

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
December 8, 2005
Tele-Conference**

Call to Order: Lee Turney, President, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. EST.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Ann Belleau. A quorum of the Board of Directors was established.

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President - Lee Turney President Elect - Theo Bayou Secretary - Ann Belleau Region 1 - Joyce McClellan Region 2 - Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 4 - Denise Keene Region 5 - Suellen Hixon Region 6 - Mary Bendle Region 7 - Mavany Verdugo Region 10 - MaryEllen Fritz	Treasurer - Dorothy McCloud Region 2 - John Pavek Region 5 - LouAnn Tenequer, Alt. Region 6 - Caroline Alcaida, Alt. Region 9 - Jessie Deardorff	Region 3 - Hilda Marshall Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 4 - Pat Wind, Alt. Region 7 - Gloria Smith, Alt. Region 8 - Jane Metcalf. Susan Carlson, Alt. Region 10 - Brenda Krupa, Alt.

Others Present: Toni Dobrec, Kathryn Helsel, and Kristi Bentkowski – TFA/MCS.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. No agenda items were added. Mavany Verdugo moved to approve the agenda, Kevin Hedstrom seconded, the motion unanimously passed.

Approval of the Minutes of November 10, 2005: Corrections to the minutes of November 10, 2005 were made as follows:

- Page 2 – Navaho replace with *Navajo*
- Page 2 – add – Greg Smith.....has been working with Migrant *Head Start*.
- Page 4 – change committee’s to *committees*

Theo Bayou moved to accept the minutes of November 10, 2005 with the corrections as noted, Joyce McClellan seconded. The motion carried with one abstention.

Treasurer’s Report: Kathryn Helsel provided a report of the Check Register, Income Report, and Expense Report including investments. Theo Bayou moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Denise Keene seconded, the motion unanimously carried.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel provided an update on the current membership status. Seven programs recently joined, increasing the membership to 81%. There are 31 programs that are not members yet. Regional Representatives will make personal phone calls to increase membership.

Mary Bendle joined at 2:25 p.m. making 10 members present.

Attendance Record: A new attendance record was started that reflects October 2005 to October 2006. Lee Turney will follow-up with any Board members that have missed meetings.

Consultation in Palm Springs: The following comments/observations were shared by Board members:

- The meeting with Frank Fuentes, Acting Head Start Bureau Chief; Georgey Sparks, Chief, AI-ANPB and Ann Linehan, Division Director; was a “Head Start Conversation” not a Tribal Consultation.
- The government obligation to Tribes was discussed.
- Tribal leaders wanted action.
- It was noted that there was not a discussion regarding the funds that were transferred out of the priority areas.
- An action plan is to be received by AI-AN grantees by 2/15/06, per Frank Fuentes.
- We will need to rally together/tribal leadership support upon receipt of the action plan.
- NIHSDA and NIEA testimony presented by Gil Vigil at the consultation.

Legislative Update: Toni Dobrec provided an update based upon the latest NHSA conference call: There are still attempts being made to cut Head Start funding. Discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of the House and Senate language. Kathryn Helsel reported that Craig Turner relayed that the Senate will probably go to the Senate floor in January and that the new Act would not go into effect until October 1, 2006. It would be a five year Act.

2007 Conference Site: The Board discussed Anchorage, Alaska. Theo Bayou provided information pertaining to the availability of facilities and other local arrangements. Jane Metcalf moved for the 2007 conference site to be Anchorage, Alaska, Mavany Verdugo seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

At approximately 3:10 p.m. EST, Theo Bayou had to leave the meeting. A quorum was maintained.

Board Vacancies/Changes: Regional Representatives from Regions 1 and 9 are working toward filling the Alternate vacancies. The MCS will support/help as needed.

Letter of Support from Supervisor: Board members need to submit their letter from their supervisor to the MCS. Kathryn Helsel will email the list of members that still need to submit their letter and Kathryn Helsel and Lee Turney will follow-up with those board members.

Committee Assignments/Responsibilities: New committee assignments were presented. Lee Turney reviewed the assignments and provided an explanation of the new committees that were added. Beginning in February the committees will meet every other month with the Board meeting on alternate months (beginning in January). The committees will report to the full board on a regular basis. Committee attendance

expectations were discussed. Lee Turney will contact committee chair and Toni Dobrec will develop a task list for each committee.

The committees and members are as follows:

Executive – Lee Turney, Chairperson. Members: Theo Bayou, Dorothy McCloud, Ann Belleau.

Budget/Finance/Development – Dorothy McCloud, Chairperson. Members: John Pavek, Suellen Hixon, *Kevin Hedstrom, *Pat Wind.

Education/Info Conference – Theo Bayou, Chairperson. Members: Joyce McClellan, Denise Keene, *Sara Young Bird, Region 1—2 program directors.

Membership/Membership Services – Mavany Verdugo, Chairperson. Members: Denise Keene, Hilda Marshall, MaryEllen Fritz, *Susan Carlson, *Sara Young Bird.

Bylaws/Governance/Board/Development – Ann Belleau, Chairperson. Members: Mary Bendle, Suellen Hixon, Jane Metcalf, Jessie Deardorff.

Ad Hoc Advocacy/Legislation – Lee Turney, Chairperson. Members: Executive Committee Members, Mavany Verdugo, Suellen Hixon, Joe Henry.

Ad Hoc Leadership/Mentoring – Jane Metcalf, Chairperson. Members: Mary Bendle, Hilda Marshall, MaryEllen Fritz, *Caroline Alcaida, *Susan Carlson.

Ad Hoc Quality Assurance – Mavany Verdugo, Chairperson. Members: Joe Henry, Joyce Thomas?, Connie Guillory.

*Alternate

Kevin Hedstrom had to leave the meeting at 3:00 p.m. A quorum of nine members was maintained.

Strategic Road Map Revisions: Toni Dobrec provided a summary including an official Administrative Operations Calendar that identifies timelines, board activities, and completion months. Suellen Hixon moved to accept the revised strategic road map, Mavany Verdugo seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Native American Johnson & Johnson: After discussion of the possibility of a Native American Johnson & Johnson, it was decided by consensus that this project will go to the Education Committee for development.

2006 Calendar and Schedule: The 2006 Board Calendar was provided outlining board meetings and committee meetings/activities. Lee Turney will work with committee chairs for scheduling to ensure meeting consistency. The March face-to-face meeting will take place on February 23-25 in Chandler, AZ. See NACFC registration material for the hotel reservation information.

Revenue Development Planning: Toni Dobrec reported that she and Kristi Bentkowski are working on drafting a plan within the strategic directions. This will fall under the finance committee.

2006 Conference Update: Kathryn Helsel reported that the rooms have been secured at the hotel. It is 12 blocks walking distance from the hotel to the museum or a \$7.00 taxi ride. Three conference announcements have been sent out so far. Kathryn Helsel

spoke to Helen Scheirbeck about the possibility of a reception at the museum and Helen directed her to the Events Coordinator.

Other Discussion:

- TAN will support the development of the mentoring/leadership program.
- Discussion took place regarding the programs in Alaska returning to the AIAN-PB TAN system. MaryEllen Fritz moved to submit a formal letter to Frank Fuentes requesting to reassign the Alaska programs to the AIAN TAN. Joyce McClellan seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.
- NIEA will be in Anchorage, Alaska in October, 2006.

With no further business, Joyce McClellan moved to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. EST. Mavany Verdugo seconded. Motion carried.