

topic that would be offered, but stated that she knew it was an issue. In PRISM reports governance is a top finding.

John also stated that during his review there was a problem with one of the reviewers and that he would like to contact someone about it. Georgey replied that both Frank and Ann want to hear about both poor and exemplary behavior of review team members. Ann has specifically asked that any problems be addressed directly to her.

Caroline asked Renee how many Indian Reservations had she visited? Renee admitted that she has never been on a reservation and has only visited a handful of Head Start programs. However, she plans on getting out into the field more and has Channell's support. Caroline invited Renee to visit CRIT Head Start in Arizona, which Renee accepted.

Kathryn asked to Georgey to verify if Eric is staying or leaving the branch. Georgey says he is staying.

Jane asked Georgey why grantees outside of Regions 11 and 12 are being funded on time and then are able to work out problems with the application afterwards. Many tribal programs do not have the funds to cover services while problems with the grant are worked out. Renee said she would ask other regions about this to see if this is happening, and if so, can it be used in Region 11. Jane also invited Renee to visit her program.

Sara Young Bird joined the call at 1:42 p.m.

There were no more questions for Georgey or Renee. Theo thanked them both for joining the call.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel gave the membership report. Currently 100 grantees have joined NIHSDA, Region 4 is the strongest region with 78% paid members. Regions 2 and 7 have 71%. Region 3 and 9 are the lowest at 47%.

Attendance Record: The attendance record updated for June 2006 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for their information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOA with NIEA: Lillian Sparks is supposed to make changes and then send a copy to NIHSDA. Kathryn will send a note to Lillian asking about the updated copy.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Reports: Committee meetings were not held during July. The Board needs to discuss how to improve consistency and attendance of these meetings.

Mavany mentioned that NHSA has quarterly face-to-face meetings to do committee work. Jane and Theo agreed that face-to-face is more conducive. Caroline doesn't

want the meeting in Oklahoma to be extended, it is long enough already. She likes the teleconferences. The executive committee and Kathryn will work on the face-to-face agenda for October to make time for committee meetings.

Research Steering Committee: Mavany and Theo reported that the committee is made up of a very strong and diverse group of directors. During the meeting they reviewed past projects, and asked to see community assessments from programs to help gain an understanding of current needs. It was good that Georgey was there and they plan to be at the upcoming conferences, such as Southwest.

Regional Fund Raising: Each region committed to raising \$2,000 for the advocacy fund. So far regions 2, 3 and 8 have met or exceeded that goal. Region 4 has raised \$1,000. The other regions are reminded of the commitment that was made.

Hilda Marshall joined the call at 2:10 p.m.

Preliminary Final Conference Report: Kathryn currently estimates the final revenue to be \$159,000 and expenditures at \$142,000, putting the conference in the black by \$17,000. This is due in large to the support of IHS.

'07 Senate Appropriation Report: Kathryn reported on Greg's assessment of the Senate Appropriations Committee Report Language in the FY 2007 Labor HHS Appropriations bill. It recognizes the need for expansion in the Indian Head Start program, calls for more construction dollars, and requires the Secretary to provide and explanation of how the priority funds are being used. It also contains the language for which the Migrant programs have advocated. Greg feels we have one more Senate Committee with us and we are maneuvering HHS into a corner regarding the games they have been playing with the priority funds.

Progress on PIR: The Board will encourage their regions to submit their PIRs. Gila River's PIR will be validated, which means a team of 2 or 3 people will visit their program to validate the information using their documentation. Pat Foster, director at Gila River, is concerned, but Kim Keating, PIR Project Manager, Xtria, said the results would be kept confidential. They will use the information to look for questions that are hard to answer or difficult to document.

NHSA Info to NIHSDA Listserv: Kathryn asked the Board how they felt about forwarding emails from NHSA to the NIHSDA listserv. She was concerned about grantees being frustrated at receiving duplicate information. Only 34 Indian programs are members of NHSA and the Board encouraged Kathryn to send on information.

NIHSDA Listserv Purged of Non-members: At the beginning of August Kristi removed all non-members from the listserv. Grantees will be added back on as they rejoin.

Transportation and Non-Federal Share: Once the new transportation rules become effective (January 1), private cars will no longer be allowed as NFS. Many programs use parent transportation as non-federal share. This will really need to be watched.

Other New Business:

Regional Representative Elections: Even numbered regions are due for elections this fall. MCS will send out instruction letters and grantee contact information to the Board.

NHSA President List – Theo

Theo has been notified by NHSA as to their most current list of State Presidents and Regional Presidents, including executive directors of State and Regional Organizations. The ad hoc Advocacy Committee about a year ago gave Kathryn the title “Senior Manager, NIHSDA/MCS.” Theo wanted concurrence from the board that this title stands and could be used with the NHSA listing. The board concurred.

\$3 per child fundraiser: MCS will resend the mailing to those programs that have not donated yet.

With no further business, Theo adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m. CDST.