

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
April 13, 2023**

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

Call to Order: President, Melissa Harris called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President – Melissa Harris Immediate Past President – Lee Turney Treasurer – Jenny Oatman Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1 – Tina Routh, Alt Zone 3-Anne Reddy Zone 4–Jayme Trevino Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt. Zone 5 – Andrea Pesina, Alt Zone 6 – Tami Brungard Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 8-DeAnn Brown Zone 9 – Debbie Sioux Lee Zone 9-Mary DuPuis, Alt. Zone 10 – Vacant Zone 10 - Christa Green, Alt	Zone 1-Tina Saunooke Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 2 - Deborah Thundercloud, Alt. Zone 5 - Jo Williams Zone 8 - Hilary Gourneau, Alt.	Zone 3- Vonda Pourier, Alt Zone 7 - Lola Henry, Alt

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

Investment Update: Daniel Miller joined the call to provide updates on the association investments. Get a better investment over a long period of time (2016-2023). Grown approximately \$100,000. Explained the fluctuation in the market. Bonds recover over time. Market always go back up. Predict the market will be flat for a few months and then take-off. Plan for cash on hand needs. Ride out the low periods. Provide a history of market declines and history of recoveries. The market will recover and set a new high. Current portfolio is 70% equity/30% equity. We are following the association policy for the investments.

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

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

Approval of March Treasurer’s Report: Jenny presented the treasurer’s report. Jayme moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Christa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence:

- Legislative Update: Enrollment flexibility – movement on issue. Administrative fix conversation.

- NIEA Partnership Grant: Partnership grant for trauma informed care. More information to come.
- NACFC listening session: Listening session with ACF at the NACFC. Tribal leaders spoke on our issues (enrollment, workforce). There will be a listening session at NIHSDA conference.
- Donation: \$50,000 from a private donor for cultural materials in the classroom for programs in the area of the donor (Zone 1). Possible donation for next year.
- T-mobile: Will sponsor at conference. Give a way of tablets or I pads, hometown grants \$50,000.
- Good Health TV: Advertising on tv's in health centers – NIHSDA commercial on good health tv's. More to come.....
- Raising a Reader: partner on the national family reading program

Committee Reports

- Executive: committee work included: April board meeting, NHSA conference in Phoenix, Board self-assessment, 2024 conference location, membership invoices, 2023 conference
- Membership: committee work included: AIAN HS/EHS Innovation Program Award
- Advocacy: committee work included: Foster Care NPRM Letter, CACFP NPRM, Information Letter to Tribal Leaders re: NIHSDA Advocacy work.

DeAnn moved to accept the committee reports. Christa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Region XI Update: Laura Landry (replaced David K) joined to meet the Board and discuss issues: New grants management officer, been with ACF for 13 years, (grants management, child care, ANA). Timely, clear, consistent communication. Easy to understand expectations/correspondence. Standardized communication. Hiring another grants management specialist, and more contract support staff. Changes in grants management assignments.

Conference Planning: The conference agenda was reviewed and specific roles of the board. Refer to conference planning document.

For the Good of the Board: table

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 4:14 pm EST.