

**NIHSDA
Annual Membership Meeting
Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
Green Bay, Wisconsin
June 20, 2005, 4:30–7:30 p.m.**

NIHSDA Members Attending:

Acoma	Isleta	Rincon
Alamo HS/EHS	ITC-Michigan HS/EHS	Rocky Boy HS/EHS
Blackfeet HS/EHS	ITC-Nevada	San Carlos
Bois Forte	Kiowa	San Felipe
Chehalis	Laguna	Sault Ste. Marie HS/EHS
Cheyenne River	Leech Lake	Southcentral
CRIB	Lummi	Southcentral EHS
Colorado River	Muscogee (Creek)	Southern Ute HS/EHS
Coquille	Navajo Nation	Spokane
Fairbanks HS/EHS	Nez Perce HS/EHS	Three Affiliated
Five Sandoval	Oneida	Turtle Mountain
Fort Belknap	Osage	Washoe
Gila River	Pascua Yaqui	White Earth HS/EHS
Hopi	Reno Sparks	

Call to Order: Lee Turney, President, called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with 41 NIHSDA members present.

Guests included Georgeline Sparks, Chief AI-ANPB, Antonia Dobrec and Kathryn Helsel, TFA/MCS and Nicole Thompson, Mississippi State University.

Lee Turney asked for introductions of all members present.

The NISHDA Executive Committee: President, Lee Turney; Mavany Verdugo, Immediate Past President; Connie Guillory, Secretary; Dorothy McCloud, Treasurer; introduced themselves. Regional Representatives introduced themselves.

Representatives

Region 1:	Ann Belleau
Region 2:	John Pavek
Region 3:	Hilda Marshall Sara Young Bird, Alternate
Region 4:	Denise Keene
Region 5:	Suellen Hixson Jackie Bird, Alternate
Region 6:	Mary Bendle Caroline Alcaida, Alternate
Region 7:	Elaine Bender

Region 8: Jane Metcalf
Susan Carlson, Alternate
Region 9: Jessie Deardorff
Region 10: Theo Bayou
Mary Ellen Fritz, Alternate

Lee acknowledged representatives from the Southwest Consortium of Indian Head Start Programs, Inc. and Northwest Indian Head Start Coalition.

Lee Turney referred to the Annual Report, January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004, NIHSDA Corporate Year, which was given to all present.

Connie Guillory read the Annual Membership Minutes from the June 9, 2004, Palm Springs, California Conference. Lee Turney called for approval of the minutes. Jennifer Ramey moved to approve the minutes; Myrna Dingman seconded. Motion passed.

Dorothy McCloud gave the Treasurer's Report. Hilda Marshall moved to approve the Treasurer's Report; Theo Bayou seconded. Motion approved. One abstention.

Lee Turney highlighted NIHSDA activities for 2004 and 2005:

- Filling vacant positions on the Board.
- Monthly teleconference Board participation.
- Advocacy was a high point for the Board.
- NIHSDA Listserv.
- NIHSDA qualifies as an organization for CDA candidates.
- Determining where future conferences will be held.
- Acknowledged NHSA representatives from NIHSDA, past and present, Mavany Verdugo and Mary Ellen Hayes. The new Friend to NHSA is Toni Dobrec.
- Scholarship Program for Parent of the Year and Beating the Odds is due August 30, 2005 to Three Feathers Associates.

Questions from the floor:

- Inquired about dollar per child.
- Eligibility requirements to submit parent/staff nominations to States, NHSA, NIHSDA.
- The Membership Growth and Development from Annual Report was referenced. Recommended to share with elected leaders, community members.
- Goal to have 100% membership from tribes join NIHSDA. We range between 70 to 80%.

Lee Turney turned the agenda over to Mavany Verdugo at 5:30 p.m. regarding following-up on concerns from the membership during the June 2004 Annual Conference. NIHSDA wrote a letter to the Head Start Bureau Associate Commissioner's Office regarding the American Indian/Alaska Native Program Branch. The list of concerns was submitted to Joan Ohl, Windy Hill, Amanda Bryans and Georgey Sparks in September 2004. Mavany referred to pages 8 and 9 in the Annual Report. To date no response has been received from the Head Start Bureau.

Lee Turney read a letter from Carmen Lieurance, past Board member, thanking the Board for the opportunity to be a member of the Association. Carmen retired after 17 years of service. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Carmen.

Lee Turney summarized the Strategic Roadmap. The Strategic Roadmap was adopted by the Board and serves as our planning tool to meet the goals and objectives identified by the membership.

Recess at 5:40 p.m., resumed at 5:50 p.m.

The priorities of the Strategic Roadmap were described in a PowerPoint presentation.

Jennifer Ramey spoke of increasing capacity to include parents receiving Conference information under Priority #4 of the Roadmap.

Georgey Sparks, Branch Chief, AI/ANPB, was asked to come forward for Questions and Answers. Georgey gave an overview of the past year.

Major emphasis of concerns from the Directors were:

- Program Specialist changes without adequate notification, only after the change has occurred. No input from programs allowed. (This was echoed throughout the Questions and Answers).
- Lack of written responses when Tribes have concerns.
- Tribes are expected to carry programs until funding is received. Financial awards are still not received on time.
- Receiving full allotment of funds when requested. Tribes feel like they get the run around with no real answers.
- Clarification of enrollment was discussed. The definition is, "all slots shall be filled on the first day of school." It does not mean that every child comes to school on the first day.
- Is there going to be a national conference? If so, we would like sufficient notice. Georgey referenced the upcoming December 2005 ACF/ANA Conference in Palm Springs, Ca. There will be tribal consultation on 12/5/05. She encouraged all Head Start Programs to attend.
- Questions about the 20% Non-Federal Share, liability for the NFS and disallowances.
- Tribes thanked the AI/ANPB Branch for One-Time Funding awards.

Lee thanked Georgey for coming to the Membership Meeting to hear the concerns from the members themselves.

There being no further business. John Pavek moved to adjourn; Kaibah Begay seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

/s/
Consuelo Guillory, Secretary

July 8, 2005