

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
May 10, 2007**

Call to Order: Ann Belleau, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. EDST. Dorothy McCloud assumed the role of the President at 2:08 p.m. Theo Bayou joined at 2:10 p.m.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Ann Belleau. A quorum of the board 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 – Hilda Marshall Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 4 – Danny Wells Region 5 – Suellen Hixon LouAnn Tenequer. Alt. Region 7 – Mavany Verdugo Region 8 – Susan Carlson Vicki Bishop, Alt. Region 9 – Kay Wynecoop Jacki Haight, Alt.	Region 2 – John Pavek Region 7 – Gil Gonzales, Alt.	Region 1 – Rick Getchell Region 6 - Faye Smith, Alt. Region 10 – Ralph Booth

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, Kristi Bentkowski, Carol Wedel and Jennifer Hope (University of Oklahoma practicum student) from MCS were also present.

Legislative Update: Greg Smith joined the call to give a legislative update. The House passed its version of the Head Start Act HR429. Additional favorable amendments for Tribal Head Starts were obtained. The Senate bill has made it out of the HELP Committee and is expected to go to the Senate floor anytime. Greg is still working on the Governing Board requirements language with exceptions for Tribes. Conference Committee issues – 1) how will Indian Head Start be funded? 2) the Governing Board issue, and 3) language difference in both bills—keep best language in both bills. Greg’s focus is to keep pressure on the Governing Board language and prepare documents to be used broadly once the Senate bill is approved—before conference. Greg had a good discussion with the Migrants’ lobbyist regarding negotiating room on the set-aside in preparation for last minute negotiations. The attempt on the English only amendment failed. The National Alliance to Save Native Languages is holding a conference on June 4th and June 5th in Washington, DC, which NIHSDA is co-sponsoring. Ann Belleau will attend. Questions regarding NRS and teacher qualifications were discussed.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Added agenda items were revisions to the Operations Manual and teacher qualifications update. Danny Wells moved to approve with additions. Hilda Marshall seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of April 12, 2007: The minutes of April 12, 2007, were reviewed. Two corrections were noted – Carol's name and lower case change. MCS will make the changes. Dorothy McCloud moved to approve. Kay Wynecoop seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce McClellan reviewed the Check Register, Expense Report, and Revenue Report including investments for April. One correction was noted. Danny moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Suellen Hixon seconded. Motion passed.

Membership Report: Kathryn Helsel provided an overview of the membership report. During the month of April three members joined. Since invoices for the 2007-08 membership year were mailed, 52 memberships have been paid. Second invoices will go out in about a month.

\$3 Per Child Campaign/Regional \$2,000 Commitment: Kathryn reviewed the status of the funds contributed so far. The contributions and efforts of the contributors were also reviewed.

Attendance Record: An informational handout was provided for board members to review attendance for board meetings and committee meetings. Theo Bayou stressed the importance of attendance for all board members.

MOA with NIEA: Theo still has not received the MOA and continues to make requests to obtain a copy. Theo will send Lillian Sparks an email to give the MOA to Ann in DC on June 4th.

Committee Reports:

Budget/Finance/Development Committee – Joyce submitted bylaw changes.

Education/Information/Conference Committee – Kathryn reported that the committee has been active through email on various conference issues. The committee will meet next week to make conference decisions.

Membership Committee – Met regarding a statement that needed to be submitted to the Bylaws Committee for the bylaw changes and discussed the membership classifications. Looking for another member/members for committee. Also discussed was the leadership mentoring grant that was submitted.

Bylaw/Governance Committee – The Board Training Survey was sent out via survey monkey. Toni will send results to Ann.

Executive Committee - The Executive Committee met during April regarding absenteeism issues and discussed agenda items for the face-to-face meeting in June.

Attendance at the Native Language Revitalization Summit: Danny Wells moved that Ann represent NIHSDA and that NIHSDA pay for her registration fee. Mavany Verdugo seconded. Motion passed. Kay moved to explore additional relationships with the National

Alliance to Save Native Languages. Suellen seconded. Kathryn will work with Greg and Jim Northcutt.

Report on Absentee Follow-up Phone Calls: Theo has contacted the board members with absentee issues. She reviewed the status of each board member in question. The Region1 member was “absent not-notified” again today—action is needed. Frances Maney agreed to take over as the Region 1 Representative. A Region 1 Alternate will be needed. Dorothy moved to remove the Region 1 Representative due to lack of attendance and to make Frances the Alternate and replace the Alternate. Joyce second. Motion passed.

Teacher Qualification Update: AED circulated Teacher Qualification Update. FYI.

Revised Bylaws: The proposed bylaw changes were emailed to all board members. Several changes were noted and will be made by the MCS. The language from the Membership Committee regarding the classification of Associate Members will also be included Article 4, Section 1, members (last sentence). Question, Article 4, Section 4 Rights of Other Members—clarification is needed regarding benefits to Associate Members. It was suggested to move the election graph out of Bylaws and into the Operations Manual. Danny moved to accept the changes with revisions. Hilda seconded. The bylaw changes will be sent out for ballot votes to the membership next week for the membership to fax or mail in votes.

Results of NIHSDA Board Training Assessment: Jennifer Hope reported on the findings of the Board Training Assessment. The presentation was e-mailed to board members. There was a 42.8% overall response rate. The top 5 topics were identified.

Agenda Items for F2F Meeting: Theo asked if board members had any new agenda items to add. Committee work will be added to lunch on Friday.

‘07 Conference Update: Revised NHTSA awards and recognitions - Proposed language was given which will be inserted into the Operations Manual. The timeline to complete the awards for this year is very tight. We will implement the language and be ready for the 2008 Conference. Dorothy moved to accept the language, Danny second. Motion passed.

Carol Wedel reported on the status of registration for conference, pre-intensives, and the tour. She noted that more vendors are needed. Kristi Bentkowski reported that the workshops are going very good, no repeats. Only half of the board members have sent in their registration. The hotel block is full, and arrangements had to be made with the Days Inn Anchorage for overflow. No advertisers for program yet. Board members need to bring their LCD’s. Theo will bring her CD player.

Other New Business:

With no further business, Kay moved to adjourn at 4:41 p.m. EDST. Mavany seconded. Motion passed.