

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
March 15, 2007**

Call to Order: Dorothy McCloud, President-Elect, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. EDT.

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 (2:05 p.m.) President Elect – Dorothy McCloud Secretary – Ann Belleau Treasurer – Joyce McClellan (left 2:10 p.m.) Region 1 – Frances Maney, Alt. Region 2 – John Pavek (2:11 p.m.) – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3 – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 4 – Danny Wells – Sue Sampler, Alt (2:35 p.m.) Region 5 – Suellen Hixon Region 7 – Mavany Verdugo – Gil Gonzales, Alt. Region 8 – Vicki Bishop, Alt. Region 9 – Kay Wynecoop Region 10 – Ralph Booth, Alt.	Region 5 – LouAnn Tenequer. Alt.	Region 1 – Rick Getchell Region 3 – Hilda Marshall Region 6 – Mary Bendle – Faye Smith, Alt. Region 8 – Susan Carlson Region 10 – Christina Keenan

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

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. The ANA Application for Mentorship and Mavany’s onsite review were added to Other New Business. Dorothy moved to approve with additions. Suellen seconded. Motion carried.

Legislative Update: Greg Smith joined the call to give a legislative update. The HELP Committee marked up the House Bill on 3/14/07. It contains everything we gained in last year’s version of the bill and some new additions that will positively impact Tribal Head Start. Greg will develop a side-by-side with all the provisions and amendments that were approved. Language included to authorize Tribal and Hispanic colleges was secured. The House Bill has been strengthened. 130% is approved with conditions - the Senate version does not have provisions. The House Bill still has to go to the floor of the House. Ideally, the final reauthorization would be done by August. Greg recommends launching a large effort before the conference for funding and high priority issues. Greg will continue working on getting more of our provisions secured in the bills. The new reauthorization would be applied for FY08.

Approval of the Minutes of February 23-24, 2007: The minutes of February 23-24, 2007, were reviewed. Dorothy moved to approve. Mavany seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce McClellan reviewed the Check Register, Expense Report, and Revenue Report including investments for February. Kevin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Sarah seconded. The motion passed.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel provided an overview of the membership report. No new members have joined during the past month. The membership drive will go out next week. Theo encouraged regional reps to work with programs to join.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the Board with a copy of the most recent Attendance Report. Theo noted the high number of absent/not-notified members. Theo and Kathryn will work with members that are consistently absent.

MOA with NIEA: Theo still hasn't received the MOA from Lillian Sparks. Theo will pursue getting the MOA.

Committee Meetings: No committees have met since February.

Update on Pre-Intensives: Confirmed with Ann and Camille for a 2-day pre-intensive. Wellness Warriors are busy on the days the pre-intensives are scheduled. Kathryn is negotiating with Beyond Borders, also from Anchorage, for another Wellness pre-intensive. Kathryn will contact Father Oleksa for the other 1-day.

Update on Whittier Tour: Kristi gave an update on the Whittier Tour. It is going to be expensive. Kristi reported on the expense for getting buses and some of the options that are available. The conference committee will decide if the fee for the tour will be added to the registration form.

David Boxley's Carving: David is a Northwest Coast Artist and has artwork at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC. He has agreed to donate a carved mask valued at \$3,000.00 and will need a letter verifying his in-kind donation.

Alaska Airlines Rejection Letter: Alaska Airlines sent a letter stating they cannot participate. Northwest Airlines and other possible airlines will be requested next. If not, the Board will have to purchase the tickets. Kathryn will continue working on the tickets.

Agenda Items for June F2F Meeting: Kathryn will look at last year's agenda for some agenda items, conference assignments, walk-through. Meeting dates are June 15 and 16th. Plan on arriving at least by the afternoon of the 14th.

Mavany on-site review: Mavany reported that her review was a very positive experience.

ANA Application: Terri Stringer joined the call to discuss the ANA Application for Mentorship. Three components: 3-day academy, peer-to-peer mentorship, and organizational transformation (on-site). The grant is a three year project. Terri is in process of getting commitment letters from programs. NIHSDA will be involved in the peer-to-peer mentorship part of the grant and the advisory committee for the other components of the grant. The grant budget is \$500,000 per year for three years.

With no further business, John moved to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. EDST. Kay seconded.
Motion passed.