

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
August 9, 2007**

Call to Order: Joyce McClellan, Treasurer, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. EDST.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Ann Belleau. A quorum of the Board of Directors was established.

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
Secretary – Ann Belleau Treasurer – Joyce McClellan Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 2 – John Pavek – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3 – Sara Young Bird, Alt. (1:10) Region 4 – Danny Wells Region 5 – Suellen Hixon – LouAnn Tenequer, Alt. (1:26) Region 7 – Mavany Verdugo Region 8 – Vicki Bishop, Alt. Region 9 – Kay Wynecoop – Jacki Haight, Alt. Region 10 – Ralph Booth	President – Theo Bayou President Elect – Dorothy McCloud Region 3 – Hilda Marshall	Region 6 - Faye Smith, Alt. Region 7 – Gil Gonzales, Alt. Region 8 – Susan Carlson

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel and Kristi Bentkowski from the MCS were also present.

Legislative Update: Greg Smith joined the call to give a legislative update. Both Senate and House have passed their bills. The Senate has selected conference. Senate and House staff are talking to each other to resolve differences in the bills. Greg has been receiving calls and emails. Greg is getting mixed signals from Kildee staffers about the funding increase. Another lobbyist/staffer informed Greg that Kildee is going for 4%. It's still a fight over dollars. We have 36 letters now. Chickasaw Nation sent 13 letters; the most of any Tribe. Governing body requirements are still an issue and an area being worked on. The bottom line is that the Senate and House are engaged in discussion on a compromised bill. Anticipate a bill for conference in September for the President's signature. The President opposes some of the provisions in the House bill. Do not anticipate a VETO. NIHSDA leaders may need to come to town one more time. Ask Tribal Leaders to talk to their lobbyist. Keep sending letters.

NIHSDA is being requested to sign on as a co-sponsor of the National Indian Health Board rally for the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. The rally is being held September 12th. Ann moved to support the rally. Mavany seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. An addition to other new business is to add Greg's bill. Ralph moved to accept the agenda. Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of July 12, 2007: The minutes of July 12, 2007, were reviewed. Correction – add Region 5 to elections. Danny moved to approve. Ralph seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce reviewed the Check Register, Expense Report, and Revenue Report including investments for July. Kevin asked if there had been any word back on the grant applications yet. Kathryn will find out the status and report back at the next meeting. Kevin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Danny seconded. The motion carried.

Membership Report: Kathryn provided an overview of the membership report by Region. Regional Reps need to make calls/contacts to increase membership. Some programs have been closed for the summer. We have a potential of 58 grantees to join.

\$3 Per Child Campaign & Regional \$2,000 Commitment: We did pick up some money this month. Another mailing will go out. When Regional Reps talk with Directors it would be a good time to mention the campaign.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the Board with a copy of the most recent Attendance Report.

Letters to Regions 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 10: Letters and a ballot were sent. Faxed nominations for a Board member and Alternate have been received from Regions 3, 5, and 7. The deadline for nominations is September 10th. Regional Reps have attempted to contact directors and will continue to make contacts.

Reconfirm October Meeting Dates: October 11th is a travel day. The Annual Meeting will be held October 12, 13, and 14 (half day).

Committee Meetings: Only the Budget Committee met in August. The committee discussed the need to increase membership, the current list of directors, and the Treasurer's Report that was previously given. The committee also discussed the projected expenses for the year.

2007 Conference Budget and Overall Evaluation: Kathryn reviewed the conference budget and some of the items that impacted the budget. The conference budget will be thoroughly reviewed at the annual meeting. Also, the evaluations will be discussed more in-depth at the annual meeting. MCS will go back and determine which positions made some of the negative comments.

'08 Conference Update: Kristi provided an update on the progress for the '08 conference in Portland. The conference hotel is not in downtown Portland due to hotel availability on the dates we need; June 19-26, '08. Portland has a rail system and the hotel will transport to the rail stop and mall. We have a \$98.00 hotel rate with an extended cut-off date for reservations. Kristi also gave an overview of the hotel contract. The hotel was very accommodating to meet our needs. Mavany suggested that we begin working on securing a contract for the '09 conference.

New Meeting Time so Nila can attend: Nila hasn't got back with Kathryn yet. Kathryn will follow-up with Nila before we change the meeting time. We will continue with our regular meeting times.

Greg's Bill: A bill from April 1 through July 31 has been received. Greg has reduced his time as much as possible on the bill. We did not budget enough for Greg. The Advocacy Fund has not raised \$2,000 per region. Kathryn feels that we have enough funds in the checking account currently to cover the bill. More revenue is needed.

With no further business, Kevin moved to adjourn at 3:12 p.m. EDST. Ralph seconded. Motion carried.