

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors' Meeting
May 12, 2005**

Call to Order: Lee Turney, President, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. CDT.

Update on Head Start Reauthorization. Greg Smith, NISHDA Lobbyist. Greg Smith came on at 1:05 CDT. It was determined we did not have a quorum established so President Turney instructed Greg to give his presentation and do not stop when Board members come on the line.

- The House version came out of the sub-committee on May 5th and is known as the School Readiness Act of 2005 H.R. 2123. The 4% set aside, which we were wanting, was not in their draft. Greg has been in contact with Kildee's office and he is prepared to offer an amendment which would increase the Indian set aside from 2.8% to 4%.
- The Republicans are not being very supportive.
- There will be a call this afternoon with the Indian law-lobes to divide up the work with House Representatives to try to get the 4% language into the Act.
- Greg has now heard from a couple of different sources that the HSB says that 80% of eligible Indian children are being served. He cannot find out who started this, but will try to find out as we are saying that 16% of eligible children are being served.
- The full committee is scheduled to meet May 18th and vote on their version of the amendments.
- Greg is working on testimony for Gil Vigil to present at the 7th Annual HHS Tribal Budget Consultation which is scheduled for May 18th.
- Lee, Ann and Connie will travel to DC on May 16th to meet with members of the House of Representatives, Senators and attend the Budget Consultation meeting.

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

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President - Lee Turney Immed. Past President – Mavany Verdugo Treasurer - Dorothy McCloud Region 1 - Ann Belleau Region 1 – Rasennes Pembleton, Alter. Region 4 - Denise Keene Region 5 - Suellen Hixon Region 6- Mary Bendle Region 10 - Theo Bayou MaryEllen Fritz, Alter.	Secretary - Connie Guillory Region 6 - Caroline Alcaida, Alter. Region 7 - Elaine Bender Region 8 - Jane Metcalf Region 9 - Jessie Deardorf	Region 2 - Amy Waukau Region 3 - Hilda Marshall

Others present: Greg Smith, NIHSDA Lobbyist, Kathryn Helsel and Toni Dobrec, MCS, TFA.

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

Approval of Minutes, April 14, 2005. Suellen Hixon moved to approve the minutes and requested that the spelling of her last name be corrected on page 2. Denise Keene seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report. Dorothy McCloud presented the Treasurer's Report. Mavany Verdugo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ann Belleau seconded. Motion passed.

One of NIHSDA's CDs is up for renewal. Lee Turney asked, when was the last time a CD was cashed and Kathryn Helsel replied that it had been about 5 years ago when we had low Conference participation and needed it for cash flow. From the Treasurer's Report it was determined that there was sufficient

money to operate through the Conference. Suellen Hixon moved and Mavany Verdugo seconded that instead of renewing the CD for 6 months that we shop for a 1 year CD hoping for a better interest rate. Motion passed.

Membership Report. Kathryn noted that there were 2 new members since the last meeting which now puts Region 6 (Arizona and Navajo) at 100% membership. It was also brought to the Board's attention that these 2 grantees would be considered having a dual membership. Any other program joining during the month of May would be considered a "dual" member both for '04-'05 and '05-'06.

As of today's meeting 24 programs have paid their '05-'06 dues.

Attendance Report. Everyone thinks that this is still a good idea to have this available at each meeting. Theo Bayou again noted that she and Lee Turney had perfect attendance.

Unfinished Business

Revised Strategic Roadmap and Timelines. Dorothy McCloud moved and Ann Belleau seconded that the Strategic Roadmap including the Timelines be adopted. Motion passed. Lee Turney asked that a summary of the Roadmap be sent to all Board members and included as an agenda item at the face-to-face meeting in Green Bay.

Conference Update. Kathryn Helsel said that all workshop slots were filled except for one 3 hour and four 1½ hours. Lee Turney informed the Board that he was personally donating 3 paintings for the Raffle. The paintings are done by a local artist who is recognized throughout the region and are valued at over \$300.00. Currently we have 31 people registered for the Conference and Kathryn encouraged everyone to get their registration in and hotel reservations made. The MCS had e-mailed examples of the tote bag, Conference program cover and tote bag logo. Several people commented on how nice they looked. Kathryn talked about the Oral Health Forum, which will be conducted during the Conference on Wednesday, June 22nd. This is an all day forum and AI-AN will pay for airfare and 2 days of per diem for those who are selected to attend. An application must be submitted to AI-AN and approved. A discussion followed as to how to charge people who wanted to attend the regular Conference either the day before or the day after. It was decided that there would be a \$100 charge for 1 day attendance. Banquet tickets for those people not registered for the Conference can be purchased individually.

It was decided that we should sell t-shirts during the Conference. Don't order too many. They should be bright in color and have something about the Anniversary on them.

Lee Turney has written a letter to Georgeline and Amanda asking that Euel Pitman be allowed to present at the Conference because of his years of experience with Indian Head Start and children with disabilities. He asked Georgeline to get back with him by May 18th.

NIHSDA Face-to-Face Board of Directors Meeting - Timelines for NIHSDA Conference, Green Bay, WI.

Saturday, June 18, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, June 20, 4:45 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. NIHSDA Membership Meeting

Tuesday, June 21, 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22, 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 23, Noon – 2:00 p.m. or until business is finished

New Business

Relationship with Council for Professional Recognition (CDA). Kathryn Helsel has been working with Kathleen Sullivan, the Assistant Deputy Director for the Council for Professional Recognition. In order to get/keep your CDA, an individual must be a member of a professional organization. NIHSDA has the Associate Membership and staff can now join NIHSDA as an Associate Member and that will meet the

requirements of the CDA Council. Kathryn was instructed by the Board to register NIHSDA as a member organization of the Council.

Regional Elections in the Odd Numbered Regions. Lee Turney discussed how the elections should occur in the odd numbered regions. Elections should take place by August to be seated by October 1.

Reports from Regions 1 and 4.

Region 1. Ann Belleau welcomed as did everyone else on the Board Alternate, Rasennes Pembleton, St. Regis Mohawk.

Region 4. Denise Keene announced that the Oklahoma/Kansas/Texas folks held a meeting and elected Belle Harjo as the Alternate for Region 4. Belle is the director at Cheyenne/Arapaho.

Report on Conversation with Joan Ohl. Joan Ohl placed a call to Lee Turney after receipt of the letter which was sent to her requesting a response to NIHSDA's concerns. This call took place on May 9th. Lee reported that she apologized profusely for not getting the letter out. However, the letter had been written and would be sent out soon. She discussed with him a middle management type "fellows" program which would be for 6 to 12 months in the HSB offices. Lee talked with her about being more concerned with directors and the high turnover rate of AI-AN staff. Also visited with her about the need training of Tribal Councils and their leadership role in working with Head Start programs. We will now wait on her written response.

NHSA Staff, Parent & Friend Representative Nominations. On April 15th a memo went to the NIHSDA Listserv describing how nominations for the 1 seat on the NHSA Board would be taken. Kathryn Helsel reported that 1 nomination had been received to date. Lee Turney requested that the memo be resent to see if there were additional folks that might be interested in this position. Nominations must be in to Lee by June 1 (this memo was resent immediately following this Board meeting).

HHS 2007 Tribal Budget Consultation. Gil Vigil, Vice Chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council, was asked by Lee Turney to represent NIHSDA at this Consultation. Greg Smith is preparing both detailed testimony and a five minute presentation testimony for NIHSDA and Gil. Windy Hill is being shown as the HHS official who will respond. Lee, Ann, Connie and Greg will all be at the Consultation when Gil presents NIHSDA's testimony.

Adjournment.

Mavany Verdugo moved to adjourn. Theo Bayou seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m. CDT.

/s/
Kathryn Helsel for Connie Guillory
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