

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
August 13, 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 – Frances Maney Region 2 – John Pavek Region 4 – Mike Williamson – Misty Horne, Alt Region 5 – William Maes – Myrna Dingman, Alt Region 6 – Pat Foster Region 7 – Gayle Johnson – Christi Jacobus, Alt Region 8 – Vikki Bishop Region 9 – Jackie Haight Region 10 – Albert Rinehart	Region 3 – Hilda Marshall – Sara Young Bird, Alt Region 8 – Viola Wood, Al. Region 10–Malinda Besett, Alt	Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt Region 9– Patty Eningowuk, Alt

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Kristi Bentkowski, and Teri Stringer from the MCS were present. Greg Smith, NIHSDA lobbyist, and Scott Layton, Rincon CFO, joined the call for specific topics.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. One item was added, *State executive director's letters re: OHS director*. Albert moved to accept the amended agenda, Frances seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting: The minutes were read and examined for corrections. 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. Mike moved to accept the treasurer's report and Mavany seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Membership Report: Teri gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. We have 110 members, 70%. There was only one new member that moved back to region 7 from 6, Chemehuevi. Phone calls are necessary.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: Four programs sent in donations as of July 31, 2009. Oneida \$324, Jicarilla Apache, \$486, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, \$144, and Quileute \$153 totaling \$1107.

Attendance Record: According to the bylaws, 5 absences in a 12 month period or 3 absent not notified in a row is grounds for termination. Two members have 5 absences, four members have 6 absences, one member has 7, and 1 has 9 absences.

Old Business:

Written committee Reports from June: None of the reports have been submitted.

New Business:

Legislative Update: Greg reported that after OHS opened up the \$10 million for AIAN programs which followed the Conference Committee report that there were enough applications to use the entire amount.

The President, House and Senate have an increase for OHS in at \$122 million for FY'10. Whether or not it will "trigger" the \$10 million set aside is unknown at this time.

House bill, H.R. 3221, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 has a section entitled "Early Learning Challenge Fund". In that section there is a .25% set aside for AIAN early childhood. Greg will work with the Executive Committee as this bill moves to the House floor and to the Senate. Greg said that he has been contacted by Senator Kennedy and Bingaman staff for NIHSDA's thoughts on the bill. Greg will stay in touch.

Membership Committee Report: a letter will be going out soon.

Refund for Standing Rock: The FCP manager from Standing Rock had a last minute court appearance that was not negotiable. She requested that the registration money be applied to next year's conference in San Diego. Gil moved to approve the request and Jacki seconded. The motion passed.

Tribal consultations in Kansas City and Bloomington: In Kansas no tribal leaders and no directors attended. Only AED was present. In Bloomington, there were 3 tribal leaders and 8 directors. The directors put their cards on the table early on and did not return in the afternoon. We fought hard for these consultations and after 2 years need to keep refining it. It would behoove OHS to plan with NIHSDA in plenty of time prior to announcement of sites. OHS needs to respond in writing after the consultations for integrity of the process. Then we can promote the consultation to our tribal leaders.

Collaboration Advisory Committee Meeting: The National Collaboration Meeting will be held in Washington D.C. Sept. 2 -3, 2009. They will be addressing a variety of topics for developing a strategic plan. Danny is requesting that suggestions for AIAN collaboration goals be emailed to him or to the director, Brian Richmond.

New T/TA Provider (ICF) The new director is Harold (Sonny) Hill who was formerly a fiscal specialist with AED AIANTAN. Field specialists have been hired. The new folks are currently HS directors, some were managers. All should be official next week as the contract begins Sept. 1. Discussion among board members revealed much displeasure with the timing of the transition. Those most affected have triennial reviews in September and most others have preservice and governance training due very soon.

Agenda Ideas for Oct. 12-13, 2009 face-to-face meeting: Email ideas to Kathryn. We want a call with Nina and with the new T/TA director.

How is your tribe going to handle ARRA reporting? There was a discussion by the Board members as to how their Tribal fiscal departments were going to set up the ARRA reporting. Scott Layton, Rincon CFO, listened in on the conversation. Scott said that he will be attending training on Tribal ARRA reporting and offered to report to the Board what he learned.

Committee Reports:

All committee reports from the face-to-face meetings held in Oklahoma in June need to be filed with the MCS so they can be posted on the website.

Budget, Finance and Fund development Committee –

Education/Information and Conference Committee –

Membership and Membership Services-

By-Laws, Governance and Board Development –

Executive Committee –

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PST. Mike moved to adjourn the meeting and William seconded. The motion carried.