

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 2005
Tele-Conference**

Call to Order: Lee Turney, President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. EST.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Ann Belleau. A quorum of the Board of Directors was established. During Roll Call, Denise Keene introduced the new Region 4 Alternate, Pat Wind.

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

Others Present: Toni Dobrec, Kathryn Helsel, and Christy Bentkowski – MCS/TFA and Joseph Henry, Director, Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes Head Start/Early Head Start.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed with one agenda item being added under New Business: NHSA Senate Sign-On Letter. Theo Bayou moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the NHSA Senate Sign-On Letter, John Pavek seconded, the motion unanimously passed.

Approval of the Minutes of October 13-16, 2005 & Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2005:

Minutes of October 13-16, 2005 – Annual Board Meeting

Several editorial corrections to the minutes of October 13-16, 2005 were made.

Hilda Marshall moved to accept the minutes of October 13-16, 2005 with corrections, Mavany Verdugo seconded. The motion carried with one abstention from Dorothy McCloud due to her not being in attendance.

Minutes of November 4, 2005 – Executive Committee Meeting

John Pavek moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2005, Theo Bayou seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Dorothy McCloud provided an overview of the Check Register, Expense Report, and Income Report. Kathryn Helsel gave an overview of the Investment Report. Mavany Verdugo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Jane Metcalf seconded. Call for discussion generated the following comments:

- ☞ Membership can make an impact on the revenue through the name change of "War Chest" to the "NIHSDA Native Child/Family Advocacy Fund." It is an opportunity to raise funds per region to help alleviate the projected over expenditures and generate other ideas to generate revenue.
- ☞ The association is lacking in income sources. There is a need to increase revenue sources.

With no further discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel provided an update on the current membership status. Two programs recently joined, increasing the membership to 76%. The Board discussed the possibility of revising the membership application form to an invoice form to make the process easier for programs to join.

Attendance Report: Lee Turney reiterated the importance of meeting attendance of both Members and Alternates and asked that the current attendance report end and a new report begin for the new year.

Legislative Update: Kathryn Helsel provided an update based upon Greg Smith's last email to the Advocacy Committee as follows:

- ☞ Ryan Wilson is now the President of NIEA – Greg Smith is also the attorney/lobbyist for NIEA.
- ☞ Greg Smith and Ryan Wilson meet with Enzi and McCain. Hatch will be contacted through the Navajo delegation.
- ☞ Greg Smith has been working with Migrant Head Start.
- ☞ Greg Smith and Ryan Wilson generated 500 letters at the NIEA Convention that were delivered.
- ☞ Greg Smith is also working with Ryan Wilson to make contact with Scotty Radcliff who is an Enzi staffer located in the field. Mr. Radcliff is Shoshone.
- ☞ Joe Henry joined the meeting to provide an update on his contact with Scotty Radcliff.
- ☞ Enzi was asked to support the 3.5% increase proposed in the House Bill.
- ☞ The Shoshone Chairman (Ivan Posy) is also writing a letter and is going to Washington, DC and will advocate for the increase.
- ☞ Kathryn Helsel and Joe Henry will update Greg Smith on the meeting with Scotty Radcliff and the involvement of the Shoshone Chairman. They will also discuss next steps.
- ☞ Greg Smith recommended that the Board sign the NHTSA Senate letter regarding the Policy Council, NRS, and Teacher Qualifications.

Mavany Verdugo moved to sign into the NHTSA Senate letter, Dorothy McCloud seconded. The call for discussion generated the following comments/questions:

- ☞ John Pavek asked what the benefit is for NIHSDA of signing on.
- ☞ Kathryn Helsel discussed the benefits and provided an explanation of Greg Smith's reasoning for the Board to sign on.
- ☞ John Pavek stated that the Oneida lobbyist group is willing to assist.

With no further discussion, the motion unanimously carried.

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

At approximately 3:10 p.m. EST, Theo Bayou, MaryEllen Fritz, Dorothy McCloud, and Hilda Marshall had to leave the meeting for various reasons. The quorum was maintained.

2006 Budget & Revenue Plan: Toni Dobrec provided a report on the revised budget in the amount of \$258,000.00. The budget includes three sections: Operations Budget, Conference Budget, and the Leech Lake Mentoring Project/Grant. Only the Operation section of the budget was revised by reduction of the MCS Contract. Toni Dobrec also provided a review of the Revenue Plan and discussed increasing revenue through fundraising, other membership efforts, and grant proposals. There are three types of revenue within the revenue plan: restricted, unrestricted, and investments. Suellen Hixon moved to accept the 2006 Budget and Revenue Plan, Denise Keene seconded, the motion carried with a unanimous vote.

At approximately 3:35 p.m. Mary Bendle had to leave the meeting. A quorum was maintained.

Letter of Support from Supervisor: Kathryn Helsel stated that a few letters from the Supervisors of some of the Board members have arrived. However, several letters are still outstanding. Board members were reminded to submit letters of support for their participation on the Board as soon as possible.

New Accounts for CD's: Kathryn Helsel reviewed the CD interest rates that were submitted. She also said that the Pioneer investment had been cashed out and would be put into a CD. John Pavek moved to invest with the highest interest rate for 6 months, Jane Metcalf seconded. The motion unanimously passed.

New War Chest Name: The "War Chest" was renamed by a poll vote of the Board to the "NIHSDA Native Child/Family Advocacy Fund."

MCS Contract: Toni Dobrec provided a report on the changes to the MCS Contract based on the revisions to the 2006 Budget and Revenue Plan. The MCS hours were reduced by eliminating duties based on the adjustments of the strategic directions. MCS payments will be made on a quarterly basis. Payments are based on the workload per quarter. John Pavek moved to approve the MCS Contract as presented, Mavany Verdugo seconded, the motion unanimously carried.

At approximately 4:00 p.m. Jane Metcalf had to leave the meeting. A quorum was maintained with 9 members.

Strategic Road Map: Moved to the next month's agenda under unfinished business.

Native American J & J: Moved to the next month's agenda under unfinished business. Lee discussed that this project may need to go to a committee for development.

Who's Going to Palm Springs: Several members affirmed that they would be attending the ACF Tribal Consultations and Head Start Meetings in Palm Springs in December.

Committee Assignments: Lee Turney asked that those members that did not complete and submit the Committee Assignment Survey do so and return them to Kathryn Helsel. Lee Turney said that he will be reviewing the committee assignments and possibly making individual contact with members to serve on specific committees.

With no further business, John Pavek moved to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. EST, Jessie Deardorff seconded, the motion unanimously carried.

Ann Belleau, Secretary
November 15, 2005