

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 12, 2007**

**Call to Order:** Dorothy McCloud, President-Elect, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Theo Bayou arrived on line at 2:04 p.m.

**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 President Elect – Dorothy McCloud Secretary – Ann Belleau Treasurer – Joyce McClellan Region 1 – Frances Maney, Alt. Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3 – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 4 – Danny Wells Region 5 – LouAnn Tenequer. Alt. Region 7 – Mavany Verdugo – Gil Gonzales, Alt. Region 8 – Vicki Bishop, Alt. Region 9 – Kay Wynecoop Region 10 – Ralph Booth	Region 3 – Hilda Marshall	Region 1 – Rick Getchell Region 2 – John Pavek Region 5 – Suellen Hixon Region 6 – Mary Bendle – Faye Smith, Alt. Region 8 – Susan Carlson

**Others Present:** Kathryn Helsel, Kristi Bentkowski and Carol Wedel from the MCS were also present. Joe Henry participated to hear the Legislative Update.

**Legislative Update:** Greg Smith joined the call to give a legislative update. The Senate is hoping to move the bill to the floor by end of April or early May. The House bill is moving a bit slower but it possible that both Senate and House bills will go the floor by end of May. Both bills differ on how to fund Indian Head Start; it is hoped that the issue will be agreed upon before a bill goes to Conference. We need to be prepared to negotiate on what an acceptable compromise may be. Tentatively, the goal will be to negotiate away the “Secretary’s discretion.” The proposed governing body requirements are a quality issue for the Senate, and they are willing to entertain another quality concept that will work better for Tribes. Greg will work with MCS to get feedback from programs and develop proposal language applicable to Tribes. The Senate has issued their report to support the Senate bill.

**Agenda Review and Approval:** The agenda was reviewed. Danny Wells moved to approve as presented. Ralph Booth seconded. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Minutes of March 15, 2007:** The minutes of March 15, 2007, were reviewed. Kevin Hedstrom moved to approve. Danny seconded. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Joyce McClellan reviewed the Check Register, Expense Report, and Revenue Report including investments for March. Dorothy McCloud moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Kay Wynecoop seconded. The motion carried.

**Membership Report:** Kathryn Helsel provided an overview of the membership report. During the month of March no new members joined for the 2006-07 membership year. The membership invoices for 2007-08 went out, 14 programs have renewed their membership.

**\$3 Per Child Campaign/Regional \$2,000 Commitment:** Kathryn report that letters and invoices were mailed on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Programs are working on raising funds. There are two different campaigns going on: 1) per program \$3 per child and 2) \$2,000 by Region.

**Attendance Record:** Kathryn and Theo will continue to work with Board members that have not attended. The Executive Committee will meet to discuss the issue.

**MOA with NIEA:** Theo has sent a reminder to request the MOA and has not received a response. Theo will continue to request the MOA.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Budget/Finance/Development Committee** - Joyce reported that she will submit the proposed by-law changes to the By-laws Committee. The Budget committee met on 4/10/07 and discussed the importance of generating revenue.

**Education/Information/Conference Committee** – Theo reported that 520 conference announcements were mailed out, she is working with vendors, bus company contract signed for tour, workshops, seed packets and moose crunch ordered, bag logo design selected, Channell Wilkins will speak at the closing and will conduct 1 workshop, Renee Perthuis, Ann Linehan, and Camille Loya will also attend. The mayor of Anchorage will speak at the opening. MaryEllen Fritz and her mother will hold a workshop at a cost of \$20 to raise funds for NIHSDA. The contract for the Alaska Heritage Center was signed. Kathryn invited Channell and Renee to attend. Mavany Verdugo and Toni Dobrec will hand out vendor and advertising information at NHTSA. The Conference Committee will meet again next week.

**Membership Committee** – No meeting. Mavany is planning to call a meeting during the last week of April.

**By-Laws/Governance Committee** – Ann Belleau has been doing some follow-up work and a meeting will be held in May.

**Executive Committee** - Will be meeting during April.

**Agenda Items for F2F Meeting:** Theo asked Board members to email agenda items to Kathryn.

**Update on AI/AN/TAN:** Kathryn reported on TAN changes effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. All TAN's have had to reduce staff by two positions. Alaska programs back under AIAN TAN. Planning five upcoming cluster trainings.

**Office of Community Services Application:** Compassionate Care application to Community Services was developed for \$50,000 with NIHSDA as the grantee. The ANA application has been submitted and is expected to be reviewed at the end of April.

With no further business, Ralph moved to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. EDST. Danny seconded. Motion passed.