

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

Call to Order: Ann Belleau, President, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. PST.

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 Treasurer – Joyce McClellan Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 2 – John Pavak Region 3 – Hilda Marshall – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 5 – Kathleen Sando Region 6 – Pat Foster, Alt. Region 8 – Vikki Bishop, Alt. Region 9 – Jacki Haight, Alt. Region 10 – Ralph Booth	Region 2 –Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 7 – Gil Gonzales Region 9 – Kay Wynecoop	Region 4 – Teresa Lehman, Alt. Region 5 – William Maes. Alt.. Region 6 – Lolinda Lee

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, Kristi Bentkowski and Teri Stringer from the MCS were present.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Joyce requested to move the Treasurer’s Report to later in the agenda because she was traveling in the car in a snowstorm. The following items were suggested to be added: Greg Smith’s invitation to attend two meetings representing NIHSDA, John asked to discuss the RAM, and report from the Executive Committee meeting held this morning. Danny Wells moved to accept these additions and Hilda Marshall seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of January 10, 2008: The minutes of the January 10, 2008, Board meeting were reviewed by all via email. John Pavak moved to accept the minutes and Pat Foster seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Joyce reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report and Expense Report. Danny moved to transfer \$20,000 from the CD that is coming due to checking and reinvest the \$28,000 in the CD until conference and membership fees begin coming in. Ralph seconded and the motion carried. Danny moved to accept the Treasurer’s report and Hilda seconded. The motion carried.

NIHSDA Books to Audit: Kathryn reported that the books had been submitted to Jim Northcutt and that he will be on the agenda in Albuquerque to report on the audit and the 990. The Budget committee is on schedule.

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. There were three new members since we last met. Region 2 had one join and that gives John and Kevin 100% membership in their region. Region 4 picked up one and Euel Pitman joined as an associate member. Many voiced intent to email their programs and Kathryn suggested that phone calls be added.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: This Regional campaign starts anew with the corporate year so the reported donations are from January 2008. Oneida and Isleta turned in \$3 Per Child monies and Danny reported a collaborative effort in his state that is being developed. There were no \$2000 commitments made yet. Kathryn reminded us that Greg's efforts may not be lessened with reauthorization but that many issues need to be represented as the law unfolds.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the Board with a copy of the most recent Attendance Report for our information. It has been noted that there are maybe three members who already need monitoring with two absent/not notified behind their names.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business

Committee Reports: The committees will be meeting later this month in Albuquerque and will generate reports at that time. The executive committee met this morning on an emergency basis responding to a call from Frank Fuentes.

Budget Committee - did not meet

Membership – did not meet.

By-Laws – did not meet.

Executive Committee – In response to the new Head Start Act naming NIHSDA as an agency to be consulted in design and implementation in regards to Indian programs, Frank Fuentes contacted TFA for selection of two representatives to the panel of experts. The committee discussed the requirements and several options for our recommendation. Because of her familiarity with the new law and years of experience and history with the most recent standards, Toni Dobrec was the first choice. Ann also has history with the Board and has served on the Advocacy committee and is our current President. Mavany also has worked with the Advocacy committee for years and was willing to fill in if Ann cannot travel when the dates are finalized. Joyce moved to accept this recommendation and Francis seconded. The motion passed.

Other New Business:

Ratify Susan Carlson's Resignation: Ann presented Susan Carlson's letter of resignation to the board for approval. Hilda moved to accept the resignation and Danny seconded. The motion passed.

Seating Vikki Bishop as Region 8 Rep: It was moved by Mavany and seconded by Joyce to move Vikki from Region 8 alternate to representative.

Conference Committee Report: The conference committee met on Wed. February 6. The minutes were mailed out and Danny and Kathryn reviewed the committee work. After lively discussion and more recommendations from the board, it was moved by Danny and seconded by Hilda to approve the conference committee report. The motion passed.

Letter from Pre-K now: Libby Doggett has contacted NIHSDA and invited us to send reps to Washington D.C. for a two-hour meeting. She wants to at least meet with us via telephone. Her question is how to address Indian progress with their respective states in regards to collaboration at the table in planning Pre K for 4 year olds. Greg has been invited to have breakfast with Libby and some of her staff on the 22nd of Feb. Greg wants to know our position. Should we offer no comment? Should we explore the possibilities?

Several offered comments on their state's situation in regards to Indian Head Start including Danny/Oklahoma, Hilda/South Dakota, Kathleen/New Mexico, Vikki/Oregon, Mavany/California, and Jackie/Washington.

The board feels we should listen at this point as the comments offered a mixed bag of results to date, too mixed to be proactive one way or another. Libby is hoping we will serve an advocacy role at the state level. Kathryn will resend the 40 page report on Pre K now out to the board.

It was mentioned that Verna Thompson of Cherokee Nation Head Start will be invited to present at the national conference in June on collaboration with Pre K now as she successfully collaborates in all 13 school districts in unique ways.

After reading the report, board members can email Greg with comments at his new email address, GSmith@SmithBrownYazzi.com or call him at 202-265-1551.

Report on NIEA Summit: Kathleen Sando reported on the NIEA Summit where explanation and discussion on the appropriations process was given. She met with Lillian Sparks and Georgey Sparks. Georgey was concerned about \$7 million that was diverted from Head start to the Katrina Recovery. A request for partnerships to be tightened was sent out to all those involved with Indian children and families. Tribal leaders had issue with eligibility requirements for Indian children in Head Start and again felt that all should be included.

Develop Questions for Renee Perthuis: Listed with discussion were the following areas of concern to present to Renee in Albuquerque.

- Risk Assessment Meetings (RAM)
- AIAN Program Branch leadership
- Program Specialist concerns
- Grant Specialist concerns
- Re-granting every 5 years effects on monitoring, CA?
- Waivers of services due to lack of funding?
- Property Inventory and disposition Statements

It was requested that a line be made available for board members unable to attend the Albuquerque meetings.

Albuquerque Arrangements: Kristi explained the change from the Hyatt to the Embassy Suites and the logistics that the Hyatt (under renovation) was willing to make for us. All must move on Saturday morning to honor the contract with the Hyatt and the room count. Costs were a factor that made the inconvenience understandable. Attendance was confirmed and a quorum will be present.

Tele-interviews with Carl Moore: The facilitator for strategic planning has been contacting and interviewing board members as a prerequisite for the sessions in Albuquerque. All board members are to participate with the interviews and a listing will be given of those that did and did not participate for the record.

Greg's two meetings: Greg will be meeting with many collabs in early childhood in Washington D.C. with concerns with the regulatory process such as tribal councils being considered as elected officials and not having to restructure the governing body. This meeting will occur on February 20 at 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

The other meeting is with Libby Doggett as previously discussed.

Adjournment: John moved to adjourn the meeting and Hilda seconded. The motion carried. 12:42 PST