

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
August 14, 2008**

Call to Order: Ann Belleau, President, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. PDT.

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 – Ann Belleau President Elect – Danny Wells Secretary – Mavany Verdugo Region 2 – John Pavek – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3 – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 5 – Kathleen Sando – William Maes, Alt Region 6 – Pat Foster Region 9 – Jacki Haight	Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 3 – Hilda Marshall Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 7 – Gil Gonzales Region 8 – Vikki Bishop Region 10 – Ralph Booth	Treasurer – Joyce McClellan Region 4 – Stephanie Carr, Alt

Others Present: Angie Godfrey Director of the AIANTAN, Kathryn Helsel, Kristi Bentkowski, and Teri Stringer from the MCS were present.

Announcement from Angie Godfrey: Angie was invited to the call to announce that the RFQ for the National AIAN Collaboration Office and the Director of such were to be established and hire made but with specific language for NIHSDA to be involved. AED will be applying for the grant and this stand alone office will operate out of D.C. Closing is quickly around the corner on Sept. 8, 2008 at 2 PM. They will have 60 days to have the office up and running after the award is declared. Angie answered as many questions as she could from board members before leaving the call. John moved that the executive committee and Jacki Haight comprise the committee to work on the project and report back to the board. Kathleen seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Danny moved to amend the agenda, and John seconded the motion. The motion passed

Approval of the Minutes of the July 10, 2008 tele-meeting: The minutes were read and examined for corrections. Danny moved to approve them as submitted and John seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: In Joyce’s absence, Kathryn reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report and Expense Report. John moved to accept the treasurer’s report and Danny seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Final Conference Report: Detailed breakout of folks that attended, vendors, and 280 was the planning number but final count was 325. Ann Linehan is a draw and brought in \$21,000. Cheryl paid for Clayton Small. Donations were \$500, Silent Auction and raffle were both off. 7 bags were left and one was damaged. Printing, postage and shipping were all okay or under. We are charged 3.67% fee on credit cards. Grand Ronde really helped with paying for banquet. Total profit was \$55,000. We did much better than last year. Full report will be out today.

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. One more written notice has gone out and the information flow will cease tomorrow unless the program pays to join. Kathryn urged representatives to keep making calls. Fifteen programs who were on the listserv last year will be off tomorrow! The good news is that 15 more have joined since last month. Region 2 -1, 3-3, 4-3, 5-1, 6-1, 7-2, 9-1, 10-3. If you want to know who is about to be eliminated, call Teri for programs you might want to call.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: Two programs contributed this past month, St. Croix and Santo Domingo. To date the campaign is getting close to the goal. No regions sent in contributions.

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

New Business:

Report from Mavany on CLASS focus group meeting: One director from each region was picked to participate in a focus group meeting at OHS in D.C. last week in July. Virginia, N.Dakota, and Contra Costa in CA are all doing CLASS now. Pat Brown said it will go out in the fall and be used with monitoring. There is no mandate in the law for programs to use CLASS. But the law does state that as a part of monitoring OHS must use a research based tool and there is great potential to use it in programs for quality improvement not just as a monitoring instrument. It WILL be used as a monitoring tool in some programs at first and eventually all programs. It will be used to look at the grantee not the individual teacher. They will be monitoring our professional development system. Over fiscal year 09 there will be a national supplemental funded effort through the TA effort to offer regionally based trainings for at least 1 person paid by the feds to do 2 day trainings on the CLASS instrument and reliability training and 1 day on how to implement. Amanda will be invited to the September board meeting.

Report from Research Steering Committee: Ann reported that the discussion at this last meeting in Denver was all about the CLASS and that several of the members stayed or had a representative from their program stay to take the training. We will be using it in testing each other's programs in order to have a validity study and monitor the cultural appropriateness across varied native programs.

Reports on Tribal Consultations: William and Jackie reported on the last consultation that was held in Seattle. There were 27 tribes present and 17 testimonies were given. However, both felt that the true reason was for OHS to present their perspective as talking heads and offer little time for tribes to comment. Again it was not a true consultation but them informing tribes of the way it will be. It explains what OHS will do and that we can't change it. The highlight was Ann speaking about improved monitoring and directors agreed. Ann speaks from her heart and is in the minority. Craig comes across cold and a very tough personality. Even Pat Brown seemed disinterested but allowed deviation from the agenda to hear more tribal leaders speak. Amanda's heart is also good. One challenge is Alaska asked for what the follow up process would be. They had no clue. Said they would post comments to the federal register but this is easier said than done.

2009 Conference Hotel Contract: Danny stated that the Oklahoma programs want to support the NIHSDA conference. They would like Kathryn to attend one of their meetings. Danny moved to accept the hotel contract. Mavany seconded. The motion passed.

Conference Committee Report: The Sheraton approved accepting the government rate for the conference but insisted on a \$2,500 flat fee for the event. Monday is the deadline for signing the contract. After going over the food cost and other expenses, Danny moved to accept the contract and Mavany seconded the motion. The motion carried. We were reminded of the dates, the board meetings will be the 12 and 13 of June and the pre-intensives and conference will run from the 14 through the 18. This is earlier than previous years.

Kim Bergey Resignation: Kim Bergey left her position with Head Start and submitted her resignation to the board as the alternate rep for Alaska. Danny moved to accept the resignation and John seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Professional Development Requirements: We read from the Act the requirements for professional development and what would qualify. The workshops at the conference and the pre intensives especially will qualify. However for this past conference, we would have to take participants word that they actually attended. Discussion was around the process for documenting attendance at qualifying sessions. It was decided not to offer professional development for the 2008 training conference. It was discussed to develop a "sticker system" for the next conference.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 PDT. Danny moved to adjourn the meeting and John seconded. The motion carried.