

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 10-11, 2018**

**Roll Call/Establish Quorum:** Roll call was taken by Kristi Bentkowski. A quorum was not established.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President-Lee Turney President Elect-Tina Routh Treasurer-Char Schank Zone 2-Mary Fletcher, Alt. (Sunday only) Zone 3- Vonda Pourier, Alt. (Sunday only) Zone 4-Robert Pickens Zone 5-Jo Williams Zone 6 – William Rosenberg Zone 6-Carlos Powell, Alt. (Sunday Only) Zone 10-Ethan Petticrew Ex-officio- Mavany Verdugo	Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1-Melissa Harris Zone 2- Nicole Boyd Zone 3-Anne Reddy Zone 7- Monica Sayad, Alt. Zone 8-Jenny Oatman Zone 8-Joe Henry, Alt. Zone 9- Debbi Lee Zone 9- Jacki Haight, Alt Zone 10- Connie Wirz, Alt	Zone 1 Kelly Spruce, Alt. Zone 4- Jamie Trevino, Alt.

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

**Call to Order:** Lee Turney, President, called the meeting to order at 9:12 p.m. pacific. A quorum was not present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm pacific.

*The following are informal notes of the discussions held by the board members that were present.*

**CLASS/DRS Comments (revised):**

- Added request that reviewers be native or have extensive experience with native communities
- Pre-meeting/call to go over cultural differences prior to the review
- Respect for the children – time for them to become introduced to the reviewer
- Reviewers should ask how many children are on an IEP or recommended for evaluation
- Approach is too clinical
- Pointed effort to recruit native reviewers

**Greg/Lisa:**

- Budget caps are lifted for '18 and '19
- Recommend more joint letters with Migrant for greater impact
- Currently around 2.8% funding for AIAN
- Process for tracking the \$7.3m lost from Navajo (reclaimed funds need to stay in AIAN). Greg will send us a provision 1-pager on retaining the funds. He will also check to see what that money can be used for. We should ask for a tribal consultation on this topic.
- Request an initiative for recruitment of native reviewers with a written plan
- Ask for letters of support from NIEA and NCAI (Greg will draft) on budget – wait for RPRM

\*Ask about process/guidance for CLASS reviewers on travel, being a reviewer if program was in DRS 2048 in past.

Char presented the information in the finance reports.

Communications:

- CDA Council: approached us for a partnership. Teri discussed the delays to get reviews and working with tribal colleges (they are not at this time). Not sure how many of our programs utilize CDA. \$1,000/yr for us to be a partner. This might work better at the program level.
- Candid Research: Background check company out of CA (possible corporate member). Not sure how many of their services our programs would use.
  - MN working so that tribes can contract with the state for background checks
  - In a lot of states the legislature requires state licensure to access the background info  
\*This needs to be a continued conversation with Ann & Angie
- AIAN Conference: Tina and Char will meet with Nicole to discuss on Monday

Zone Updates:

- Zone 5: Communication is an issue. They want to switch to a quarterly meeting.

\*Ask how a program operated by a tribe that is funded outside of Region 12 can be moved to our region

- Zone 6: Trying to get AZ association going again
- Zone 10: AK state grant for HS – unequal funding to native programs. To get the money, must be in the QRIS. Causing conflict with non-native programs (upset about losing funding)

Policy Agenda:

- Add adjustment of cost per child (they are requiring program and teacher improvement, but no new money for quality)

Talking Points:

- More on becoming 0-5 grants and moving our grantees
- Prioritize the points

Parent Representative (to NHSA board):

- Emailed NHSA to see if they are willing to help fund travel for parent rep. No response yet.

Review of Strategic Plan

- Support the MyPeers
- Need to look at board involvement

- Could #3 be a part of our talking points/policy agenda (ask for OHS to fund research into this process) – farm this to TRC

## 2018 Conference Planning

- During opening session of the conference, tell the story of NIHSDA from past directors' perspective
- Tina R. will sponsor the band cost
- Topics: fiscal standard forms, cost allocation, monitoring, time management, language preservation, CLASS (Instructional Support, Qual. Feedback, Language Modeling, Concept Development – Patrice)

## 2020 Conference Location

- Mystic Lake, DC

## Board Self Evaluation

- Suggestion: non-board members serve on committees (director members)
- Hold a session during the conference about NIHSDA leadership/involvement (new board member candidate)
- \*Teri reach out to all board members
- F2F – get back to board development and teambuilding
- 2019 – Meet in conjunction with SWC conference
- Quarterly updates on strategic plan
- Need to focus on building relationships (partners & directors)

Governance Committee: discussed suspension and leave of absence policy. Needs to go back to committee

- Need new letter of support to come back after a suspension (of over 30 days)
- Admin leave & suspension needs a time limit
- Suspended at work = suspension from board
- Penalty if you don't notify of suspension??

JOM partnership: There is board support for this. The executive committee needs to look at how we can partner, need to have a meeting with them. Help bridge to public school.

## Membership:

- '18-'19 membership invoices will be sent out the end of March
- Currently 89% membership
- Rates for the upper tier members will increase this year
- Corporate members are up at 12 for this year, Associate members are down at only 6

Fund Development: Will sell t-shirts, lanyards, aprons and planners

## TD/KH Award

- No applicants, reissue with tight timelines

Indian Child Advocate: Nominate Mavany at the next official board meeting.