

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
March 13, 2008**

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

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

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. The following four items were added: Greg Smith attended HHS budget hearings and that information needs to be shared, Identify and discuss who is sitting on the AIAN panel to discuss the regulations, Seat our new alternate representative from region 10, Pat Foster requested discussion about development of the T and TA plans with consideration of the reauthorized Act requirements for staff training and development. Danny moved to amend the agenda, and Pat seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of February 28 – March 1, 2008: The minutes of the February 28 – March 1, 2008 Board meeting were tabled until the next meeting. TFA staff needed to add their input from the strategic planning and had just returned from Albuquerque. Hilda moved to suspend any action on those minutes until the next meeting. Gil seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Joyce reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report and Expense Report . Hilda moved to accept the treasurer’s report and Michael seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. Hopi from region 6 joined in February, San Juan Pueblo from region 5 joined in March. Fort Peck from Montana also joined. Gil from region 7 had questions about Hoopa HS and EHS who share a membership and the two programs run by CDI who claim they have paid. Kathryn will investigate both issues. The new membership list will be out the 1st of April.

The discussion moved to raising the membership dues . There was a full board on the call so we decided to make a decision now instead of sending it to committee especially since the new membership drive is beginning next month for the June deadline. It was moved to increase the membership fee by \$50 per program by Joyce and seconded by Michael. The motion was approved. Discussion followed and Hilda and Sara were very concerned about the amount of the increase.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: There were three donations submitted from Isleta, San Juan and Oneida.

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. Two members have 3 not notified already. Two others have 2 not notified and two have 3 notified absences.

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 – So far only three presenters have responded to the mailing and all three are vendors. There was no response to the 170 letters sent out most recently so we need to do some work on finding presenters. We need to focus on folks who might be coming in to the conference, are not too expensive or maybe are already in the local area. We also need another 2 day pre intensive. Vicki has done a wonderful job on local considerations in the Grand Ronde area.

An agenda will be coming out to provide back up for travel. Remember that the face-to-face meetings will be held June 20,21.

New Business:

Telephone Conversation with pre[K]now: Danny shared his conversation with the folks from pre[k]now and emphasized how Head Start was left out when the state of OK developed the preschool program that is cannibalizing Head Start as it takes away the 3 and 4 year olds. Mavany shared concerns of funding streams through the states instead of federal for some tribes and how there is fear that pre[k]now is the back door entrance for head start to be pushed into the states' departments of education. There is a breakfast meeting set for Tues AM in D.C the 25th of March. Toni feels we need to look at pieces of legislation and make it one of our advocacy items to watch that Indian programs get the set aside that is appropriately funded.

OHS/AIAN Meeting: The board went down the list of the AIAN participants for the "Expert panel" to work on the regulations of the reauthorized Act in Washington D.C. the week of March 24. No one knows the criteria used for the selections or who made the selections. Some were identified as sitting on the research steering committee, some no one had heard of and others have been around in various capacities. The board felt confident in the their representatives and gave encouragement.

Region 10 Alternate: Ralph introduced the newly selected alternate for Region 10, Kim Bergey of South central Foundation in Alaska. Her program is 800 miles away as the crow flies from Ralph's. Kim greeted us with information about herself and is eager to work with this board. Mavany moved to accept her seating and Hilda seconded the motion. All agreed and the motion passed.

Ann Bergen Update: Ann Belleau reported that Ann Bergan, OHS Research, is not ready to present to our board until next month's meeting. Danny moved to place her on next month agenda and Mavany seconded it. The motion carried.

HHS Tribal Budget Consultation: Greg Smith attended the tribal consultation regarding the 2010 HHS budget. While it was scheduled for 2 hours, unfortunately tribal leaders talked for over 1 hour and it was quite redundant. No one presented or read Greg's comments and the moderator had no time left for him. Greg protested and had his 15 minutes cut to 3 but he took at least 5. No one answered his question of where the money went and why. Renee Perthuis, Director, Program Operations Division, will try to get the question answered. She was calling for more Indians to serve on review teams...it was all rather perfunctory according to Greg.

Professional Development Discussion: There are many questions about how the requirements for professional development for staff should look like. There is a lot of discussion on the list serve right now and some need to submit grant applications and are wondering how to address this in their T&TA plans. In the next few weeks, TFA will draft a question for the policy clarifications web site.

Adjournment: Ralph moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 PDST and Kathleen seconded. The motion carried.