

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2008**

Call to Order: Ann Belleau, President, called the meeting to order at 11:00 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 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3 – Hilda Marshall Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 5 – Kathleen Sando – William Maes. Alt.. Region 6 – Lolinda Lee – Pat Foster, Alt. Region 8 – Vikki Bishop, Alt. Region 9 – Kay Wynecoop – Jacki Haight, Alt. Region 10 – Ralph Booth	Region 2 – John Pavek Region 7 – Gil Gonzales	Region 4 – Teresa Lehman, Alt. Region 8 – Susan Carlson Region 3 – Sara Young Bird, Alt.

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec and Kristi Bentkowski from the MCS were present. Also, Greg Smith, NIHSDA attorney.

Legislative Update: Greg Smith gave us a wrap up of the year-end events regarding our advocacy efforts. He reminded us that the Head Start Act was now reauthorized into law and reported on Congress’ work on Appropriations. The originally requested amount would have triggered the special funding for Indian programs, but President Bush vetoed the bill as well as threatened to veto the compromise. Therefore, Congress crumbled and the result is the same as if we were flat funded again. The decrease in funding does not activate our special increases. Hopefully, the new president will shift the focus more toward domestic spending. This will set the stage for our next advocacy effort to strategize on appropriations and increases for domestic funding.

HHS will be focusing on implementing the changes in the regulations. NIHSDA is now written by name into the law. We have a position of authority regarding the implementation of the regulations. There is a think group consisting of several agencies such as Migrants, NHSA, NAYEC, CDF, National Council of La Raza, 0-3 and others that are “watch dogging” the process to insure that the regulations are not skewed in interpretation. Greg encourages us to have a seat at the table for these discussions.

New Contract for Greg Smith: It was moved by Mavany and seconded by Ralph to accept the new contract for Smith & Brown – Yazzie LLP. Motion carried.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. The following items were suggested to be added: AI/ANPB update. Discussion regarding the face-to-face meeting in Albuquerque, Mavany and Toni giving the NHSA Board report, Discussion on new membership orientation, and seating Lolinda Lee and Teresa Lehman. Danny moved to accept these additions and Kay seconded. The motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of November 8, 2007: The minutes of the November 8, 2007, Board meeting were reviewed by all via e-mail. Hilda moved to accept and Mike seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Joyce reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report and Expense Report (a December 31, 2007, copy of Expense Report and Revenue Report was e-mailed to the Board) including investments for December. It was decided that a decision regarding using some of our CD money will be postponed until our face-to-face meeting in Albuquerque in March. Hilda moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Mike seconded. The motion carried.

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. There were no new members in December. A notice was sent out and the programs were listed as to who had not joined to date. Reps need to make personal calls to solicit memberships and at least find out the reason they are not joining.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: There were no new contributions to the \$3 per child campaign. \$2000 came in from Region 7, and the only other contribution is from Region 3. Kathryn reminded the Board that this \$20,000 is in our budget, and we need to act on this or remove it from our planning figures.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the Board with a copy of the most recent Attendance Report for their information. The By-laws Committee needs to study enforcement. With only three not-notified absences for this meeting, it looks like we are off to a good start for 2008.

Unfinished Business

COLA Information: No Cola this year with appropriations basically flat funded again. We are down 11%-15 % in spending power.

New Business

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee - did not meet.

Education/Conference Committee – did not meet.

Membership – did not meet.

By-Laws – did not meet.

Executive Committee – did not meet.

Survey of Tribal Programs: What are the issues of importance? It is law now for HHS to consult with NIHSDA for input. We can develop recommendations with Greg in on the conversation. This will be on the agenda in the Albuquerque meeting.

Other New Business:

AI/ANPB Update: Nila Rinehart is no longer a contract consultant for AI/ANPB effective January 9, 2008. The Board will discuss this situation at the Albuquerque meeting.

Two new Board members were formally seated. For Region 4, Teresa Lehman is the Alternate Representative and for Region 6, the new Representative is Lolinda Lee. Kay moved to accept the new members based on their elections or appointments and Frances seconded. The motion carried.

A recap of the latest events from NHTSA was given by Mavany and Toni who are the current Representatives to NHTSA from NIHSDA. Permission was granted by concurrence for Toni and Mavany to respond to the Blue Ribbon Panel Report on behalf of NIHSDA.

New Board member orientation is overdue for some and Kathryn informed the Board that notices will be e-mailed to those in need of the orientation to connect with Kathryn for the training before the end of January. All should be informed of our procedures prior to the face-to-face meetings in Albuquerque.

An agenda for the Albuquerque meetings will be available in draft form sometime next week for the purpose of making reservations and travel arrangements. Fly day is February 27 and meetings will be three full days on the 28, 29, and March 1. Carl Moore, recommended by IHS will be facilitating the 3-year strategic planning session. Each Board member will be interviewed by phone prior to the meetings from a list of questions developed by the MCS.

Adjournment: Danny moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded. The motion carried.