

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2004**

The meeting was called to order by Mavany Verdugo, President. Roll was taken and a quorum established at 1:20 p.m. CDST.

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President – Mavany Verdugo President Elect – Lee Turney Region 1 – Tina Saunooke Ann Belleau, Alt. Region 2 – Amy Waukau Region 4 – Denise Keene Region 6 – Caroline Alcaida Region 7 – Helen Carson Dorothy McCloud, Alt. Region 8 – Jane Metcalf Region 9 – Verna Henderson Region 10 – Theo Bayou	Secretary – Connie Guillory Treasurer – Suellen Hixon Region 3 – Joyce Thomas Region 5 – Kathleen Sando	

Others present: Greg Smith, NIHSDA Attorney, Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, and Kristi Bentkowski, TFA/MCS

Greg Smith’s Report was given first with the following information:

- There is no new news on reauthorization. Movement at this time is uncertain.
- National Indian Education Association: Their legislative meeting was held in DC the last of March. Greg reported that he had made several presentations on Head Start during this meeting. He also prepared a talking point paper about Head Start that was used by NIEA representatives when they went to the Hill.
- HHS budget briefing: Greg will work on preparing testimony for this meeting with emphasis on the Senate legislation, which has in it a 4% set aside for Indian Head Start programs.
- Extend invitations to key congressional staff to visit Head Starts. Greg reported that during the Congressional recess the last of May he will work with Stephanie Munroe to see if she is available to visit some Head Start programs. NIHSDA might have to cover some of the costs.
- June 7-9 Greg is doing a training on Indian Law and Governance in Las Vegas. He will come to the NIHSDA Conference on the 10th.
- HSB decisions that need to be brought to light (ex. Not able to ask for waivers on non-federal share)

Agenda Review: The agenda was reviewed, Theo Bayou moved to accept the agenda. Helen Carson seconded; motion passed.

Minutes Approved: March 20-21, 2004. Mavany Verdugo presented the March 20-21, 2004 minutes for approval. The minutes were corrected and Caroline Alcaida moved for approval with the corrections; Amy Waukau seconded. Motion passed.

Correspondence from Santo Domingo Pueblo: Mavany Verdugo received a copy of the letter Santo Domingo Pueblo wrote to Windy Hill concerning the fact that their review was in October and now 5 months later they have heard nothing from the Bureau. This letter was for information purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Kathryn Helsel gave the Treasurer's report in Suellen Hixon's absence. Denise Keene moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Lee Turney seconded. Motion passed.

Thank you letters have been sent to the four tribes who have donated to the War Chest Fund.

Lee Turney asked permission to leave the teleconference call to attend another meeting. Permission was granted.

Standing Committee Reports: Suellen Hixon asked Kathryn Helsel to present the final approved version of the NIHSDA Fiscal Time Lines.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel reported that Monday the new dues requests were sent out. One new member has joined since the last meeting, the Council of Athabascan Tribal Gov. EHS.

Unfinished Business

Report on Regional Vacancies: No reports were given for Region 2 and 9.

New Business

NIHSDA Conference Update: Kathryn Helsel gave the following information about the 2004 Conference:

- The registration announcements have gone out for the main conference and the pre-intensives.
- 12 of the 42 workshops are filled.
- The pre-intensives are: Systems, Outcomes, Grantsmanship, Management Blueprint, and PRISM
- The next mailing to go out will have workshop key words and a registration reminder. Then workshop descriptions will be mailed out
- The consultants/presenters and the president will have comped rooms – this will save around \$4,000.

Joyce Thomas request: Joyce requested help to pay for her hotel cost at the conference this year. Helen Carson motioned to let her stay in a comped room if one is available or reimburse her for her room expense. Caroline Alcaida seconded. Motion passed.

