

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

Call to Order: Dorothy McCloud, President Elect called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. EDST. Theo Bayou, President, joined the meeting and assumed the position of President.

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 (2:02) President Elect – Dorothy McCloud Secretary – Ann Belleau Treasurer – Joyce McClellan Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 3 – Hilda Marshall (2:15) Region 4 – Danny Wells Region 8 – Susan Carlson Vicki Bishop, Alt. Region 9 – Kay Wynecoop Jacki Haight, Alt. Region 10 – Ralph Booth	Region 2 – John Pavek Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 5 – Suellen Hixon Region 7 – Gil Gonzales, Alt.	Region 3 – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 5 – LouAnn Tenequer, Alt. Region 6 – Faye Smith, Alt. Region 7 – Mavany Verdugo

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

Legislative Update: Greg Smith joined the call to give a legislative update. Letters have started to flow in from programs/Tribes in response to the request for support that went out last week. The next step is getting as many letters in as possible to get them officially on the record. Step 2 will be meetings on the Hill. Need to nail down the funding provision and governing body provision. Both House and Senate have the goal to draft a new common bill by the end of July. House has not yet picked their conference reps, but it is expected “momentarily.” Greg is holding a law-lob conference on Monday, July 16, 2007, to gain their support. NCAI and NIEA will be helping. Firms that have been helpful are - Ietan (Debbie Ho, Wilson Pipestem, Larry Rosenthal), Pace Capstone (Gordon Kenny), Hobbs, Strauss (Carol Barbaro), and Sonofsky Chambers. More support is needed now and from any other firms that could possibly help. Greg is hoping to pre-negotiate our provisions prior to conference. The support letters from the Tribes need to get to Greg within one or two weeks at the latest.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Additions to other new business – dates for June 2008 Meeting, Nila’s availability, odd year Board Members up for election this year, and Santo Domingo petition. Danny moved to approve with additions. Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of June 15-21, 2007: The minutes of June 15-21, 2007, were reviewed. Correction – change Ralph from being the alternate on Region 10. Page 7 – add that Hilda seconded the motion to adjourn. Danny moved to approve. Ralph seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce reviewed the Check Register, Expense Report, and Revenue Report including investments for June. A CD is up tomorrow, we have 10 days to make a decision. Kathryn is working on getting a renewal rate on a 6-month CD. Dorothy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Hilda seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Kathryn provided an overview of the Membership Report of paid and non-paid members. Another invoice went out after the conference. Regional Reps need to personally contact programs to encourage them to join. A notice went out to the listserv that a program has to be a paid member to stay on the listserv.

\$3 Per Child Campaign & Regional \$2,000 Commitment: A couple of contributions have come in. A notice went out on June 28th to encourage more contributions.

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

MOA with NIEA: The signed MOA has not been received from NIEA yet. A letter and request to renew for 2008 will go out.

Committee Meetings: No committees have met since June.

Regional Vacancies/Odd Year Elections: Region 1 elections need to take place by September. MCS will assist. Region 3 elections will take place at a meeting – MCS will assist. Region 4 alternate should be elected in a week or so. Letters encouraging nomination of the member and alternate will be sent to Region 5 programs. Kathryn will check with Region 6 and 7. Region 9 reps will discuss a strategy and MCS will assist. Region 10 Alternate is vacant. MCS will provide Ralph a letter and Theo will assist.

Revised Bylaws: Enough votes were received to pass the bylaw revisions. Ralph moved to approve the bylaw revisions. Danny seconded. Motion carried.

'07 Conference Update: Kristi and Carol provided an update on the '07 conference. Evaluations and certificates are being worked on. Conference income of \$151,356.00 was short from projected income due to low registration. Projected profit may change pending final bills and credits, etc. Overall evaluation comments were positive.

Dates for Annual Board Meeting in October: October 11 is a travel day. Meeting days are 12-13 and half of 14th.

Dates for June 2008 Meeting: June 19-26 in Portland.

Nila Availability: Renee has a standing meeting on Thursdays that prevents Nila from attending our Board Meetings. Kathryn will check with folks to get an idea of what would work and report back.

Santo Domingo Position Paper: Kathryn sent to Greg as an appropriations issue for Tribes. Membership provided them with several suggestions during the Membership Meeting. Kathryn will draft a letter with suggestions for them.

With no further business, Hilda moved to adjourn at 3:28 p.m. EST. Joyce seconded. Motion passed.