

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 8, 2024**

**Roll Call/Establish Quorum:** Roll call was taken by Ann Cameron. A quorum was established.

**Call to Order:** President-Elect, Andrea called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President Elect – Andrea Pesina Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1 – Tina Routh Zone 3-Anne Reddy. Alt Zone 4–Jayme Trevino Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt. Zone 5 – Kathleen Sando Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 9 – Debbie Sioux Lee Zone 10 – Kristin Ramstad, Alt.	President – Melissa Harris Treasurer – Jenny Oatman Zone 1-Tina Saunooke, Alt. Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 3- Vonda Pourier Zone 8-DeAnn Brown Zone 9-Mary DuPuis, Alt. Zone 10 - Christa Green	Zone 8 - Hilary Gourneau, Alt.

**Others Present:** Kristi Bentkowski and Teri Stringer from Three Feathers Associates.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. Debra moved to accept the agenda. Kristin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:** Items included in the consent agenda are: June minutes, treasurer report, and committee reports. Kristin moved to approve the consent agenda. Crystal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**General Correspondence:**

- First Day Learning Training (Aug 20/21): offered to conduct free training for teachers to prepare mindset for back to school – challenging behavior.
- NIEA/CEI Collaboration: project is on hold temporarily.

**2024 Conference Report:** Topics discussed included: participants, donations, sponsorships, advocacy fundraising, exhibitors, training, Tribal RFI, registration and conference cost, pre-intensive breakdown, expense and revenue, participants by zone, overall conference evaluation, and budget.

**Policy Institute:** In conjunction with NHSA fall leadership institute on September 23-27 in Washington DC. Teri provided an overview of events for each day. Board members attending need to contact the travel agent. Send Teri contact info for tribal lobbyist in the event of a reception.

**RFI Plan:** Due September 16<sup>th</sup>, 3 RFI workgroups held prior to conference, 8 sessions at conference, and 2 follow-up for solutions (not well-attended). Comments are being drafted based on the feedback of the groups. Goal is to have a draft by 8/14 that will be sent to the board for comments/feedback. NIHSDA comments will be submitted by Sept. 12. Individual programs need to submit comments with specific stories.

**2025 Conference:** Minneapolis, MN – Hilton St. Paul Airport, June 22 – 26, 2025. Sunday 22 – board meeting. T/TA will not be available due to contract timing. The conference committee has begun working on conference planning: possible tracks and topics. Will send a save the date announcement out during October.

**Adjourn:** Tina R motioned to adjourn, Kathleen seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. EST.