

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
March 16-17, 2019**

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

Call to Order: Tina Routh, President called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President -Tina Routh Immediate Past President-Lee Turney Treasurer- Vacant Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 2- Vacant, Alt. Zone 4–Robert Pickens Zone 5-Jo Williams Zone 6- Carlos Powell Zone 6- Vacant, Alt. Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky, Alt. Zone 8-Jenny Oatman Zone 10-Ethan Petticrew	Zone 1-Melissa Harris Zone 2- Mary Fletcher Zone 3-Anne Reddy Zone 3- Vonda Pourier, Alt. Zone 4- Sherry Rackliff, Alt. Zone 7- Monica Sayad Zone 8-Joe Henry, Alt. Zone 9- Debbi Lee Zone 9- Jacki Haight, Alt. Zone 10- Connie Wirz, Alt. Ex-officio- Mavany Verdugo	Zone 1 Kelly Spruce, Alt. Zone 5 – Jolene Nelson, Alt.

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

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

Approval of the minutes from November, 2018: Ethan moved to approve the minutes. Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report November, December, 2018 and January, February 2019: Teri reviewed the treasurer’s report. Jo moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Carlos seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Vacancy: Jenny made the motion to accept the nomination for Carlos to serve as the Treasurer by acclamation. Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Update from Investment Advisor: Daniel Miller met with the board to review the investment portfolio and the trends in the market.

Communications Updates:

-NHTSA Representatives: Jenny, Teri & Tina attended the NHTSA board meeting. The membership with Teri and Jenny will expire in June, the seats needs to be filled by May. The seats are two year terms. Melissa presented at the congressional briefing on health issues.

-Annual Board Meeting/NIEA Presentations: The NIHSDA board meeting will be held on October 7 & 8 at Mystic Lake prior to the NIEA conference on October 9-12th in Minneapolis. NISHDA will sponsor the EC forum. It is NIEA 50th year conference.

-ECE Draft Bills: The board discussed/identified draft bills that may be circulating in DC. Elizabeth Warren bill – child care for all, Tina Smith of MN will introduce a bill. The board will watch for any other bills. Any proposed bills should be sent to Teri so that we can track any potential bills that may impact tribal head start.

-Teachstone Advisory Council: The meeting was held on March 6th. There will be quarterly meetings and a face to face meeting at the NIHSDA conference.

-OHS Updates: Topics include: Acting RPM, RPM hire, EHS expansion grants, durations grants and how many AIAN programs are included in the DRS for deficiencies and/or CLASS.

- Chapter of Region XI History: The TRC is working on a chapter of the History of Region XI programs. The chapter will be published in the Encyclopedia of Infant and Early Childhood Development, second edition.

Zone Updates: Zone representatives provided updates, issues included: DRS, language summit November 19-21 at Leech Lake, EHS conference in Oklahoma June 12-13th in Tulsa, New Mexico programs have created a pilot coaching mentoring system, facilities, and state funding issues.

Update from Greg Smith: Greg joined the meeting to provide updates. Topics included: proposed flat funding for Head Start in the President's 2020 budget, update the policy agenda to be prepared for reauthorization and possible hearings, and the Indian Child Welfare Act. Greg will send Teri the briefs that he created during the last reauthorization.

Policy Agenda: The board discussed issues to update the talking points. The issue of eligibility was discussed. The advocacy committee will work on recommendations to update the talking points.

Committee Reports: Committee chairs presented committee reports. Details are provided in each committee report: Highlights of committee work are outlined below. Details of committee work were verbally presented for approval. Each committee reviewed the draft committee work plan for 2019. Tasks may be added to each plan based upon identified tasks in the strategic plan.

- Executive –. The committee work included: March work included – agenda for the face to face meeting and board attendance. February work included – board agenda, March face to face agenda, DC visits, NHSA board meeting, NIEA, MSHSA conference, the Treasurer vacancy. January work included – board agenda, NHSA funding ask, MSHSA conference, letter to OHS re: RPM, and the NIHSDA roadmap.
- Advocacy – January work included: Updates from Greg, AIAN Policy Agenda, possible discussions with Dr. B and Fran, \$ per child fund raising.
- Membership –

- Governance – January committee work included: Annual board self-assessment revisions, board training topics, and Zone 2 & 6 vacancies.
- Finance – January committee work included: Investment update, Nov & Dec financials, 2019 fundraising plan. The February work included: February financials, 2019 fundraising plan, and treasurer nominations.

The board discussed how/when to pull actions items out of committee reports for full board vote.

- Education – February work included: 2019 conference planning.

Lee moved to approve all committee reports including all recommended action items except to pull out the investments from the financial report for separate action. Jo seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Self Assessment/Improvement Plan: Lee made a motion to table and send back to committee. Ethan seconded. Motion carried.

Review of Strategic Plan and Deliverables: The board engaged in a process to discuss each goal and establish action items.

2019 Conference Planning: The board engaged in conference planning, Kristi and Teri took extensive planning notes.

Other:

- **Investments – Move \$100,000 from checking into investments:** Robert made the motion to move \$100,000 from the checking account into the investment account. Ethan seconded. Motion carried.
- **Grant –** The board discussed seeking potential grant opportunities in the areas of: succession planning, data, research/impacts of CLASS, creation of an assessment tool, ECE workforce development.

Adjourn: Robert made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jenny seconded. Motion carried.