

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
June 20 - 21, 2008**

Call to Order: Ann Belleau, President, called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. PDST.

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 Pavek – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3 – Hilda Marshall Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 5 – Kathleen Sando – William Maes. Alt. Region 7 – Gil Gonzales Region 8 – Vikki Bishop Region 9 – Jacki Haight, Alt Region 10- Kim Bergey, Alt.	Region 3 – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 4 - Teresa Lehman, Alt. Region 6 – Lolinda Lee – Pat Foster, Alt. Region 10 – Ralph Booth	

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec were present.

Report from Ron Herndon: Briefed the board on sub-committee appropriations that fall far short of the present needs. The talk about 300+ million is just talk. More likely we will see a continuing resolution for the next two years. Because of lack of funding, Head Start is in a dire state. There is no champion for Head Start at this time. Kim made comments about parent power; John asked questions about media coverage. Mavany mentioned that we need to move into the internet tools such as Utube, Facebook, My Space. Jackie asked about consideration for small community programs and the cost to join NHSA. Ron responded that individuals can join and get the magazine and updates, etc. We do agree that to succeed as Head Start in general we need to unite. There were no other questions.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. The following items were added under Other New Business: Two parents paid from Three Affiliated Tribes and want a refund. Also we want to hear from Hilda about her two-day meeting with State Pre-K. The agenda will also allow for Teri and Kristi to come in at 1:00 after lunch to report on the conference numbers. Danny moved to amend the agenda, and Gil seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of June 12, 2008: The minutes of the June 12, 2008 Board meeting were reviewed and one correction was that Kim was absent/notified as she sent an email excuse prior to the meeting. John moved to accept the minutes with corrections and Gil seconded and the motion carried.

Conference Budget: Joyce passed the duty to Kathryn who gave a detailed up-to-date report. We are looking good as we are meeting our goals and receiving donations. Danny moved to accept the conference budget and Gil seconded. The motion carried.

Renee Perthuis, Telephone Meeting: The “Chief’s” position is renamed to the Regional Program Manager to be consistent with all Head Start programs. It will close on the 25th of June. PSC contractor will screen apps and all will be rated on skills, might take up to 3 weeks for this process. The announcement will not occur until August 1. When asked why there was no relocation expense it is because it is a G14 position and is not an option. It is a high salary scale and even though Native preference is listed in the posting there is no expense for moving.

Amanda and the OHS office send gratitude for input into the Standards meeting in March earlier this year. It is deep in process but waiting for the National Academy Sciences report on child outcomes assessments that are still outstanding. There is no estimated timeline now.

Renee wants specific issues reported to her regarding reviews, both positive and negative so she can immediately address them. The sooner the better as there are evaluations going on in the very near future. Email or call Renee at: reneaian@acf.hhs.gov ; phone: 202-260-1721.

Renee would like us to submit to her our ideas on how to implement the expansion for Indian programs.

In regards to the T/TA supplemental grant for education there is RPM which is a small group that considers the criteria to be consistent over all Head Start programs and the funds should be allocated by the end of July. The funds can be carried over if they come at the end of a grant period. This had to be in consideration of fall semesters and registration deadlines. Out of the 153 AIAN programs, 55 applied.

Question about quality control for the Risk Management meetings was met with confusion as Renee sits in on most every one. She wants us to direct issues to Angie Godfrey who she will communicate with so to better understand the inconsistencies.

Pat Brown has scheduled three tribal consultations that will be Head Start specific outside of the regional meetings. They are July 21 in Kansas, July 22 in Denver, and July 31 in Seattle. They will be published today in the Federal Register. Attending will be Pat Brown, Renee Perthuis, Ann Linehan, Amanda Bryans, Craig Turner, and if the process is speeded up, the new AIAN Regional Program Manager. Georgey sent out an email announcing the consultations today. We emailed Paul Spicer about fitting this consultation into our agenda as the Research Steering Committee will be meeting in Denver July 22 and Ann Belleau as well as several seasoned Head Start directors will be available to attend and possibly be appointed by their tribal councils to speak.

We were assured that the committee on re-designation will consider the Indian provisions.

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. Total paid grantees/delegates 76/49%.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: this information was covered in the last telephone meeting.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the Board with a copy of the most recent Attendance Report for their information. By-laws committee needs to study enforcement. There are two members that are in violation and one or two have specific issues preventing their attendance.

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.

Conference Committee – The minutes from the last meeting are at TFA. Today we are in action.

Review of the New Strategic Plan and Action Plan: There was discussion of how to present the management plan to the membership. We decided to call it the Board of Directors Management Plan. We will be seeking suggestions, concerns; basically any input from the membership and will be prepared to answer questions. Danny will highlight the basics. Gil will make a correction to the title and it will be printed for the meeting.

Committee Assignments Based on Action Plan:

Education/Information/Conference committee: *Danny Wells, chairperson*

Members – Sara Young Bird, Gil Gonzales, Ralph Booth, Jackie Haight, Vicki Bishop, Mavany Verdugo

Budget, Finance and Development committee: *Joyce McClellan, chairperson*

Members – John Pavek, Kevin Hedstrom, William Maes, Lolinda Lee

Fund Development sub-committee: *John Pavek*

Membership and Membership Services committee: *Michael Williamson, chairperson*

Members – Hilda Marshall, Sara Young Bird, Kathleen Sando, Vicki Bishop, Francis Maney, Mike Williamson, Kim Bergey

Ad Hoc Advocacy committee: *Ann Belleau, chairperson*

Members – Danny Wells, Mavany Verdugo, Joyce McClellan, Joe Henry, Jacki Haight

Executive committee: *Ann Belleau, chairperson*

Members – Danny Wells, Mavany Verdugo, Joyce McClellan

By-Laws/Governance/Board Development committee: *Mavany Verdugo, chairperson.*

Members – Gil Gonzales, Danny Wells, William Maes, Lolinda Lee

These committee chairpersons will now identify their tasks and establish timelines from the action plan. Committee reports were given orally and turned in to the MCS for recording and implementing into the action plan.

The meeting was recessed until tomorrow morning, Saturday, June 21, 2008.

The meeting reconvened at 9:10 am and the board walked through the hotel to familiarize with the meeting rooms. The rest of the morning Kathryn ran through the program and assignments. The agenda for the Annual Meeting was reviewed and assignments were made. Walk through of the conference flow was set.

NHSA Report, Toni Dobrec: NHSA is still reeling to right itself. Is still unsure what they want to be when they grow up. Region 4 is articulating that Ron be impeached or resign. NHSA is still looking for a process to replace Sarah Greene. She plans to sue and most likely a settlement will be the end result. NHSA plans to speak for the states, however the state executive directors are getting strong and see that there is money and more power coming down the pike. Ron is responding by conducting bi-weekly phone calls with these executive directors of which, Kathryn attends to represent region 11 and Yvette Sanchez attends representing region 12. NHSA is desperate to keep them all united. For the time being, it seems to be working. But not all state executive directors feel that Ron/NHSA speaks for them or their state programs. NHSA is going to have to have a dual role in continuing the federal level issues as well as the state issues. By next reauthorization or maybe one more after that, Head Start will be in the states.

Report on AIAN Focus Group on Regulations: The focus group is working feverishly and we are looking for draft regulations to be coming out in the federal register. Teri has been assigned the watchdog from TFA to scan the federal register for these drafts. TFA will get them out immediately on the listserv for chatter. We must read them but more importantly we must respond. It will be piecemealed out as opposed to one big document all at once. Question remains as to what will happen to 1308.

Refund Request: Two parents from Three Affiliated request refunds because one came down with West Nile Virus and the other had a family emergency. The board conversation brought up the need for a formal policy for refunds. We will wait until the end of conference until we make the decision in case there are others.

Annual NIHSDA Board Meeting: This was tabled until July 10, 2008 meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm PDST. Danny moved to adjourn the meeting and Hilda seconded. The motion carried.

The Board continued to meet during the conference. On Thursday afternoon, they met with Dan Schneider, Acting Assistant Secretary ACF and Greg Smith, NIHSDA's Attorney. This was an information and update meeting only.