

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 2024**

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 2:05 p.m. EST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President – Melissa Harris President Elect – Andrea Pesina Secretary-Ann Cameron Treasurer – Jenny Oatman Zone 1-Tina Saunooke, Alt. Zone 2- Vanessa Goodthunder Zone 3- Vonda Pourier Zone 3-Anne Reddy, Alt. Zone 4–Jayme Trevino Zone 4- Cheryl DuBois, Alt. Zone 6 – Tami Brungard Zone 7- Crystal Kremensky Zone 8-DeAnn Brown Zone 9-Mary DuPuis, Alt. Zone 10 – Kristin Ramstad, Alt.	Zone 1 – Tina Routh Zone 9 – Debbie Sioux Lee Zone 10 - Christa Green	Zone 5 – Kathleen Sando Zone 7 – Stacey Cobb, Alt Zone 8 - Hilary Gourneau, Alt.

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

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

Consent Agenda: Items included in the consent agenda are: minutes, treasurers report, and committee reports. Jenny moved to approve the consent agenda. Vanessa seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence:

- Legislative Update: Melissa - call with Katie Hamm regarding the president budget that include several areas of tribal specific language around sovereignty. Transformative investments that includes tribal lead agency for some programs. Language for tribes to conduct FBI background checks and funding for tribal colleges and universities. Teri – update of the eligibility language and FY24 budget. Kristi – update on 2025 president’s suggested budget: included eligibility language, tribal integrated early education services (HS, CC, HV into one pot) demonstration project (consolidate to run own programs - 477). Mary shared her experience with working under the 477 designation.

2024 Conference Planning: Work included: Pre-intensive topics (possibly 4), message from Senator, and history of NIHSDA/marketing, Montana cultural showcase, native theme days, welcome gifts, raffles, agenda, and closing.

Region XI Update: Todd joined the meeting. Topics included: FOA for EHS and EHS/CC partnership, upcoming tribal FOA (for grantees, recaptured funds), nearing the end of the community assessment, still waiting on full year appropriation for FY24 and working on balance of funds, facilities institute in Anchorage, HS and CC joint application, 2025 conference, TA contract hard cut off at the end of May, one-time applications, and the full-enrollment imitative process.

2025 Location: Teri updated on the potential hotels, the T/TA will not be available to participate due to the national contracts ending. Possible leadership institute. Minneapolis area.

Membership Matters Update and April 17: Topic for April 17 membership matters.

For the Good of the Board and Adjourn: Jenny made the motion to adjourn, Crystal seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3:43 pm EST.