

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
April 14, 2016**

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

**Call to Order:** Lee Turney, President called the meeting to order at 1:30pm CST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President-Lee Turney President Elect-Laura Waukechon Factor Secretary-Ann Belleau Treasurer-Char Schank Zone 1- Tina Routh Zone 2- Joan Christnot Zone 3-Janice Richards, Alt Zone 4–Robert Pickens - Colette Berg, Alt. Zone 5-Jo Williams -Roberta Adeky-Yazzie, Alt Zone 7- Christi Jacobus - Monica Sayad, Alt. Zone 8-Joe Henry, Alt. Zone 9- Stefanie Jones - Jacki Haight, Alt. Zone 10-Racquel Martinez - Albert Rinehart, Alt.	Zone 6- William Rosenberg Zone 8-Jenny Oatman Ex-officio- Mavany Verdugo	Zone 3-Anne Reddy Zone 6-Sharon Singer, Alt.

**Others Present:** David Kadan, Grants Management Officer, Teri Stringer and Kristi Bentkowski from Three Feathers Associates.

**Grants Management Update:** David Kadan joined the meeting to provide updates and discuss the conference. Carryovers are currently one of the biggest issues. Programs had been using previous year’s funds to cover current year’s expenses – this is not allowed. After the SF425 is filed, programs can request approval for carryover, but the funds must be obligated. Carryovers can be requested while the appropriation has not expired (years 1-4). Year 5 is the end of the grant and no carryover is allowed. Proposals must include only items approved in the original budget – however programs can get an approved budget revision. Colette B. asked about an issue with filing paperwork for federal interest in a property. Some confusion over whether this should be filed in county or tribal court. Grants has been discussing this issue and has several property experts working on it. He will have an answer at the conference. Laura W. asked about the 80% limit on salary/fringe error in the GABI. David stated that it is an ACF standard, but OHS allows it as an exception. Some tribes have questioned the error during the grant submission process so David stated he would see if it is possible to have it removed for Head Start grants.

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

**Approval of the minutes from March:** Jo W. moved to approve the minutes. Laura W. seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

**Approval of March Treasurer's Report:** Teri S. reviewed the treasurer's report. Christi J. moved to approve the treasurer's report. Jo W. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Communications Update/General Correspondence:** Lee T. spoke with Angie Godfrey. The \$5 million in relinquished funds has been located and will probably be used for EHS expansion.

**NHSA Update:** Teri, Lee and Jenny are scheduled to attend the NHSA Board meeting in Nashville on May 16.

**TRC Update:** Ann reported on TRC activities: FACES data collection occurring now, there will be an update at the conference, a workshop on the CLASS research paper will be presented at the conference, TRC is going to present at the National EC Research conference, and are also conducting webinars. Jacki added that the data workgroup has been meeting for the FACES project.

**Committee Reports:** Teri S. presented the committee reports.

- Executive – April and June agendas, OHS participation at conference (all have accepted), NIEA conference participation in October (early learning forum, workshop on Wed, holding four ECE tracks slots, resolutions, awards), strategic plan,
- Advocacy – worked on talking points
- Governance – chapter 3 increase membership dues, will work on improvement plan for April meeting.
- Membership – Toni/Kathryn award of excellence, membership satisfactory survey, discussed Indian Child Advocate Award (will present in 2017).
- Education – conference planning work (logo's, agenda flow to add board meetings, pre-intensives, policy forum, opening reception, general sessions, awards, tribal consultation, membership meeting, t-shirts, zones responsible for welcome gifts, hill visits, sponsors, etc.)

Robert P. moved to approve all committee reports. Laura W. seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.

### **Zone Representatives:**

Nicole at Red Cliff is interested in the alternate vacancy in Zone 2.

Zone 1 is waiting on a letter from Melissa at Catawba

Lee T. also took this time to discuss board attendance issues.

**October Face to Face:** Christi J. says October 8,9, and 10 (Sat, Sun, & Mon) are available at her tribal office..

**NIEA Conference Participation:** see Executive Committee Report

**Strategic Plan:** see Executive Committee Report

**New Business:**

**March 2017 Board Meeting:** The question was raised about whether the board wanted to continue to have the spring board meeting in conjunction with the NACFC. There are significant financial advantages to doing so, but perhaps there is another group the board could partner with during this time. This item will be discussed at the next board meeting.

**Other:** none

**Adjournment:** Tina R. moved to adjourn the meeting. Jo W. seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:33 pm CST.