

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
September 10, 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 3 – Hilda Marshall Region 4 – Mike Williamson – Misty Horne, Alt Region 5 – Myrna Dingman, Alt Region 6 – Pat Foster – Cheryl Encinas, Alt Region 7 – Gayle Johnson – Christi Jacobus, Alt Region 8 – Vikki Bishop – Viola Wood, Alt. Region 9 – Jackie Haight Region 10 – Albert Rinehart	Region 1 – Frances Maney Region 2 – John Pavsek Region 10-Malinda Besett, Alt	Region 3 – Sara Young Bird, Alt Region 5 – William Maes

Others Present: Kathryn Helsel, Toni Dobrec, and Teri Stringer from the MCS were present. Harold Hill joined the call to introduce himself, ICF and answer questions board members might present.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was reviewed. Danny added the results of the odd numbered regions. Mavany moved to accept the amended agenda, Ann seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Approval of the Minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting: The minutes were read and examined for corrections. Albert moved to approve the minutes, Gil seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Membership Report: Kathryn gave an overview of the Regional Membership Report. Congratulations to Albert and Malinda for the first to achieve 100%. Phone calls are necessary.

\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment: There are no new donations.

Attendance Record: According to the bylaws, 5 absences in a 12 month period or 3 absent not notified in a row are grounds for termination. One member has 5 absences, two members have 6 absences, two members have 7, and one member has 8. Congratulations to Danny and Jackie for perfect attendance!

Old Business:

Written committee Reports from June: Only Education submitted their report. None others have been submitted.

New Business:

ICF T/TA: Harold Hill joined the call to announce that ICF is trying hard to get up and running using experience from the ICF who had regional contracts. He is personally committed to “indoctrinate” the GPSS to listen to everyone and learn the ways of the Indian communities. Harold’s position is to focus on redesignation and find out when the clocks start ticking since reauthorization. Is this year 1 or 2? Danya is getting ready and feel they need documentation to take to court against the tribes when they file for redesignation. ICF will march to avoid redesignation for any Indian grantees but feels it will be difficult. Many won’t face it but 13% are deficient or out of compliance compared to 8 or 9 % across the nation. They DO know the ones that are marching towards redesignation. There are 3 gold programs but the focus is on the poor performers.

Only 12 or 13 max grantees will be assigned per GPSS (grantee performance supervision specialist?) Only one board member had heard this acronym and Harold was not sure either.

Mike was concerned that OK has 15 programs per one GPSS. Harold said that some are gold star programs (one, Kickapoo, OK) and won’t need so much attention. Mike felt it took updates and regular T/TA to maintain a gold start status.

Of the AED staff 6 were hired. Bea Fisher, Elaine Shea, and Melissa Windy Boy as local specialists or GPSS. Rhonda Kindred, Michelle Suave, and Minisha Tauree as content area specialists.

2011 Conference Hotel: To be in Washington D.C. in 2011 would mean changing the dates to mid or late July. And then, only Arlington is available and/or affordable. It was suggested that the Dulles area like Fairfax where we could get a shuttle to the Orange Line of the Metro at Vienna. But there may not be hotels large enough to accommodate. TFA will broaden their search possibly to Baltimore.

Report on Collaboration Advisory committee Meeting: Danny and Myrna reported on the meeting. There were 4 Head Start directors, the Collaboration Director, Brian

Richmond, Reps from Indian Health Services, Department of Education, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Child Care, Tribal Leadership, Alaskan representatives, and some others. It was described as exceedingly rich discussion. They used the SMART format for establishing goals and now with those goals Brian will work on the Strategic Plan.

Region 1 elections: Frances Maney has notified the Board that she will continue to be the Board member and that Ann Belleau will be the alternate. A motion was made, seconded and passed that these 2 individuals be seated as the Region 1 members. Their term is for 2 years, until October 2011.

Region 6 Alternate: Pat Foster informed the Board that Cheryl Encinas, director of Pascua Yaqui, had been elected to serve as the alternate for Region 6. A motion was made, seconded and passed seating Cheryl as the alternate. Cheryl's term will be for 1 year until October 2010.

HR 3221, Executive Committee: This bill has to do with preschool funding and even though the word "Indian" was only used once, we felt it was necessary to allow Greg Smith, 10 hours to explore the issue. It is a new section in the Higher Education Act. David Johns, of the HELP Committee, contacted Greg Smith and since it is a part of Tribal School readiness planning, suggests NIHSDA keep a finger in the pie.

2009 Final Conference Report: A copy was mailed to each board member. Please bring to the annual business face-to-face meeting in October.

Who is attending the Annual Meeting? All board members confirmed they will attend except the following who were either not on the call or waiting approval: Frances Maney, John Pavek, William Maes, Viola Wood, Sara Young Bird. From TFA, Kathryn, Toni, and Teri will be in attendance.

Board Self Assessment: This was sent out on Monkey Survey and all board members are encouraged to complete it as soon as possible. There might be a prize for the first to comply.

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.

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