

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 8, 2021**

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

**Call to Order:** Secretary, Ann Cameron called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. CST-2:08 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President – Lee Turney Treasurer – Jenny Oatman Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1-Melissa Harris Zone 1 – Tina Saunooke, Alt Zone 2 – Luanne Wiggins, Alt Zone 3-Anne Reddy Zone 3- Vonda Pourier, Alt. Zone 4–Robert Pickens Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt. Zone 5-Jo Williams Zone 5 – Andrea Pesina, Alt Zone 7 – Rhonda Laughlin, Alt Zone 8-DeAnn Brown Zone 8-Vacant Zone 9- Debbi Lee Zone 10-Ethan Petticrew	Zone 6- Cheryl Conde Zone 6 – Tami Brungard, Alt. Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 10 – Beverly Mierzjek, Alt.	Immediate Past President-Tina Routh Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 9-Mary DuPuis, Alt.

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

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

**Approval of March minutes:** DeAnn moved to approve the minutes. Melissa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Jenny presented the treasurer’s report. Jo moved to approve the treasurer’s reports. Melissa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Seat Zone 4 Alternate –** DeAnn motioned to fill the zone 4 alternate with Cheryl DuBois. Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**General Correspondence:**

- Working Board Update (Oct face to face) – minutes were sent out, if you missed the meeting, there are two questions that everyone needs to respond to via email to help plan for upcoming meetings.

**Region XI Update:** Todd and Delroy joined the call to provide updates. Topics included: COVID relief grants funds are available in HSES and due tomorrow. COLA applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup>, the larger COVID relief funds awards will be made available, EHS/CC partnerships – two AIAN awards, federal staff are being asked to assist with the unaccompanied minors issue at the Texas border, working to identify and work with which grantees have not spent out the Cares Act COVID funds, OHS working to issue flexibilities for FY21, next Tuesday PMFO hosting a fiscal webinar (two-part series), OHS is pulling together a national T/TA steering committee and will reach out for Directors to participate, working to finalizing OHS conference being held virtually in November and hoping to facilitate a tribal consultation on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and a open forum on Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Ensure that grantees are using their funding within the year that is awarded/monitoring budgets. Jenny asked about the COVID vaccination survey – how is the survey data going to be used? Trying to gauge the need in the field, hesitancy rate, and next steps to encourage people to get the vaccination. Will there be an EHS expansion? Yes, there will be an EHS expansion during FY21. One-time applications can be submitted anytime.

**Grants Update:** David Kadan joined the call to provide updates. Topics included: Obligation balances – ensure it's spent on allowable items. Consult with grants specialist if you are unsure if it is an allowable expense, COVID funds – COVID funds are not restricted, Jenny asked about the flexibilities to use Sole sourcing for COVID, Vonda asked if it is allowable to trade in buses and purchase vehicles – it is allowable to use all of the trade value toward a new purchase. Prior approval is required to purchase a vehicle. Jenny asked what is considered construction – anything above \$250,000 is considered major renovation or construction.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Advocacy Committee: The committee work included: The committee worked on the reauthorization policy agenda. Looking at holding focus groups for input on the topics outlined in the policy agenda.

**Conference Update:** Teri provided an update on the 2021 conference planning progress. Raffle items from each zone are requested. A request for the photo tour has been emailed out. Staff are encouraged to present at the conference.

**For the Good of the Board:** Discussion regarding – Why do you serve on the NIHSDA Board?

**Adjourn:** Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting. DeAnn seconded. Motion carried.