

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2024**

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

Call to Order: President, Melissa Harris called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
<p>President – Melissa Harris President Elect – Andrea Pesina Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1 – Tina Routh Zone 2 - vacant, Alt. Zone 4–Jayme Trevino Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt. Zone 5 – Kathleen Sando Zone 5 - alt, vacant Zone 6 – vacant Zone 6 – vacant, Alt. Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 7 – vacant, Alt. Zone 10 - Christa Green Zone 10 – Kristin Ramstad, Alt.</p>	<p>Treasurer – Jenny Oatman Zone 1-Tina Saunooke, Alt. Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 3- Vonda Pourier Zone 8-DeAnn Brown Zone 9 – Debbie Sioux Lee Zone 9-Mary DuPuis, Alt.</p>	<p>Zone 3-Anne Reddy. Alt Zone 8 - Hilary Gourneau, Alt.</p>

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

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed. Jayme moved to accept the agenda. Christa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda: Items included in the consent agenda are: March minutes, treasurers report, and committee reports. Tina R moved to approve the consent agenda. Christa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence:

- Legislative Update (eligibility language): - eligibility language in the appropriations act. Call with Tala to talk about implementation. Webinar and PI in May. Thank you note sent out to those that supported the language. Discussed potential questions/issues.
- FY24 and FY25 Budget: FY24 budget was passed including eligibility language. Slight increase for COLA 2.something %. 2 million for tribal collages, FY25 budget is being worked on. The President’s budget did not have an increase for the NFRM proposed rules. Asking for 2 million for TCU’s.
- Expansion FY23 Notice: Approximately 9 million for existing or new Head Start/EHS/EHS-CC partnerships. This will be the only expansion for this year.

2024 Conference Planning: Work included: pre-intensive topics confirmed, workshop descriptions going out, keynotes (Nila and Mavany) Senator Tester, NIEA Blanket, welcome gifts, registration fees, language/culture activities, agenda, closing comedian, artwork, t-shirts, planners, bags.

Region XI Update: Todd joined the meeting. Topics included: FY24 appropriations including COLA about 2.2/2.3% no quality, eligibility for tribal programs OHS working on May webinar and PI, RFI posted for 6 months (9/16 closes), posted is expansion closes 5/14 (operating and start-up) start-up funds come from a separate pot of funds, NOF from recaptured funds will not be posted this FY, 11 DRS letters being sent out, underenrollment (109/70% of AIAN), incident reporting to OHS.

NIEA Convention and NIHSDA Board Meeting: Dates Oct 9-12 in Palm Springs, meeting room, language summit day(s) prior (7/8), EC track 10 to 15 sessions, ideas for sessions, board meeting day (5/6).

RFI Plan: Discussed RFI plan, activities and timeline.

Adjourn: Tina R made the motion to adjourn, Crystal seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3:58 pm EST.