

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 14, 2010**

**Call to Order:** Danny Wells, President, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. PST.

**Roll Call:** Roll call was taken by the Secretary, Jacki Haight. A quorum of the Board of Directors was established.

PRESENT	NOTIFIED	NOT NOTIFIED
<b>President – Danny Wells</b> <b>Pres-Elect – Gil Gonzales</b> <b>Secretary – Jacki Haight</b> <b>Region 1 – Frances Maney</b> - Ann Belleau, Alt <b>Region 3 – Sara Young Bird</b> - Hilda Marshall, Alt <b>Region 4 – Colette Berg, Alt</b> <b>Region 5 – Steve Honeyestewa, Alt</b> <b>Region 6 – Pat Foster</b> - Cheryl Encinas, Alt <b>Region 7 – Gayle Johnson</b> - Christi Jacobus, Alt <b>Region 8 – Vikki Bishop</b> - Viola Wood, Alt <b>Region 9 – Laura Wauckeon</b> - Lisa Horn, Alt <b>Region 10 – Albert Rinehart</b> - Malinda Besett, Alt <b>Amb to Can- Mavany Verdugo</b>	<b>Treasurer- Mike Williamson</b> <b>Region 2 – John Pavek</b> <b>Region 4 – Misty Horne</b> <b>Region 5 – Myrna Dingman</b>	

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

**Agenda Approval:** The agenda was reviewed. OHS – Nina McFadden and Renee Perthuis were invited to give an AIANPB Update to the Board at this convened meeting but they both are unable to participate. Danny added OHS Update by Toni Dobrec and NIHSDA Ad in SW Consortium Conference Program by Kristi Bentkowski. Pat F. moved to accept the amended agenda, Gil G. seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Approval of the Minutes of the December 10, 2009 meeting:** The minutes were read and examined for corrections. Hilda M. moved to approve the minutes, Pat F. seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** In Mike W.’s absence Kristi Bentkowski, MCS, reviewed the Check Register, Revenue Report and Expense Report. Gil G. moved to accept the treasurer’s report and Hilda M. seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Membership Report:** Teri S. stated that there are no changes. Individual contact by NIHSDA Regional Reps is still necessary for 100% membership goal.

**\$3 Per Child Campaign and Regional \$2,000 Commitment:** San Felipe and two private donations made this last month.

**Attendance Record:** Committee meetings need to be scheduled by NIHSDA Board Chairs.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**NHSA Representative Replacement:** Toni Dobrec is following her path of retirement and wellness so she is stepping down from her position as NHSA Rep- effective immediately. Toni gave a brief description of the responsibilities of serving as the Representative and the climate of NHSA. Danny suggested Gil G. as a very competent replacement. A brief discussion occurred. Jacki H. moved to accept the nomination of Gil G. as the NHSA Representative to fulfill Toni Dobrec's term (and go beyond for a new term) and Hilda M. seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Results of Listening Session:** Toni D. shared information about the listening sessions held in December with AIANPB grantees. These sessions were co-sponsored with OHS and NIHSDA with an expected outcome of listening to concerns regarding the upcoming revised Performance Standards (PS) based on the most recent Reauthorization. Five sessions were held (one was for Alaska alone). Each session was three hours long. 144 individual participants representing 82 AIANPB grantees were on the calls- 54% of the funded AIANP grantees. Danny and Gil participated in a number of the calls and reported the similarity of concerns across the country in Indian Country. There will not be an official report from the listening sessions but Gil volunteered to write up his notes and share at the next Board face to face meeting in AZ. Danny reminded all of the Board members that this was an historic event- the first time the Federal Government asks for input prior to publishing revised Performance Standards. The first draft of the PS are scheduled for the end of February.

**Center of Excellence:** Danny gave an update on the status of AIANPB participating in the process to be considered for nomination by Nina McFadden, Region XI Manager, to be eligible to apply to become a Center of Excellence. Eight AIANPB grantees submitted letters to Nina McFadden. As of this date no decision has been made. Danny will continue to follow up.

**EHS Program List:** Toni D. shared information on the new AI/AN EHS Programs. At this time a list of 23 recipients is known. We will follow the completion of this list.

**GAO Focus Groups:** Toni D. reported that Anna Bonelli from GAO requested the opportunity to hold a focus group of 6-10 newly funded AIAN EHS Programs at the SW

Consortium Conference in February. NIHSDA supports this activity and will share names of programs that are registered to attend the SW Consortium Conference. It will be a random selection and voluntary.

**T/TA Dollar Disbursement:** Danny shared information on the OHS administrative error regarding T/TA Funding for grantees. Numerous grantees have been notified by their Program Specialist that they need to reduce their T/TA budgets by nearly 50% of the OHS funding levels previously distributed. No written explanation or notification has been received by any grantees. NIHSDA Board members agreed that we need to follow up on this issue. Two action items: 1) Send Kathryn H., MCS, statement of specific communication from OHS; 2) Include T/TA Funding decreases on the face to face NIHSDA Board agenda

**OHS Update:** Toni D. shared Kathryn's report from Washington, D.C. where the new AIAN EHS Programs are gathered for orientation. Of the 1250 ARRA EHS applicants received by OHS, 600 were funded representing 5,000 additional children receiving services and 10,000 new staff employed. Yvette Fuentes, Director of OHS, has the following goals/initiatives: 1) Complete Performance Standard Revisions; 2) Update/Re-Invent T/TA (6 Resource Centers); 3) Re-building Monitoring System; 4) Finalizing Re-competition Process. Other OHS re-organizational issues have been suggested. The NIHSDA Board and Executive Committee needs to be proactive during this transition time to assure AIANPB values are not diminished.

**NIHSDA Ad in SW Consortium Conference Program:** Kristi B. shared an opportunity for NIHSDA to have an ad in the program that shares information on membership and the upcoming 2010 Management Conference in San Diego. Gil G. moved to have an ad for NIHSDA and Albert R. seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:25pm PST. Hilda M. moved to adjourn the meeting and Vicki B. seconded. The motion carried.