

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
November 9, 2006**

Call to Order: Theo Bayou, 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.

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President - Theo Bayou Treasurer – Dorothy McCloud Secretary – Ann Belleau Treasurer – Joyce McClellan Region 1 – Vacant Region 2 – John Pavek Region 4 – Danny Wells Sue Sampler, Alt. Region 5 – Suellen Hixon Region 7 – Mavany Verdugo Gil Gonzales, Alt. Region 8 – Vicki Bishop, Alt. Region 9 - Vacant	Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 6 – Caroline Alcaida, Alt.	Region 3 - Hilda Marshall Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 5 – LouAnn Tenequer. Alt. Region 6 – Mary Bendle Region 8 - Susan Carlson Region 10 – Brenda Krupa

Others Present: Toni Dobrec, Kathryn Helsel, Kristi Bentkowski – TFA/MCS.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Agenda items added were 1) vacancies for Region 9, 2) conference update and 3) update from Greg Smith. Danny moved to approve the agenda with the additions and John seconded, the motion unanimously passed.

Approval of the Minutes of 10/6-8, 2006: The minutes of October 6-8, 2006 were reviewed. Corrections were noted. Dorothy moved to accept the minutes with the corrections and Suellen seconded. The motion carried a unanimous vote.

Treasurer’s Report: Joyce provided a report of the Check Register, Income Report, and Expense Report including investments and the Three dollar per child campaign. Suellen moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Dorothy seconded, the motion unanimously carried.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel provided an update on the current membership status by region. The membership committee will discuss the possibility of a negotiated price for small programs.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the attendance report to the Board including committee meetings.

MOA with NIEA: Theo attended the NIEA partnership breakfast to sign the MOA. The signed copy is being mailed from NIEA.

Report on Region 1 Resignation: Kathryn reported that Rick Getchell resigned his position as the Region 1 Representative. The Board may need to appoint a representative from Region 1 to fill the vacancy. Kathryn is also looking for ideas or recommendations to fill the Region 9 vacancy. The Region 6 election is pending.

Committee Reports:

- Budget, Finance, Development Committee report was given by Joyce. The committee met on 11/7/06 and prepared for the Board Meeting, discussed investments, and began looking into T-bills. Dorothy made the motion to accept the committee report, Danny seconded, motion carried.
- Education, Information, Conference Committee report was given by Theo. The conference committee will start meeting after Thanksgiving.
- Membership committee report was given by Mavany. The committee has been unable to meet. The committee will meet and get caught up.
- By-Law Committee Report was given by Ann. The committee has been working on clarifying the role of the alternate and Board training topics. Danny made the motion to accept the By-Law Committee Report, Dorothy seconded. The motion carried.
- Executive Committee will meet soon and report at the next meeting.

NCAI Request: NCAI has contacted all Indian organizations regarding the Tribal Budget Request Meeting in preparation for the Annual Indian State of Nations Address and are requesting NIHSDA input of key issues or a written statement. Last year NIHSDA emphasized the need for the 3.5% increases. The Advocacy Committee will meet to prioritize the topics.

Conference Update: Kristi gave an update on the conference work that has been done and is in progress to date. 600 save-the-date cards were sent, vendor flyers were distributed at NIEA, backpacks were found for less than \$6.00 each, vendor advertisements for the program were discussed, magnets were found, tours and heritage information center were found, began working on the awards, and forget-me-not's were found in case they need to be ordered. Note: the Traverse City location for the 08 conference did not work out. Kathryn will begin looking for facilities in Portland.

Update from Greg Smith: Kathryn reported that Greg met with the National Democratic Committee. He also met with Joel Ryan, Yvette Sanchez, and Catherine Polanski. NHSA is requesting a joint letter with NIHSDA and Migrants with common points. Greg is recommending that he work with the Advocacy Committee on this matter.

With no further business, Mavany made the motion to adjourn. Danny seconded. Motion carried.