

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
September 14, 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 2:04 p.m. EST.

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

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

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

Seat Board Members: Zone 1 Reps – Tina S, Alt, Tina R, rep– Zone 3 Vonda Rep, Anne Alt. Zone 5 - Andrea Pesina, Rep, Jo Williams, Alt., Zone 7 – Crystal Rep, Stacy Cobb, Alt., Zone 9 – Debbie and Mary remain in current positons. Zone 10 rep vacancy – Kristin Ramstad, Alt.

Christa motioned to approved seating new members, Tina S seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of June minutes: Vonda moved to approve the minutes. Andrea seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of June, July, August Treasurer’s Report: Teri presented the treasurer’s report. Vonda moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Andrea seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence:

- Legislative Update: waiting for information on the budget appropriations.

Committee Reports

- Executive: committee work included: October board meeting, elections, Sept. meeting agenda, Dec AIAN conference, annual membership meeting, NIEA, TFA contract.
- Finance: committee work included: August financials, Magnetic picture frames, 2024 Operations Budget, Fall fundraiser.

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

Region XI Update: Todd joined the meeting. Topics included: TANF community of practice will launch in September – tribal flexibilities. Possible government shut down – in the event of a shut down impact to tribal head start should be minimal, not expected to shut down program, possible impacts to Nov/Dec grantees. Can still draw down money. Essential workforce still work. Process to change fiscal year. 5 year report to congress on tribal head start facilities. Two expansions – AIAN specific (relinquished funding) and a separate NOF both to add enrollment slots. Last awards of FY23 are going out. Enrollment – Aug 42% HS, 56% EHS (not all programs have submitted yet). Bi-annual conference in December Costa Mesa, CA (targeted toward work force). T/TA events.

2023 Conference Report: Refer to final conference report

Fall Face to Face Board Meeting: An agenda will be developed this month and sent out. Possible team building activity.

NIEA Support (sessions): NIHSDA will be providing sessions at NIEA.

For the Good of the Board (what you can bring to the board that can make us more effective/efficient): Board members shared ideas. Some ideas shared were: Be vocal, be present, share ideas, share information/communication, board members expressed personal improvements and expressed personal strengths that contribute to their roles on the board.

Adjourn: Vonda made the motion to adjourn, Debbie seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 4:00 pm EST.