

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

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President Elect – Lee Turney Treasurer – Suellen Hixon Region 1 – Ann Belleau, Alt. Region 4 – Joanne Johnson, substituting for Cindy Griffin, Alt. Region 6 – Caroline Alcaida Region 7 – Helen Carson Region 8 – Jane Metcalf Region 10 – Johnnie Cain, Alt.	President – Mavany Verdugo - funeral Region 3 – Joyce Thomas – illness in family Region 10 – Theo Bayou – in training	Secretary – Connie Guillory Region 1 – Tina Saunooke Region 2 – Amy Waukau Region 4 – Denise Keene Region 5 – Kathleen Sando Region 9 – Alfreda Charlie

Call to Order: Lee Turney, President-Elect, called the regularly scheduled meeting to order January 8, 2004, at 1:33 p.m. CST. In the absence of the Secretary, Lee volunteered to take the minutes. Roll call was conducted by Lee.

TFA/MCS: Kathryn Helsel and Toni Dobrec

Others: Greg Smith, NIHSDA Attorney and Verena Phipps, an associate of Greg's.

Reauthorization Update:

- Verena provided an update on the Head Start Reauthorization. Congress is not back in session yet until the end of January. The Senate bill will probably go to the floor of the Senate late February and to Conference Committee in March. Greg has developed a letter of "Request for Funds" from tribes and also a side-by-side comparison of the House and Senate bills on Indian issues only. All of this material will be sent to the membership once approved by the Advocacy Subcommittee. Greg called in later and added some information. Kathryn will schedule a teleconference with Greg and the NIHSDA Reauthorization Committee in the near future.

Action Items:

- December 11, 2003 minutes were not available. They were tabled until the next meeting. Suellen moved to table the minutes until the next meeting. Caroline Alcaida seconded. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Suellen presented the Treasurer's Report. Ann Belleau moved to accept the report. Helen Carson seconded. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- 2004 NIHSDA Conference Facilitation contract: At this time Toni Dobrec and Kathryn Helsel left the meeting. Helen Carson moved and Johnnie Cain seconded to accept the Three Feathers Associates/MCS proposal for a total of \$40,091. Motion passed.

Discussion Items:

- By-Law revision: We still need 6 more votes to change the By-Laws. Regional Representatives were asked to call their programs that had not voted.
- Region 2 and 8 Alternate vacancies update: Region 2 reported no action. Region 8 has three (3) directors that are interested and will bring results to next board meeting.
- Committee reports: Suellen moved and Helen Carson seconded that Committee Reports be tabled until the next meeting. Motion passed.
- The next face to face meeting will be conducted prior to the NACFC Conference, Albuquerque, NM March 20 – 21, 2004. The Executive Committee will meet to develop the agenda for this meeting.

Other New Business:

- Johnnie Cain asked if the Association had any plans to be a part of the Grand opening of the Native American Museum in Washington, DC? He requested that the board have a discussion on this issue in the near future. Johnnie also volunteered to work with the board on facilitating an update of NIHSDA's strategic plan.
- Lee asked that a review of Board Members' attendance at regularly scheduled meetings be conducted and reported at the next meeting. Based on the By-Laws and Member attendance, there may be some action required.

Adjourn: Jane Metcalf moved and Johnnie Cain seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m. CST.