



Application to the Minnesota Indigenous Business Alliance Intergenerational Board of Directors

Please complete this application. Use additional pages if required.

Name	
Home Address	
phone	e-mail
Work (if applicable) Business Name & Address	
phone	e-mail

Please tell us why you would like to become a Board member of Minnesota Indigenous Business Alliance (MNIBA) and the kind of contributions you would hope to make?

What skills and knowledge are you willing to bring to MNIBA's board of directors? Please indicate your experience in the following areas.	Very experienced	Some experience	Little to no experience
Community Connections			
Community member			
Government (city/county/state/federal/Tribal)			
Native entrepreneur/business owner/artisan			
Other:			
Qualities			
Personal connection with organization's mission			
Willingness to serve; attend monthly conference calls, quarterly meetings and events			
Other:			
Personal Style			
Community Organizer			
Partnership/Collaboration Builder			
Relationship Builder			
Strategist			
Visionary			
Other:			

Areas of Interest			
Advocacy			
Buy Native			
Events & Fundraising			
Financial Management			
Grass Roots Organizing			
Marketing			
Outreach and Education			
Research			
Small Business Development			
Strategic or Long Range Planning			
Technology			
Training			
Tribal Government			
Other (please list)			

For the items you checked as “very experienced” or “some experience”, please provide details:

Please tell us about your board or volunteer service with other organizations:

Organization	Period of Service	Type of Service

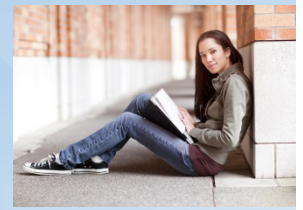
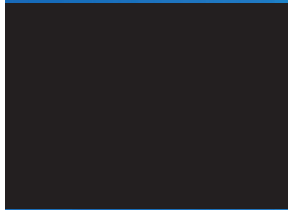
If you have a resumé, please attach it to your completed application and mail or e-mail it to:

Attn: Board Recruitment Committee
Minnesota Indigenous Business Alliance
P.O. Box 40354
St. Paul, MN 55104
Phone: 651-646-1033
Email: info@mniba.org

Chi Miigwech - Pidamayaye for your interest in serving on the MNIBA’s Board of Directors.

MINNESOTA INDIGENOUS BUSINESS ALLIANCE

Putting Native Business First



BOARD OPPORTUNITY

The Minnesota Indigenous Business Alliance (MNIBA) Board of Directors is actively seeking passionate, entrepreneurial board members committed to growing native trade and commerce and being part of a geographically diverse, inter-generational group of board members that will guide this organization into its future.

OUR MISSION

ACT: Align Partners, Connect Businesses to Resources and Transform Native Economies.

OUR VALUES

- Community: building trust and long-term relationships.
- Creativity: pushing beyond the obvious to promote change.
- Shared Leadership: representative of the communities we serve, fostering cooperation, collaboration and respectful inquiry.
- Restorative Growth: working to build healthy and equitable native economies that work for all.

OUR PROGRAMS

- Buy Native statewide campaign
- Entrepreneurial business, marketing and financial training
- Cooperative development training
- Lunch and Learn – a native trade & exchange pop-up
- Native leadership and expertise transfer model
- Native business directory

AN HONOR TO SERVE ON THE BOARD

MNIBA's inter-generational board is made up of

native business owners, community members and professionals who come together in a shared leadership role to make policies and provide strategic direction and oversight. MNIBA invests in its board members by offering ongoing professional development.

THE MNIBA NEEDS YOU IF...

- You are committed to growing native business.
- You are passionate about economic equity in native communities.
- You have the time and energy to spend 5-10 hours a month doing board work, attend monthly board video conferences, quarterly meetings/special events, participate in committee work, attend board training and being an ambassador for MNIBA in your community.
- You are motivated to become a great fundraiser and be prepared to learn new skills to succeed in this role.

NEXT STEPS

MNIBA is seeking to bring on a few new board members to serve staggered terms. Please email info@mniba.org to receive more detailed information about MNIBA and the board of directors, and to receive an application packet.

GET INVOLVED!

The Minnesota Indigenous Business Alliance (MNIBA) is looking for partners committed to growing native trade and commerce. Our partners value building relationships and collaborative partnerships that are focused on shared leadership and respectful inquiry.

Benefits of Becoming an Alliance Partner:

- Work with a region-wide network of dedicated professionals who share a similar vision.
- Learn about culturally-based strategies and best practices that support the healthy development of native trade and commerce.
- Stay informed about policy issues that critically impact the healthy development of native trade and commerce.

Benefits of Serving on the Statewide Buy Native First Working Group:

- Work with a state-wide group of dedicated professionals who have a passion for expanding native trade and commerce.
- Learn about cutting-edge strategies and best practices for launching a buy local campaign and putting native business first.
- Share your expertise as part of one of the three committees focusing on education, advocacy and procurement policy.

Benefits of Serving on MNIBA's Inter-generational Board of Directors:

- Serve with a statewide network of dedicated professionals in a shared leadership and governance model.
- Assist in the development of policy and set strategic direction and oversight that is generative.
- Grow personally and professionally through MNIBA's ongoing professional and leadership development training.

MNIBA'S CORE PROGRAMS

MNIBA's Native Business Directory

A free marketing tool for native entrepreneurs and artisans designed to provide greater visibility, online exposure and access to new markets.

MNIBA's "Buy Native First" Statewide Campaign

Be part of a Buy Native campaign to advance a strong and continued growth of local native trade and commerce.

MNIBA's Outreach and Education Efforts

- Entrepreneurial business, marketing and financial training
- Regional conferences and webinars
- Cooperative development
- Lunch and Learn networking events
- Business Showcase Events
- Legislative updates
- Annual Award Luncheon

MNIBA's Native Leadership and Expertise Transfer

This model draws from many entities external to the entrepreneur through partnerships and collaboration with:

- Community
- Clients and customers
- Government
- Financial institutions
- Professional development training and education institutions
- Native and non-native business mentorships

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