

**NIHSDA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 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 2:07 p.m. central

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

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

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

Approval of December minutes: Connie moved to approve the minutes. Anne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of December Treasurer’s Report: Teri presented the treasurer’s report for December. Jayme moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Crystal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Correspondence:

- Legislative Update and new language: The language for eligibility was not included in the year-end bill. We will continue to work on this issue. Teri and Kristi met with Greg, Bree and Migrants. Need to find a new name for the language proposal.
- Mask mandate: No requirement for masking released (effective Jan. 6). Mitigation policy required (March 7th). Vaccination requirement not included.
- FY23 Budget Update: Todd covered below
- Grant Closeout Letter: Todd covered below

Committee Reports

- Executive: mask mandate, enrollment language, Jan board agenda, topics for Todd, 2024 budget ask.
- Advocacy: Updated on enrollment language, policy agenda issues.
- Finance: December financials, carry-over, fundraising and tribal advocacy donations.

Jenny moved to accept the committee reports. Crystal seconded the motion. Motion carried.

OHS Update: Todd and Delroy joined the meeting to share updates. Topics included: Appropriations – FY23 960 million increase nationally - COLA 5.2% roughly, Quality Improvement, Expansion (HS and EHS) and TCU's and disaster recovery. Final rule removing making requirement and to develop mitigation policy for COVID-19. Close-out and Carry-over, fiscal institute in Seattle, listening session at Southwest, 14 new Directors since September, AIAN conference in planning late-fall/early-winter 2023, working on the assessment/plan to develop TA, working on confirming tribal consultations for FY23 (HS specific and in collaboration with other departments), application overview meetings-next one in March for applications due in May, June or July. Feedback about the meetings was provided. Delroy – shared the idea of sending welcome letters to newly elected tribal leaders (intro to HS and identify the grants and program specialists).

Membership Matters: Topic ideas – communication from OHS (consistent and accurate communication). Head Start Act/advocacy issues.

March joint meeting with NIEA: NIEA Hill Week March 7-9. Joint training at NIEA.

For the Good of the Board: New year resolutions – make a commitment to yourself for your own well-being.

Adjourn: Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 pm. Crystal seconded the motion. Motion carried.