

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2008**

Call to Order: Danny Wells, President Elect, called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. PDT.

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 Elect – Danny Wells Secretary – Mavany Verdugo Treasurer – Joyce McClellan Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 3– Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 4 – Mike Williamson – Stephanie Carr, Alt. Region 5 – Kathleen Sando Region 7 – Gil Gonzales Region 8 – Viola Wood, alt. Region 9 – Jackie Haight	President – Ann Belleau Region 2 – John Pavek Region 3 – Hilda Marshall Region 6 – Pat Foster Region 8 – Vikki Bishop	Region 5– William Maes, Alt. Region 10 – Albert Rinehart – Ralph Booth, Alt

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

Seating of New Board Members: Region 8 selected Viola Wood from Fort Peck, MT as their alternate representative and Region 10 selected Albert Rinehart from Central Council of Tlingit-Haida as their representative. Ralph Booth will now serve as the alternate. Mike moved to accept the selections and seat them officially on the board. Gil seconded the motion and the motion carried. Both were congratulated and Viola was given voting rights for the meeting.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Several items were added to New Business. A discussion was necessary for the Ted Water’s letter regarding voter registration, comments to date regarding the Risk Management meetings, and the latest news on the AIAN regional manager selection. Mavany moved to accept the amended agenda, and Jacki seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the August 14, 2008 tele-meeting: The minutes were read and examined for corrections. Kevin moved to approve them as submitted and Francis seconded the motion. 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 Kathleen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. Three separate invoices have gone out so far. Now the representatives or alternates must call to find out why they are remiss in joining.

Region 1 – a cluster meeting will happen in November at Seneca and Francis will solicit memberships

Region 2 – only need 1 program to reach 100%

Region 3 – 100%

Region 4 – Need 2 programs to join. Mike and Stephanie will make contact

Region 5 - Sandia just joined but 4 more are outstanding

Region 6 – Several programs are not joining but the big news is that after so many years in isolation, Navajo has joined. All their centers are now open.

Region 7 – Bishop will send in their check but Hoopa still alternates each year between EHS and HS. Campo is on hold with CDI and Pinoleville will have to be contacted.

Region 8 – Viola and Vikki have a few to work on. Viola will contact N. Cheyenne, and Ft Belknap.

Region 9 – Jacki will contact some this weekend.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: Three programs contributed this past month, Rosebud, Acoma, and Southcentral Foundation. No regions sent in contributions.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the Board with a copy of the most recent Attendance Report for their information.

New Business:

National Literacy Conference Update: This report was tabled due to Hilda's serious health concern. Kristi reported that Hilda is suffering with complications from diabetes when she got glass in her foot and the reaction has been seriously negative. We are to remember Hilda in our prayers and send her encouragement.

Northwest Indian Head Start Coalition Conference: Again, Hilda was not able to report but Viola was in attendance and gave a brief overview of the conference that ran

August 11 – 14. The biggest letdown was that the hotel was undergoing renovation and as a result there was confusion amid the mess. There was a good turnout and good collaboration with state associations and Region 8.

100% Enrollment Year-Round Requirement: There was much discussion about the new policy announcement of 100% enrollment year round even within the last month of the program year. All the list serves are buzzing with concerns. NHSA and other state organizations have developed letters of concern to OHS. As a board we feel we need to mirror the concerns in a letter and support the protests. TFA will develop a letter based on our verbal input and submit a draft in 3 or 4 days.

Background Checks: The mandate that no employee shall start until the background check is complete has not had a flurry of activity as the previous requirement did. There was discussion on the difficulty within some organizations and/or tribes to get a federal clearance but most states are complete within a few days. Some programs have sophisticated systems and others deal with the BIA.

Self Assessment from the Collaboration Office: TFA has written to Rene Perthuis for clarification and advice. Tom Tragear called and recommended we get in touch with Carmen B. Chester. We will offer information and guidance as it comes.

Update on AIAN Collaboration Office: AED sent in their application after they contacted us. They will know by the end of the month according to Angie Godfrey. Angie appreciated NIHSDA's support letter and is hoping for the best. We will be informed as soon as they get word on the selection.

Regional Election Updates: In Region 2, John and Kevin were reelected to representative and alternate for another term. And as previously noted, Region 8 selected Viola Wood as the alternate and Region 10 voted to make Albert Rinehart the representative and Ralph Booth the alternate.

October Board Meeting: Everyone needs to respond if they will be attending the October annual business meeting in Oklahoma City. Hilda is questionable as is John for health concerns. Everyone else please RSVP to TFA as soon as possible. Deadline for hotel reservations is in a week.

Other New Business

Native Vote: NCAI as part of its non-partisan arm is introducing Native Vote and wants to provide voter registration opportunities. Can Head Starts participate? Yes. We will put letters out explaining the Hatch Act and inform directors of what is legal and what is not. Many are already active such as the Pueblos and Grand Traverse Band of Potawatomi.

AIAN Regional Manager: (formerly the Program Chief) Rene Perthuis and David Caden were part of an intergovernmental personnel committee (Sheila Cooper from ANA excused herself from the interviews) to select from the screened candidates a regional manager for Region 11. This group has met but nothing is known at this time.

Adjournment 12:13 PDT: Mike moved to adjourn the meeting and Kevin seconded. The motion carried.