

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
April 9, 2009**

Call to Order: Danny Wells, 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 – Danny Wells Treasurer – Gil Gonzales Secretary – Mavany Verdugo Immediate Past Pres – Ann Belleau Region 1– Anthony Swerengin Region 2 – John Pavek Region 3 – Hilda Marshall Region 5 – William Maes, Alt Region 6 – Pat Foster Region 7 – Gayle Johnson Region 8 – Vikki Bishop – Viola Wood, Alt Region 9 – Jackie Haight Region 10–Malinda Besett, Alt	Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt Region 3 –Sara Young Bird, Alt Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 5 – Kathleen Sando Region 9– Patty Eningowuk, Alt Region 10 – Albert Rinehart	Region 4 – Stephanie Carr, Alt Region 7 – Christi Jacobus, Alt

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

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. It was requested to add discussion of John’s letter at the end of committee reports. Pat moved to accept the amended agenda, and Jacki seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the March 12, 2009 meeting: The minutes were read and examined for corrections. A spelling mistake was pointed out. Gil moved to approve the minutes with corrections and Jacki seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. There were no new members in the last month. We are ready to start the 09-10 membership drive. However if any grantees join this month or next they will have a year and 2 month membership for a one-year price.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: There were no contributions in the month of March for either account.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the Board with a copy of the new Attendance Report for their information. The executive committee will have to make a few calls to some members who have 3 absent not notified marks.

New Business

Letter to Pat Brown March 17, 2009: The letter was written and sent last month regarding tribal consultations and other areas needing comment. It went to all the main players in the Office of Head Start and our branch but there has been no response from anyone, not even an acknowledgement of receipt. There was discussion about the lack of communication. The board approved three actions after deciding that it was too late to boycott the meetings. 1) Develop talking points to post on the listserv. 2) Danny make a phone call to Pat Brown to convey the frustration with no changes, no communication. And, 3) send letters to our representatives in Congress regarding the lack of communication. All written communication will come from the board. The motion was made by Gil and seconded by Hilda. The motion passed.

Questions and Concerns to Nina McFadden: Kathryn sent the approved letter of issues and concerns on March 12, 2009 and put it out to the listserv on March 13. On the 19th, Kathryn wrote to Nina to inquire if she had received the letter. There has been no reply to date.

Conversation with Stacy Ecoffey, OIA, HHS: Greg had the conversation with Stacy in D.C. and she felt the letter was hard hitting. When a new person comes into the office they might see us as adversarial, especially not knowing the history behind the issues. There was much discussion about the history of being disregarded.

Conversation with Ahniwake Rose, NCAI: Ms. Rose requested Danny to represent Chickasaw Nation and NIHSDA at the budget consultations. The new rules state that the speaker must carry a letter from the tribal leader in order to speak or have a tribal leader beside them and only field questions after the tribal leader has spoken. The board approved Greg to represent NIHSDA alongside the Governor from Acoma with written testimony the board will develop and approve. Ann made the motion and Mavany seconded. The motion passed.

Theo Bayou Nomination: John moved that the NIHSDA board nominate Theo as one of Haskell University's most influential people. This is a very prestigious honor. Mavany seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2009 Conference:

Danny gave an update of the conference committee. Jacki made motion to accept conference committee report. Hilda seconded the motion and the motion passed.

2010 Conference Hotel:

Kathryn provided an overview of the RFP from the Westin. Mavany provided a description of the hotels location and conference space. The proposed dates are June 13-17, 2010. Pat made a motion to accept the Westins RFP and conduct the 2010 Conference in San Diego, CA. Ann seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Committee Reports:

All committee reports have been filed with the MCS and will be posted on the website.

Budget, Finance and Fund development Committee –

Education/Information and Conference Committee –

Membership and Membership Services- Teri gave an update on the membership drive and ask for feedback on the membership drive packet. Danny asked to add under benefits of NIHSDA, communication with OHS. Ann moved to approve the membership drive packet with the addition to the benefits page. Hilda seconded the motion and the motion passed.

By-Laws, Governance and Board Development – This report was tabled until next board meeting.

Executive Committee – This report was tabled until next board meeting.

Adjournment: Due to echo feedback on the phone line the meeting adjourned at 1:00 PST. John moved to adjourn the meeting and Mavany seconded. The motion carried.