NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
December 12, 2019

Roll Call/Establish Quorum: Roll call was taken by Teri Stringer. A quorum was established.

Call to Order: Lee Turney, President-Elect called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. CST.

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**PRESENT**

President - Tina Routh  
President Elect - Lee Turney  
Zone 1 - Melissa Harris  
Zone 3 - Anne Reddy  
Zone 3 - Vonda Pourier, Alt.  
Zone 4 - Robert Pickens  
Zone 5 - Jo Williams  
Zone 5 - Andrea Pesina, Alt  
Zone 6 - Cheryl Conde  
Zone 6 - Tami Brungard  
Zone 7 - Crystal Kremensky  
Zone 7 - Rhonda Laughlin, Alt  
Zone 8 - Jenny Oatman  
Zone 9 - Kendal Peterson, Alt

**ABSENT NOTIFIED**

Secretary - Ann Cameron  
Treasurer - Carlos Powell, Sr  
Zone 2 - Luanne Wiggins  
Zone 9 - Debbi Lee  
Zone 10 - Ethan Petticrew

**ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED**

Zone 2 - Vanessa Goodthunde  
Zone 4 - Sherry Rackliff, Alt.  
Zone 10 - Connie Wirz, Alt.

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Others Present: Kristi Bentkowski and Teri Stringer from Three Feathers Associates. Jessica Barnes-Najor, Michelle Sarche

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

TRC Update: Jessica discussed the research agenda for NIHSDA. The board will develop a list of possible topics that will then go to the general membership for prioritization. Jessica and Michelle will help us share our research agenda broadly with research funders. This agenda will be used by NIHSDA to advocate for research in specific topics, not to conduct the research ourselves. Tami mentioned unique trauma informed care with highly qualified staff.

Michelle will be at the ACF Native American Grantee meeting discussing data sovereignty.

FACES – 2019 recruitment done (22 programs – met their goal). Data collection underway now, also in the spring. Probably no new information by the conference.

Michelle and Jessica trained Teri, Kristi, and Ann on the 2015-16 data and how to access and understand it.

They use videos to train their observers and they are looking for more programs to allow them to come in and record the classrooms. Tami could possibly – she needs more info.

**Approval of the minutes from October 7-8:** Melissa moved to approve the October 7-8 minutes. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Approval of Treasurer’s Report (October and November): Teri presented the treasurer’s reports for October and November. Jo moved to approve the treasurer’s reports. Melissa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Committee chairs presented the following committee reports. Details are provided in each committee report: Details of committee work were verbally presented for approval.

- Executive (October)
- Advocacy (November)

Jo moved to approve all committee reports including all recommended action items. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence:

- NHSA Board Calls – They were asked how NHSA could improve communication and participation. They want to increase NIHSDA’s involvement with NHSA.
- Teachstone Workgroup – Tina will share the minutes when she receives them
- World Forum – They sent a request for NIHSDA to be a part of their organization as a partner (no cost). This discussion was tabled until more information was gathered.

Seat New Board Members:
Zone 2 Alternate: Luanne Wiggins (Bad River)
Zone 5 Alternate: Andrea Pesina (Isleta)
Zone 6 Alternate: Tami Brungard (Salt River)
Cheryl moved to seat the new board members. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TFA Incentive:
Robert moved to give Three Feathers a $3,000 incentive. Cheryl seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Conference Planning:
Lee presented the planning up to this point and asked board members for ideas on the theme and artwork. “30 Years Strong”
Discussed each zone bringing a game.

Adjourn: Robert moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:36 pm. Anne seconded. Motion carried.