

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
February 11, 2021**

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

**Call to Order:** President, Lee Turney called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. EST.

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

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

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

**Approval of January minutes:** Robert moved to approve the minutes. Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Teri presented the treasurer’s report. Robert moved to approve the treasurer’s reports. DeAnn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**General Correspondence:**

- Birth to Five Grants with Todd – Even with a combined grant, programs still must have separate budgets for HS and EHS to track spending for each.
- Teachstone – Teri feels like they are genuinely listening to Region XI concerns. CLASS 2.0 is under development.
- NIHSDA Self-Assessment – 11/22 board members responded. The executive committee will review and then present to the full board in March
- Wipfli – They are a new corporate member. They suggested we add a tiered corporate membership to offer more opportunities for partnership. They are willing to offer training.

**OHS Update:** Ann Linehan joined the call to provide updates. Ann spoke about the possibility of getting a Director for the Office of Head Start during the upcoming months, recognized the struggles of the programs and tribal communities. The PIR will still be due this year but it is known that the data will be lower due to the pandemic. Other topics discussed were, reauthorization, possible \$15 minimum wage and consequences to programs, programs will need ongoing funding to sustain items/services from the COVID-19 one-time funding.

**Region XI Update:** Todd and Delroy joined the call to provide updates. Topics included: Expansion (EHS/CC Partnership/under-enrollment) will be awarded by March 1. Several applications were received under the under-enrollment funding, they are under review. It will be posted again. The next COVID relief funding announcement are being worked on currently, hoping to be awarded in March or April. CLASS pilot was conducted during FY20, 12 individuals became reliable. They are thinking about doing another round. DRS/CLASS reviews for monitoring will be completed. The collaboration office is working with urban areas on health issues/vaccinations. Working on a 2021 Region XI conference (originally in-person) they conference may need to be held virtually during the week of Nov. 15-19, 2021. In the Fall, the FACES data team will reach out to collect data during the Fall and Spring. Work toward having a TA plan for all grantees. Still seeing grantees toward the end of the grant period with unobligated funds, encourage programs to monitor and reprogram to meet needs rather than sending funds back. Encourage community assessments to identify needs to document the need to change program services/redesign if needed. Lee encouraged OHS to use those 12 reliable reviewers during tribal monitoring. Tribal consultations were discussed – schedule and method of notification. Kristi asked about the facilities report, Todd will look into it.

#### **Committee Reports:**

- Executive Committee: The committee work included: Feb agenda, board training plan
- Governance: The committee work included: proposed bylaw change vote, board self-assessment
- Education Committee: The committee work included: 2021 Conference planning

DeAnn Made the motion to approve the committee reports, Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RWJ CLASS Project:** Jessica Barnes-Najor from the TRC joined the call to provide information regarding the CLASS project to research how the instrument functions in tribal programs and to seek participation.

**COVID-19 Vaccination and Reopening:** Most tribes are offering vaccines, many of them are on the second dose. Not all staff are electing to receive the vaccine however.

**Seat Zone 1 Alternate/Remove members:** Jo moved to Seat Tina Saunooke (Eastern Band of Cherokee) as the Zone 1 Alternate, DeAnn seconded the motion. Motion carried. DeAnn moved to remove Jayme and Kendall as alternates to Zones 4 and 9 respectively (due to inactivity), Beverly seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**For the Good of the Board:** Discussion regarding the board development article for February.

**Adjourn:** Jo moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:33pm. DeAnn seconded. Motion carried.