

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 8, 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 2 – John Pavek – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3 – Hilda Marshall – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 5 – Kathleen Sando – William Maes. Alt.. Region 6 - Pat Foster, Alt. Region 9 – Kay Wynecoop Region 7 – Gil Gonzales Region 8 – Vikki Bishop, Alt. Region 10 –Ralph Booth –Kim Bergey, Alt	Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 9 – Jacki Haight, Alt.	Region 4 - Teresa Lehman, 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. The following items were added under Other New Business: Notice of election of even numbered regions’ member and alternates, do we want Ron Herndon to attend the board meeting in June, follow up on tribal Risk Management, has anyone else participated recently? Comments from the May 6 meeting with research folks and Frank Fuentes, and Santo Domingo Head Start issues. Hilda moved to amend the agenda, and William seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes of April 10, 2008:** The minutes of the April 10, 2008 board meeting were reviewed and John moved to accept the minutes, Vikki seconded and the motion carried.

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

**Membership Report:** Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. On April 14, an invoice was sent out based on their funding level, including the \$50 increase. We currently have 48 members who have responded which is 31% of the total membership.

**\$3 Per Child Campaign:** On April 25, an invoice and a letter went out to all programs showing the enrolled number of children times three dollars and an explanation of what we had accomplished was provided. The letter reminded programs that no federal funds could be used for the donation. So far we have collected \$1,358.

**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. We have a few members that will need a phone call from the president.

### **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** – Looking at the conference flow we can see that there are 2 slots open, one on Wednesday and one on Thursday. Myra from ECKLC has been asked to do one session on transportation. And the other slot might be a panel to discuss on-site review preparation. Myrna Dingman from San Felipe with a single community of 98 children would be one, Jennifer Ramey from Turtle Mountain who serves 300 in 13 communities and Lee Turney who just finished a review and has ideas on keeping ready every day through on-going monitoring.

As of today, Teri reported that we have 46 people registered for the conference, 4 registered for the OHS pre intensive, 7 registered for the “Secrets” session on Monday.

Kristi explained the giveaways. Upon arrival, attendees will be given dried cranberries, donated by Jane Metcalf's tribe. A nice card has been developed to be attached to the berries. John Pavek has donated wind chimes from the Oneida Casino to be given at departure that signify the winds in Oklahoma (tornado alley!) The bags will be green with the design in white. The cover will be the approved logo with red roses.

Early next week another email and hard mail registration will go out including the reminders about silent auction, door prizes and all the events planned. The Chairman

from Grand Ronde will do a welcome as well as the Oregon State Senator. Ron Herndon will say a few words and possibly Joel Ryan will give us a legislative update.

### **New Business:**

Strategic Plan and Management Action Plan: The plans were emailed to the board for review. There were no additional comments other than John's appreciation for the hard work and excellent layout of the action plan. He moved to accept the Strategic Plan and Management Action Plan as presented and Hilda seconded. The motion carried.

Letter to Pat Brown on Regulation Language: Only two board members sent in questions and comments so the discussion was brief on the contents of the letter. It will be sent not only to Pat Brown but also Frank Fuentes, Rene Perthuis, Paul Blatt, Craig Turner, and Greg Smith. Danny moved to accept the document and John seconded it. The motion carried.

June Board of Directors Meeting: It was agreed to hold a regularly scheduled tele-meeting on June 12 to take care of the regular monthly business leaving time for the guests and more intense business when we meet face-to-face in Portland on June 20 & 21. On Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>, Ron Herndon will meet with the board to give a NHSA update and hear from us about our status.

Research Conference Call Report: The minutes from the tele-conference with Frank Fuentes, Ann Bergen and Mary Bruce was emailed to the board detailing the conversation. We are encouraged with the many projects happening now and that are being considered for the near future. Of concern was clarification from OHS that the 130% does not affect Indian programs and that the 49/51% clause is still in tact.

Report on Nashville NHSA meeting: Toni gave her report on the Nashville NHSA board meeting. There was a by-laws up date and revisions were explained. There was talk of term limits for officers as there had been no turn over in some time. They spoke about length of meetings. Sarah Green is in process of law suit regarding inappropriate firing. There were 2,700 attendees. Region 4 boycotted the conference and refused membership in support of their presidential selection that was nullified by the board earlier in the year.

### **Other New Business:**

Election of Even Numbered Regions: Regions 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 will need to nominate representatives before the end of May. A notice will go out that the reps are up for re-election and a job description will also go out. They can conduct elections as they choose. John wants the letter coming from him. Vikki and Ralph want the letter coming from Ann.

RAM: Question went out to see if anyone had been on the call for tribal leaders regarding the Risk Assessment Meeting. Hilda said leaders from Cheyenne River took

the call seriously, Joyce handed out the letter ahead of time and their group left the call as it was redundant. Danny said they just read it verbatim and it was a waste of time. Kathleen concurred.

Santo Domingo: Last night Greg said that Santo Domingo had been closed for health and safety reasons. They have called Senator Bingaman's office for help. Hopefully someone like Bob Bialas, IHS, can be of help to explain the differences in construction in Indian communities and absolute health and safety concerns.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm CST. Danny moved to adjourn the meeting and Hilda seconded. The motion carried.