

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
May 13, 2004**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Mavany Verdugo, President. Roll call was taken, a quorum was established at 10:00 a.m. PST by Secretary Connie Guillory.

| PRESENT | NOTIFIED | NOT NOTIFIED |
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| President - Mavany Verdugo President-Elect - Lee Turney Secretary - Connie Guillory Region 1 -Tina Saunook Region 2 - Amy Waukau Region 3 - Joyce Thomas Region 4 - Denise Keene Region 8- Jane Metcalf Region 9 - Verna Henderson Region 10 - Johnnie Cain, Alt. | Treasurer - Suellen Hixon Region 5 - Kathleen Sando Region 7 - Helen Carlson Region 10- Theo Bayou | Region 6 - Caroline Alcaida |

Others present: Kathryn Helsel, TFA/MCS; Greg Smith, Attorney, Johnston & Associates.

Agenda Review: The proposed agenda was reviewed for approval. Agenda items included: Approval of the Minutes for April 8, 2004, Treasurer’s Report by Kathryn Helsel, Standing Committee Reports, Membership Report and NIHSDA Conference Update. Lee Turney moved to accept the agenda. Johnnie Cain seconded; motion passed.

Minutes Approved. Minutes for April 8, 2004 were presented by Connie Guillory. Lee Turney moved to accept the minutes; Amy Waukau seconded. Minutes approved.

Unfinished Business. None.

New Business. Items for discussion:

- Two (2) month extension of budget for management consultant services provided by Three Feathers Associates.
- Report from Mavany Verdugo who attended at the Aboriginal Head Start conference in British Columbia.
- Georgey Sparks’ request to be placed on the NIHSDA List Serve.
- Announcement for elections to be held in Region’s 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10. The elections shall be held between the months of June and August.
- Suggested items for June 5, 2004 face-to-face meeting in Palm Springs, California.

Reauthorization Report: Greg Smith, Attorney, came on the line to give an update on the activities taking place.

- Consultation with Tribes and the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) occurred on May 13, 2004 for the FY 2006 budget.
- William Jones, Chairman of the Lummi Tribe, was selected to represent Head Start. His report included Self-Governance which NIHSDA did not support or endorse. Also included was support for a 4% increase.
- Doug Klafehn, Deputy Associate Commissioner, was present. Mr. Klafehn has worked for DHHS for 30 years. A staffer stated an Indian Collaboration Director would be hired.
- Greg Smith spoke and referred back to the 4% set-aside. He said that DHHS can raise the percentage themselves. It can be done.
- He stated an attack from Tribes should occur encouraging the increase to 4%.
- Greg will get a list of Tribal Leaders who attended the Consultation and will focus on having them write a letter encouraging the HSB to increase the set aside. Greg will draft the letter.

Treasurer's Report. Suellen Hixon was ill. Kathryn gave the Treasurer's Report in her absence. Lee moved to accept the Treasurer's report; Joyce Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Standing Committee Reports. There was nothing new to report.

Membership Report: Kathryn reported that there are 140 members or 85% for fiscal years 2003 – 2004; 50 programs paid for 2004 -2005. Total membership fees to date are \$18,400.00. Lee moved to accept the Membership Report; Jane Metcalf seconded. Motion passed.

NIHSDA Conference Report Update. As of May 13, 2004:

- 117 are registered.
- For the two (2) day Pre-Intensives there are: Outcomes – 9; Grant Writing – 5; and Systems – 7.
- For the one (1) day Pre-Intensives there are: Planning – 9; PRISM -10.
- The cost-effectiveness of the Pre-Intensives was discussed.
- There are nine (9) vendors; we have up to 15 tables available for exhibitors.
- The hotels have been contracted for: The Spa – 444 room nights; 476 nights to date. The Hilton – 442 room nights; 432 to date. We have met our goal for the room guarantee.
- The Executive Committee will meet on Friday, June 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- The NIHSDA Board will meet all day on Saturday, June 5, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Connie was requested to issue a draft agenda so that members could request travel to attend.

New Business.

1. Two month extension (November and December 2004) of the MCS contract was presented by Three Feathers Associates. The request for services was calculated at \$8,000.00/per month. Amy Waukau moved for approval; Denise Keene seconded. Motion passed.
2. Mavany Verdugo gave a report on her attendance representing NIHSDA at the Aboriginal Head Start Conference.

