job we all do.
Thanks to Val Gilstap: She is keeping us well informed financially, and getting necessary records to Max Alex (who is heading up 501c3 application-Thank you!) after Shelley Hamrick completed final revision of our bylaws (help from Lena Maloney) thank you all. Thanks to Linda Laville (and those that filled in: Barb Fernandes, etc) for accurate minutes taking.
Then there was the tremendous work going into our annual Educator's Conference and Silent Auction fundraiser. Thank You to Gail Morris, Sam, Linda Laville (decorations and gorgeous center pieces, Val Gilstrap -keeping the books , Martha Sherman (head ticket sales) and way too many more to name.
Arrangements have been made for Sally Brownfield, Maria Pasqua and Jennifer Rock to complete the Whaling Curriculum this summer. WWNAEC will be sending them to Seabeck in July and paying a stipend for completing an effort started 9 years ago!! Always, a multitude of TY's to Joan Banker for keeping us informed and coordinated.
With such a busy year, we nearly forgot WWNAEC is 30 years old! Laura Lynne has a good idea of collecting information about the formation of the consortium. Would everyone please bring page(s) of your own program's history to be incorporated in a binder-then let's take time next school year to share☺
Also, remember elections will happen at the May meeting. The following offices will be open: vice chair, secretary and if the new bylaws are accepted, three additional officers: 2 members at large and 1 that will act as historian. The increase of board members is suggested for the 501c3 application.
Wow! That was a lot of thanks and information. I certainly appreciate each and every one of you for the dedication to Native youth and keeping our organization alive. Have a well deserved summer break and hope you all will make the **May 21 meeting in Renton. Thank you, Earline Bala, for hosting. Cell: 425.351.2415.** Directions on agenda page**.**

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