

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 8, 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 Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 3 – Hilda Marshall – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 6 – Pat Foster Region 8 – Vikki Bishop Region 9 – Jackie Haight – Patty Eringowuk, Alt. Region 10 – Albert Rhinehart	Immediate Past Pres – Ann Belleau Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom, Alt. Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 8 – Viola Wood, alt.	Region 2 – John Pavek Region 4 – Stephanie Carr, Alt Region 5 – Kathleen Sando – William Maes, Alt

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, Kristi Bentkowski, and Teri Stringer from the MCS were present. Nina McFadden from OHS joined the call for planned discussion.

Update from the AIANPB Regional Program Manager: Nina gave an update from AIANPB.

- There will be a continuing resolution through March 6, 2009
- Nina has heard there could be as high as a \$242 million increase
- The first tribal consultation report is out. It was missing a page of the Oneida testimony so it will be updated and posted on the ECLKC.
- Nina has requested that it be sent to all Tribal leaders
- Planning on having a separate day for Head Start at the 2009 Regional HHS Consultations
- Draft regulations are still being developed
- In process of developing a webpage for Region 11
- Working on improving communication between AIANPB and grantees. She wants to get Tribal leaders more involved
- Closer collaboration between AIANPB and T/TA
- Contractors can now travel to visit their programs
- There will not be gold certificates for 2009. Need to see what might replace
- Grantees will be able to upload pre-review documents
- Nina, Renee and Bryan will attend NIHSDA conference

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. It was requested to add a report on the status of Tom Tregear. Also, the bylaws/governance committee met yesterday and will report. Jacki moved to accept the amended agenda, and Gil seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting: The minutes were read and examined for corrections. Albert moved to approve them as submitted and Gil seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gil reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report and Expense Report. Mavany moved to accept the treasurer's report and Albert 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 month of December. It is down to personal contacts now.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: In the \$3 per child campaign, three new grantees donated to the fund. Eastern Band, Kickapoo, and Washoe helped the cause. In response for solicitations for tax donations, \$1,300 was received. While monthly reported amounts may sound small, the calendar year total was \$13,456. This amount is a tremendous help in accomplishing the work set before the board.

After the continuing resolution expires in March and hopefully there is new money in Head Start programs, we can begin the new campaign for donations.

Attendance Record: Kathryn provided the Board with a copy of the new Attendance Report for their information. We had 10 absences today and half were not notified. The committee meetings were well attended except for Education and Conference which fell on the last day before programs closed for the holidays.

Renee Thank You Note: Renee Perthuis sent a lovely heartfelt thank you to the board for our recognition of her dedication and work with AIANPB until the regional manager position was filled. Her gift was a lovely framed appreciation with a picture of Indian children and one of our beaded pins.

Canada Update: Jacki announced she will be meeting with the Region de la Colombie-Britannique et du Yukon/BC Aboriginal Head Start for Urban and Northern Communities Provincial Training conference February 3 – 6, 2009. She will be partnering with her region 10 associate to offer a thorough presentation on EHS. Mavany will also be attending as ambassador between the Canadian Head Starts and the AIAN programs in the States.

Attending NHTA Meeting: Danny and Toni will be attending the NHTA Leadership meetings and board meeting in Washington D.C. at the end of January. Kathryn will join

them in meetings with Greg and there may be some appointments on the Hill. Nina has invited Danny to join her for a lunch meeting and Brian Richmond urged Danny to stay in town for the National Collaboration Conference. There is an air of excitement as the Transition takes place and NIHSDA is at the table for the first time, officially.

National Collaboration Directors Meeting: Brian Richmond, the new National AIAN Collaboration Director has hit the ground running implementing his ideas for better communication, networking, and simplifying required documents such as the bulky needs assessment. He is requesting from NIHSDA recommendations for members to serve on the advisory committee that he will head. He has invited Danny to stay on in Washington D.C. for another week to attend the National Collaboration conference and is excited that Danny has agreed to participate.

Committee Reports:

Budget, Finance and Fund development Committee – Gil gave the report and the minutes are posted on the website.

Education/Information and Conference Committee – Kathryn gave the report in lieu of Ann's absence and the minutes are posted on the website.

Membership and Membership Services- Francis gave the report and the minutes are posted on the website.

By-Laws, Governance and Board Development – Mavany gave the report and the minutes are posted on the website.

Executive Committee – Next scheduled meeting is January 22.

Status on Tom Tregear: Contact was made with Tom in mid December to find him feeling down as he was asked not to return to his work with AIANPB in 2009. Danya was responsible for his salary and felt it was a necessary cut. His desire is to work with Indian programs. He has returned to his home in Philadelphia.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:25 PST. Hilda moved to adjourn the meeting and Gil seconded. The motion carried.