

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2006
Tele-Conference**

Legislative Update: Greg Smith presented his status report on Head Start reauthorization. The Senate bill is currently stalled because of the “charitable choice” amendment the Republicans want to add to the bill. Greg recommends we prepare letters and position papers for when the Senate moves.

Greg proposed a possible strategy for increasing funding for Indian Head Start through appropriations. We have a good base for requesting this increase due to the higher Indian Head Start funding levels in both the Senate and House bills, as well as the inappropriate transfer previously of funds from the 13% set aside.

Call to Order: Lee Turney, President, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. CST.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by the President, Lee Turney. A quorum of the Board of Directors was established.

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

Others Present: Greg Smith, Kristi Bentkowski, Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, and Carol Wedel.

Legislative Update (cont.): Greg Smith requested Board approval to pursue the appropriations funding. Mavany Verdugo moved to allow Greg to prepare work on recovering the full 13% set aside and gaining more of this funding through appropriations. Jane Metcalf seconded, the motion passed.

Greg mentioned that the June training Conference would be an ideal time to educate members of Congress on Indian Head Start issues. He will also be presenting at the NIEA Washington Legislative Summit on Head Start in February and the NIHSDA leadership is invited to attend.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Lee suggested removing “NHS Representation” and “NIHSDA Presidency Vacancy” and requested that “NIHSDA/NICCA MOP” and “Leech Lake Mentorship Grant” be added to the agenda. Jane Metcalf moved to approve the agenda with Lee’s changes, LouAnn Tenequer seconded, the motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of December 8, 2005:

Theo Bayou moved to accept the minutes of December 8, 2005. Denise Keene seconded, the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Dorothy McCloud provided a report of the Check Register, Income Report, and Expense Report including investments. Denise Keene moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, LouAnn Tenequer seconded, the motion passed.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel provided an update on the current membership status. Eight programs recently joined, increasing the membership to 86%. Jessie Deardorff has programs in Region 9 who say they cannot afford to join and she is unsure how to proceed. Lee asked her to please make note of those programs. Joyce McClellan requested a listing for her region of dues amounts for each program from the MCS.

Attendance Record: The attendance record updated for December 2005 was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting for their information.

Consultation in Palm Springs: Lee Turney reminded everyone of the February 15th deadline from Frank Fuentes for action plans as follow-ups to the consultation and conversation. He also asked Board members to make sure they had read the notes from the meeting which were sent out the last of December.

Board Vacancies/Changes: Regions 1, 7 and 9 are working toward filling the Alternate vacancies. The MCS will support/help as needed. Jessie Deardorff stated she has had no responses from her region.

Letter of Support from Supervisor: There are still Board members who need to submit letters of support. LouAnn suggested possibly removing this requirement from the by-laws. This item will be discussed further during the face-to-face meeting.

Mary Ellen Fritz joined the teleconference at 2:00 p.m.

Committee Assignments/Responsibilities: Toni Dobrec drafted a Committee Handbook and instructions on Committee Reporting that were distributed to the Board, and she welcomes comments on either document. Committee assignments have been added to the Strategic Roadmap, and it should be noted that the committees have responsibilities in addition to those listed in the roadmap. Toni also presented a draft layout of the Committee Strategic Action Plan that she will develop for each committee and present to the Executive Committee for approval. Board members received a copy of the approved Board of Directors Job Description for Committee Chair. Kathryn Helsel described how committee members could use the new Ready Conference account to

hold their teleconference meetings. The phone and password are the same for all committees: 1-913-643-0019 and 374830.

Letter to HSB about AK Programs: On January 9, 2006 Lee Turney wrote a letter to Frank Fuentes, Acting Associate Commissioner, Head Start Bureau requesting that the Alaska programs be re-assigned to the TA provider serving Indian programs.

Report on Conversation with Gena Tyner-Dawson: Gena Tyner-Dawson is the Senior Tribal Affairs Advisor with the HHS Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. They asked to talk about NIHSDA with Lee, Toni and Kathryn, who spoke with her for around 30 minutes. They have annual budget hearings. Sent Gena Joan Ohl letters and info from Palm Springs Tribal Consultation.

2006 Conference Update and Planning: Kathryn asked that a committee meeting time be set and that starting the week of January 30th the committee hold weekly meetings.

Dates for Face-to-Face Meeting in Chandler, AZ: The face-to-face meeting will start at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 23rd, will continue all day on Friday, February 24th, and will end Saturday, February 25th at around 4:00 p.m. MCS will send an email to the Board with dates and times to be used for travel approval.

NIHSDA Native Child/Family Advocacy Fund: For FY2005 \$5,500 was donated to the Advocacy Fund. So far for FY2006 we have the following donations:

\$2,000 – Oneida

\$1,000 – Leech Lake

\$500 – Boise Forte

\$2,000 – Coquille (incoming)

For a total of \$5,500. The overall goal for the FY2006 Advocacy Fund is \$25,000 with the Regional goal being \$2,000 from each NIHSDA Region.

GAO Survey on HS Transportation: It seems a random sample of programs have received this survey. This is the first time Indian programs have been included in this type of survey so it is very important for our programs to respond.

Dues to NIHSDA vs. NHTSA: Pat Wind brought up the possible burden of having to pay dues to both associations. NHTSA provides membership cards for those with a CDA needing membership in a national association. NIHSDA also allows membership for those individuals, but the cost is \$50 per person in addition to the program's fee. Lee suggested moving this to face-to-face meeting.

NIHSDA/NICCA MoP: Lee signed three originals that will go to the NICCA meeting next week for them to sign. They will send back an original for our records. A copy of the final signed document will be made available on the NIHSDA web page.

Leech Lake Mentorship Grant: Lee has a teleconference at 4:00 p.m. with Toni and Georgey to discuss.

With no further business, Jane Metcalf moved to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. CST. LouAnn Tenequer seconded. Motion passed.