

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
February 10, 2005**

**Call to Order:** Lee Turney, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. CST.

**Roll Call** – Roll call was taken by Kathryn Helsel. A quorum was established.

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>NOTIFIED</b>	<b>NOT NOTIFIED</b>
President - Lee Turney Immed. Past President - Mavany Verdugo Treasurer - Dorothy McCloud Region 1 - Ann Belleau Region 2 - Amy Waukau John Pavek Region 4 - Denise Keene Region 5 - Suellen Hixon Region 6- Mary Bendle Region 8 - Jane Metcalf Region 9 - Jessie Deardorf Region 10 - Theo Bayou	Secretary - Connie Guillory Region 3 - Hilda Marshall Region 7 - Elaine Bender	

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

**Agenda Approval.** Theo Bayou moved to accept the agenda. Ann Belleau seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes.** Suellen moved to table the January 2005 minutes until the next meeting. Theo seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report (December).** Dorothy McCloud presented the Treasurer's report for December. Jane Metcalf moved to accept the report. Theo Bayou seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report (January).** Dorothy McCloud presented the Treasurer's report for January. Lee Turney asked Kathryn next month to list the CDs with maturity dates, investments NIHSDA holds and any planning that needs to be done in regard to those investments. Amy Wakau moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Denise Keene seconded. Motion passed.

**Membership Report.** There has been no new membership since the last meeting. Theo emailed her programs in January and February as well as called several. Kenaitze is under a budget crunch. There is a new director at Kawerak, and she is interested. Mark Wasierski at AVCP has a lot on his plate but will talk more with Mary Ellen. Lee suggested developing some action steps at the face-to-face meeting to increase membership.

**Attendance Report.** The Attendance Report was reviewed. Informational only.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Request for Business Link to Website.** Even though most board members felt the Innovative Early Childhood Education Systems website was informational and could be useful to directors, there were concerns about a lack of selection protocol for adding web links. Jane Metcalf moved to develop at the February face-to-face meeting policies and procedures for allowing links to be added to the web page. Dorothy McCloud seconded. Motion passed.

**Review of NIHSDA By-laws, Update.** The by-laws with comments from Lee will be reviewed at the February face-to-face meeting.

### **Conference Update.**

- The Call for Presentations will be sent out next week.
- Fund-Raising: John is still talking with several contacts. Nothing concrete yet.
- Request for T-shirts for the Quilt: Dorothy currently has 13 shirts. The board should discuss how much representation is needed from the tribes and whether to move ahead if not enough t-shirts are received.

**Region 7 Alternate Update.** Elaine Bender was not on the call to give a report. Mavany discussed the cluster trainings that were held in northern and southern California and that contact was made with several directors.

### **New Business**

**Advocacy Update.** Mavany reported the Bush FY 2006 Budget is flat for Head Start, but has \$45 million for State demonstration projects. Programs should not expect COLA money or quality money.

She gave a report on the members of Congress which she and Greg Smith met with in early January. Much emphasis in their discussion was to keep the Senate language for Indian Head Start programs and ask the House to accept that language. There was a lot of discussion on making sure that within the 13% set-aside Indian programs would receive 4%. There is some discrepancy as to what the 13% is actually being spent on with a hint that maybe 2% has been moved to fund regular Head Start slots. Lee asked that Mavany's itinerary be given to the Board at the Albuquerque meeting.

**NHSA Leadership Institute Report.** Mavany and Mary Ellen Hayes attended this institute and NHSA Board meeting. Mavany said that a lot of the Congressional people that had been invited were unable to attend. NHSA continues to work the Hill with about the same message as last year. Mary Ellen Hayes will present her report at the Albuquerque face-to-face meeting.

NHSA has sent out a survey asking programs to report on what a flat budget will mean to them beginning October 1, 2005 (FY 2006 budget). The board asked that this survey

be sent to all NIHSDA members in an easy format via email. Responses from this survey will be compiled and sent to NCAI and NHSA.

**Schedule Executive Committee teleconference to set agenda for face-to-face meeting.** This will be done at the Norman meeting instead of a teleconference and then finalized through email.

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, Theo moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 CST. Amy seconded. Motion passed.

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Consuelo Guillory, Secretary

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Kristi Bentkowski, MCS staff

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