Resolution No. 2010-09.03

Supporting the Convening Culture Keepers Mini-conferences

Whereas, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council is a consortium of eleven federally recognized Indian tribes located in Wisconsin and Michigan; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council advocates and supports activities that deepen respect for tribal sovereignty and reservation community values; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council has a long history of supporting programs that expand opportunities for tribal self-determination and contribute to the education, skills, and professional development of tribal community members; and

Whereas, the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. member tribes highly value written and oral history, language, and music, and diligently work to preserve and pass along their respective cultures; and

Whereas, librarians, archivists, and museum curators are culture keepers responsible for collecting, organizing, and preserving these resources; and

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s School of Library and Information Studies offers continuing education programs that serve information professionals in Wisconsin, the nation, and the world; and

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s School of Library and Information Studies has offered a Tribal Libraries, Archives, and Museums (TLAM) course since 2008 that includes field trips to reservation cultural facilities; and

Whereas, TLAM students and faculty have visited the cultural facilities of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Forest County Potawatomi Community, Ho-Chunk Nation, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, Menominee Nation, Oneida Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; and
Whereas, tribal culture keepers have expressed a need for networking and professional development opportunities, including presentations and workshops on topics like digitization, archival best practices, grant writing, facilities management, and culturally-appropriate classification systems; and

Whereas, the School of Library and Information Studies’ Continuing Education Services has received a three-year grant to fund Convening Culture Keepers, a series of six mini-conferences designed to provide enhanced, culturally-relevant services to Wisconsin tribal communities; and

Whereas, the School of Library and Information Studies’ Continuing Education Services is working with culture keepers from multiple tribal communities to coordinate these networking and professional development gatherings.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council supports and endorses the upcoming Convening Culture Keepers mini-conferences, a series of six inter-tribal networking and professional development gatherings.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Executive Director of the Board of Directors of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was proposed and adopted at a duly noticed and convened meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 9th day of September, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and that the resolution has been entered upon the minutes of the Board of Directors without addition or amendment.

Michael W. Allen, Executive Director