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WINHEC Newsletter

Greetings from the Chair of WINHEC

The new WINHEC chair welcomes members and friends to read this newsletter. We take this opportunity to acknowledge the loss of loved ones that our WINHEC family has experienced over this past year. The loss of a loved one is always painful, but the memories that they leave us, are always precious and often inspiring.

We would also like to acknowledge our WINHEC members and thank you all for your commitment and the contributions that you make to the WINHEC movement. WINHEC is a worldwide movement that has the potential to make a difference in all our lives and the lives of all Indigenous peoples.

We look forward to seeing you all again at our meeting in August, so until then take care.

Chair
Jan Henry Keskitalo

NEWS:

As we are getting closer to the WINHEC 2009 AGM here are a couple of information pieces the Head Office wants to share with you:

The New Head Office

The Head Office has been in a transition mode, but is now staffed and in full operation. It is hosted by Sámi University College (SUC). We have just recently moved into a new building with brand new offices.

WINHEC Executive Chair: Jan Henry Keskitalo

Head Office staff:

Pro-rector of SUC: Marit Breie Henriksen

Advisor: Marit M. Utsi

Consultant: Sara Beate Eira

We also administrate and update the WINHEC website, www.win-hec.org

Please note the new contact details of the Head Office and the updated membershipform.

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WINHEC Annual General Meeting 2009

WINHEC AGM 2009 at First Nations Technical Institute (FNTI) at Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory, Ontario, Canada, is getting closer and the meeting agenda is now published at the FNTI website. There you can also find information about registration, accomodations and travelling.

www.fnti.net/winhec

Early Childhood Education Working Group

We recommend everybody to pass around the word to members and friends to support the early childhood education working party by encouraging people to sign in for ECE Working group.

WINHEC Honours Nomination Call

The call for WINHEC 2009 Honours nomination is just announced. Nomination closes at August 1th. You will find supplementary information about this on our website. WINHEC encourages the nations of the WINHEC AGM 2009 host country, Canada, to nominate candidates.

Changing the WINHEC Constitution

At the WINHEC 2009 AGM the chair and co-chairs announced they will form a working group on changes to the WINHEC constitution. The team of chairs is working on this and proposals will be posted in time for the meeting at FNTI.

If there are any needs for other changes than the ones announced in Melbourne; several other needed updates, WINHEC members are encouraged to announce those to the Head Office according to following article 14 in the WINHEC constitution.

"14. Amendment to Constitution

14.1 Each proposed change in this Constitution shall be notified to the Executive Chair in writing at least one month before any meeting of the Executive Body. The Executive Chair shall notify the members of the Executive Body of the proposed change(s) at least two weeks before the Executive Body meeting. The proposed change(s) must have support, in writing, of at least seventy-five (75) per cent of the Executive Body.

14.2 No amendment shall be made to any of the provisions of this Constitution, in particular the Object and Goals (clause 3), the provisions of this clause 14, or the dissolution provisions (clause 15), which would cause WINHEC to cease to be a charity by law."

Read the whole constitution here :

<http://www.win-hec.org/docs/pdfs/Constitution-WINHEC%20.pdf>

WINHEC participation in UN events spring 2009:

- Technical work-shop in Geneva regarding the implementation of the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights (UNDRIP) articles on education
- Participated in the UN Permanent forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) 8th session in New York

More on these issues in the upcoming WINHEC chair report to the 2009 annual meeting

WINHEC Annual General Meeting 2010

The host of WINHEC AGM 2010 is Sámi University College in Guovdageaidnu, Norway, Sápmi

Until next time take care and safe travels.

Sara Beate