

**NIHSDA
Monthly Board Tele-Meeting
November 8, 2007**

Call to order: Danny Wells, President Elect, called the meeting to order at 11:03 Pacific Standard Time.

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

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
President Elect – Danny Wells Secretary – Mavany Verdugo Treasurer – Joyce McClellan Region 1 – Francis Maney Region 3 – Hilda Marshall – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 7 – Gil Gonzales Region 8 – Vikki Bishop, Alt. Region 9 – Kay Wynecoop Region 10 – Ralph Booth	President – Ann Belleau Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 6 – Pat Foster Region 9 – Jacki Haight, Alt.	Region 2 – John Pavek Region 5 – Kathleen Sando – William Maes, Alt. Region 8 – Susan Carlson

Others Present: Three Feathers Associates: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, Kristi Bentkowski. Also, Greg Smith, NIHSDA Attorney.

Agenda Review and Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Kathryn requested that a report on the Rincon Head Start Center and families after the Southern California Wildfires be given by Mavany Verdugo. Kay moved to accept the agenda with the addition. Hilda seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of October 19 – 21, 2007 Annual Board Meeting: The minutes of the October 19 – 21, 2007 Annual Board Meeting were reviewed. Gil moved to accept the October 19 – 21, 2007 minutes. Kay seconded. The motion carried.

Report from Rincon: Mavany thanked everyone for their kind emails, prayers and support. They have done an assessment and only four children lost their homes. Some homes have partial damage and there are still families that are displaced. The children seem a bit withdrawn. Everything at Rincon is very smoky, and they are in the process of replacing wood chips and sand, as well as repainting the interior. They are writing for one-time funding for the Head Start center from OHS.

Treasurer’s Report: Joyce reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report, and the Expense Report. Gil moved to accept the report. Ralph seconded. The motion carried. A new fee, FDIC insurance, is being charged to the account. Kathryn will check on this and report back.

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. Specific programs were discussed with the regional reps as well as strategy to solicit memberships.

Regional \$2000 Commitment and \$3 Per Child Campaign: Various Reps explained the different ways they are using the letter to solicit \$2,000 from tribes in their areas. Kathryn expanded on their ideas with ways to use the letter and other means. Northern Plains is sending \$2,000 to NIHSDA soon.

Attendance Report: Two attendance reports were offered for this meeting. One ended at the Annual Board Meeting in October 2007. The other report begins with today's meeting and reflects the new officers in the executive committee as well as the current list of regional reps. Kathryn announced that Region 6 is now aware that they need to select a new alternate as Faye Smith is not qualified to serve.

Unfinished Business: The Operations Manual is nearly complete with corrections and verbage finished by the end of this week. It will be mailed out to Board Members.

Kathryn spoke with Paul Spicer regarding the letter that was drafted in support of the Oral Health Project and approved by the Executive Committee. Paul was asked to acknowledge work with Cheryl Wilson at Indian Health Service and all the work they have put in on their own Oral Health Initiative.

There were questions at the last board meeting about how COLA was being figured for programs. Some programs were led to believe that it was only figured as a percentage of your salaries and fringe. Kathryn spoke with Tom Tregear who said this was not the case. Kathryn asked the board members to contact her with any concerns over their COLA funding. Kathryn also mentioned that there could be a small COLA for next year.

New Business: There were no committee meetings held since the Annual Board Meeting last month. The committees will begin the core of their work after the holidays. Chairmen will contact their committee members to establish meeting days and times.

Conference update for '09 Conference was given by Joyce. The dates are confirmed for June 25 – July 2, 2009. Grand Traverse will not offer the government rate because the dates are in the vacation season. Someone is asking again and will get back to Joyce soon. In the meantime, the packet for Oklahoma City is ready to submit.

Conference update for '08 Conference has Jane Metcalf seeking permission to solicit funds from area tribes in Oregon on behalf of our conference. Vikki was able to get the Grand Rhonde Tribe to donate the cost for the special evening event and transportation also. Solicitation of presenters will wait until after the first of the year.

Legislative Update: Greg Smith called in from Washington D.C. and along with Kathryn gave the Board the latest legislative update. Appropriations have passed the two committees and now proceed to the floor. Head Start got \$153.6 million but it takes \$189 million to make full COLA. A COLA increase will go to everyone with an extra 7.5 million to flow to AI/AN programs. This however will most likely be vetoed by President Bush as he only wanted \$99 million in Head Start and \$153 million greatly exceeds his wishes. With a veto, Head Start will likely have a continuing resolution until maybe the end of February. That means there will be no new money. The conference committee met with key staffers to discuss the division of funds. There would be a \$50 million increase for AI/AN over a three year period. But we need appropriations that come with it. Reauthorization might pass but appropriations will be vetoed.

These are two very different things and because they are different committees there is disparity. Reauthorization might be finalized by Friday the 16th of November in order to beat the deadline before Thanksgiving vacation that begins on the 19th. There has been so much work by the staffers that the conferees might just take a few minutes to approve and move it on the House and the Senate floors then on to the President's office. This is the last run. Head Start and Early Head Start will split funds for expansion. However it is predicted that that it will be significantly weighted to EHS. The migrants are trying to get increases to continue until they get to the original intended goal for both of us. While we support that effort, no one is showing interest in supporting that where it counts.

New Business: After discussion regarding the December 13, 2007 meeting, it was suggested that with a "maybe" emergency meeting with Greg next week and the efficient email system in place that we could cancel the December 13 meeting and wait to meet until January 10, 2008. Mavany moved to cancel the December meeting and reconvene in January. Hilda seconded. The motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: Hilda moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Gil seconded. Motion passed.