

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2024**

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

Call to Order: President, Melissa Harris called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. CST.

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

Others Present: Kristi Bentkowski and Teri Stringer from Three Feathers Associates, Todd Lertjuntharangool – OHS Region XI Program Manager.

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

Approval of January Minutes/Treasurer’s Report/Committee Report: Kristin moved to approve the minutes. Vonda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence:

- NPRM Comments have been submitted and seen. Politico journalist reached out to Melissa to discuss NIHSDA’s response.
- New Directors (Tina): NIHSDA wasn’t formally on the agenda. Some felt it wasn’t as organized and space was tight. Tina did have one-on-one time with directors to discuss NIHSDA. There was confusion/conflicting information regarding ratios and reportable incidents
- NIEA Partnership: NIHSDA will hold their annual face to face board meeting with NIEA in October in Palm Springs. That Tuesday is the Native language summit. Request NIEA to present the blanket exercise at a general session in June. We should get their ideas for Tribal Consultations at NCAI and other regional tribal groups. We have requested information on a shared legislative intern and discussed their involvement in a 2025 Legislative Institute.
- Partnership Updates: Generus is still doing kits – sent requests to board members for regional animals and regalia. Still working with Little Free Library and Raising a Reader.

NIHSDA Self-Assessment

- Next Steps section very helpful
- Committees will develop timelines/prioritize the tasks and then send to the governance committee

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

2024 Conference Planning: Andrea reported on conference planning.

Region XI Update: Todd joined the meeting. Topics included: OHS is initiating (Jan) recipient needs assessment that will inform the annual PD plan (goal to complete by April) with PD plan to implement in August, working on ways to improve change of scope applications, new strategies to advocate for our programs, expansion for AIAN and EHS partnership grant announcements – Todd is waiting for an update and will let us know, programs waiting for award letters, CR until Feb. 2, can programs submit combined applications (CCDF/HS) for facility funding (yes), new facility guide, funding for facilities (won't know until federal budget is complete) but unobligated funding is typically used to fund facilities projects.

NPRM: Teri sent an email with guidance to submit comments. Deadline Jan. 19, Webinar held on Jan. 10 about the draft comments for input. Do we want to sign on to NHSA comments – Teri will email NHSA final draft for a vote to sign-on.

NHSA Winter Leadership (Jan 22-25): NISDA invited to present. However, late notice prevented participation.

March Face-to-Face Board Meeting: Possibly during April in DC or at the southwest conference in March. No meeting at the conference in March. Teri and Kristi will begin working on an alternative meeting place.

2025/2026 Conference Location: Teri and Kristi will seek proposals to do a comparison.

For the Good of the Board and Adjourn: Tina R. made the motion to adjourn, JO seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 3:48 pm EST.