

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 9, 2023**

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

**Call to Order:** Immediate Past President, Lee Turney called the meeting to order at 2:23 p.m. EST.

| PRESENT  | ABSENT NOTIFIED   | ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED      |
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| <p>Immediate Past President – Lee Turney<br/>           Secretary-Ann Cameron<br/>           Zone 1-Tina Saunooke<br/>           Zone 1 – Tina Routh, Alt<br/>           Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder<br/>           Zone 3- Vonda Pourier, Alt<br/>           Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt.<br/>           Zone 5 - Jo Williams<br/>           Zone 5 – Andrea Pesina, Alt<br/>           Zone 6 – Tami Brungard<br/>           Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky<br/>           Zone 7 - Lola Henry, Alt<br/>           Zone 8-DeAnn Brown<br/>           Zone 9-Mary DuPuis, Alt.<br/>           Zone 10 – Connie Wirz<br/>           Zone 10 - Christa Green, Alt</p> | <p>President – Melissa Harris<br/>           Treasurer – Jenny Oatman<br/>           Zone 2 - Deborah Thundercloud, Alt.<br/>           Zone 4–Jayme Trevino<br/>           Zone 8 - Hilary Gourneau, Alt.<br/>           Zone 9 – Debbie Sioux Lee</p> | <p>Zone 3-Anne Reddy</p> |

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

**Region XI Update:** Todd and David Kaden joined the meeting to share updates. Topics included: COVID close-out/final spending by March 31, February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting with grants leadership regarding COVID-19 close-out, mandate to close-out budget periods (more details on 2/16). March 22<sup>nd</sup> next date for the grants applications Aug/Sept/Nov session, sessions at southwest conference, recorded session to be posted on ECKLC.

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

**Approval of January minutes:** DeAnn moved to approve the minutes. Connie seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of January Treasurer’s Report:** Teri presented the treasurer’s report for January. Jo moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Vanessa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**General Correspondence:**

- AIAN Initiative Award: first year of award to highlight innovate projects, the first email inviting applications was sent out and a second email will be sent. Board members are not eligible. Deadline is 2/28/23.

- Legislative Update: trying to get “new” self-determined eligibility language in the president’s budget, NCAI resolution, looking for tribal leader to champion the issue, and other meetings and prep work on how to keep the issue moving.

## **Committee Reports**

- Executive: committee work included: discussion with Todd on several issues, Feb meeting agenda, principals for continued success document, TTA system, and CLASS recertification changes.
- Governance: review of the operations manual, zone election policy, and board self-assessment.
- Education: conference planning

DeAnn moved to accept the committee reports. Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TRC Update:** Michelle joined the meeting to provide TRC and FACES updates: grow the field of ECE research in partnership with tribal communities. Pilot research, national leadership activities: NCRE conference, 2-credit graduate level research course at Johns Hopkins, research work on developmental screening, lack of measures that are culturally grounded/appropriate, working on a relational health measure, needs assessment (workforce focus), native language and culture in the classroom- culturally appropriate uses of CLASS, family economic well-being and measure development. Michelle also provided an updated on the AIAN FACES study and will share reports.

**March joint meeting with NIEA:** Teri emailed out the registration link to attend NIEA Hill week and let Teri know so that she can communicate with NIEA regarding Board attendance. March 7-10. 9<sup>th</sup> is Hill Day.

**Conference Planning:** Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting, Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> pre-intensives, Monday – Thursday conference. Wed. is Hill day (afternoon).

Ann made the motion against planning an event at the Smithsonian, Crystal seconded. Motion carried.

Refer to conference planning document.

**For the Good of the Board:** table

**Adjourn:** DeAnn moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 pm. Christa seconded the motion. Motion carried.