

DEIJ COMMITTEE REPORT

Meggan Gill, WECAN Co-Director on behalf of the DEIJ committee

Our board DEIJ committee has been active and has prioritized a review of our Alma Partners Audit (2022) to continue our ongoing assessments of what has been accomplished (for now) and which areas need continual or renewed attention. We are committed to integrating this foundational lens into all our work and time together as an organization. In addition to our committee work, some areas of focus have been:

Board Meetings: Studying the book, [The Identity Conscious Educator](#), and continuing to develop our shared aspirations within our meeting life. We believe this work is core to how we move together as a group and in our individual roles as WECAN leadership.

Conference: Last year, at our Spring Valley February conference, we hosted a pre-conference gathering and conversation with Alma Partners, which was well attended. This year, two board members and DEIJ committee members, [Meggan Gill](#) and Anjum Mir, will host a 90-minute pre-conference conversation focused on sustainability and community relationships.

Additionally, we are happy to have our former editor, Donna Miele, as a new book vendor from [Sparkle Books!](#) Donna is working closely with Meggan, and together we are curating in-person and online book collections of diverse representation in children's books. We are especially grateful to [Lee & Low Books](#) for sending a box of samples!

During these times, when so many communities are facing challenges of all sorts, we are grateful that WECAN remains steadfast in our commitment to serving all families and teachers.

With gratitude,
Meggan