

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

**Call to Order:** Danny Wells, President, called the meeting to order at 11:07 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 – Danny Wells Treasurer – Gil Gonzales Secretary – Mavany Verdugo Immediate Past Pres – Ann Belleau Region 2 – John Pavek Region 4 – Mike Williamson Region 5 – William Maes Region 6 – Pat Foster <b>Region 7- Christi Jacobus, Alt.</b> Region 8 – Vikki Bishop – Viola Wood, Alt. Region 9 – Jacki Haight Region 10 – Albert Rinehart –Malinda Besett, Alt.	Region 3 -- Hilda Marshall Region 4 – Misty Horne, Alt. Region 5 – Myrna Dingman, Alt. Region 9– Patty Eningowuk, Alt.	Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 2 – Kevin Hedstrom. Alt. Region 3 – Sara Young Bird, Alt. Region 7 – Gayle Johnson

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

**Agenda Approval:** The agenda was reviewed. Three items were added, *House Mark up for FY10 budget, Denver Tribal Consultation low attendance, Applications for the 6 million.* Jacki moved to accept the amended agenda, Albert seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes of the June 12-18, 2009 meeting:** The minutes were read and examined for corrections. Gil moved to approve the minutes with corrections and Ann seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

**Membership Report:** Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. Teri sent out a mailing before the conference and then again last week. Phone calls are necessary. The survey at conference indicated program directors want to hear from the board reps, so now it is time to connect. Notice has been sent out that as of Aug. 1, all who are not members will be cut off the listserv. Board members must be paid members so Mike, Gayle and Malinda are due.

**\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment:** Only two programs submitted donations this past month. Port Gamble and Quileute.

**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. Three members have 5 absences, three members have 6 absences, and one has 8 absences.

### **Old Business:**

**Changing 2010 Conference Days:** Kristi was unable to change the dates of the conference as the Westin was booked around us solid. We will consider making this change to running the conference Wed – Fri next year in Washington D.C. The board discussed having the 2011 conference in Washington D.C. Jacki made the motion for TFA to begin researching hotels in the Washington D.C. area. Mike seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Alaskan Native Head Start Resolution:** Albert moved that the board submit the letter from the Alaska Association presented by MaryEllen Fritz. Gil seconded the motion and it passed.

**Capacity Building Grants:** The grant opportunity was announced May 14<sup>th</sup> and due June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Because of the conference, the deadline was not realistic for this go round.

### **New Business:**

**Thank You Letter from AED:** NIHSDA received a thank you letter for the support letter that was submitted on behalf of AED. Individual directors that submitted on behalf of their local area specialists also received letters. Unfortunately, due to the number of applicants with no experience working with AIAN programs, the letters were not permitted in the application.

**Request from ACF for DLL:** NIHSDA was named in the Act to be consulted with regarding the Dual Language Learner initiative. After discussion, the board chose Myrna Dingman from San Felipe, Verna Thompson from Cherokee Nation, Margaret Swan from Coleville, Vicki Bishop from Grand Ronde, and Francis Maney from Eastern Band Cherokee.

**Final Conference Numbers:** Teri reported that there were 85 programs, 72 were AIAN and 13 miscellaneous. 271 total attendance and \$2,350 yet to collect. 69 attended OHS, 47 attended Leadership. The auction brought in \$3,400, raffle \$1,426, and sales \$245.

**National Family Literacy Meeting:** The meeting will be held July 16 – 17 however Hilda is not allowed to travel even though NIHSDA is paying her way. This is the last meeting in the last year of the project and Hilda has attended and reported to the board faithfully. It is a loss that she is home bound. Kim Stice, who used to work with TFA, will be in attendance and promises to keep the Indian issues on the table for us.

**Date for Annual Face-to-Face Board Meeting in October:** The board agreed to meet on Oct 12 and 13 in San Diego at the 2010 conference site Westin Gas Lamp Quarter. Jacki moved and Mavany seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

All committee reports from the face-to-face meetings held in Oklahoma last month 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 –**

**House Markup for FY10 Budget:** As of July 10, there is no money other than the 123 million suggested by Obama. We wanted 1 billion. Craig Turner wants to make the COLA permanent in 2010 but that would not be enough to trigger the increase for regions 11 and 12.

**Denver Tribal Consultations:** Renee Perthuis wants to know why there were only 2 tribes present in Denver. Fort Peck and Coleville. Answers were: short turnaround time from announcement, so many economic recovery fund applications with short deadlines in both tribal and Head Start offices, some had no funds for travel, complaints of no written report from last year's consultations.

**Applications for the Remaining 6 Million:** Only 17 programs have applied for AIAN expansion. Others are considering the part day to full year but the short turn around for complicated grant applications with difficult reporting requirements makes it difficult to convince tribal leadership and staff that it is worth it.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PDT. Mike moved to adjourn the meeting and John seconded. The motion carried.