

**NIHSDA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 11-12, 2017**

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

**Call to Order:** Lee Turney, President called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. MST.

PRESENT	ABSENT NOTIFIED	ABSENT NOT NOTIFIED
President-Lee Turney President Elect-Tina Routh Treasurer-Char Schank Zone 4–Robert Pickens Zone 4- Vacant Zone 5-Jo Williams Zone 5-Roberta Adeky-Yazzie, Alt Zone 2-Nicole Boyd, Alt. Zone 7- Monica Sayad, Alt. Zone 8-Jenny Oatman Zone 9- Jacki Haight Zone 10-Racquel Martinez Zone 10- Ethan Petticrew, Alt. Ex-officio- Mavany Verdugo	Secretary-Ann Cameron Zone 1- Melissa Harris Zone 2- Joan Christnot Zone 3-Anne Reddy Zone 7- Christi Jacobus Zone 8-Joe Henry, Alt.	

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

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed. The following discussion items were added: degree requirements in the new standards, partnerships (NIEA), duration grants, and communication with OHS. Monica moved to accept the agenda. Jacki seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of the minutes from February 9, 2017:** Robert moved to approve the minutes. Monica seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report:** Char reviewed the treasurer’s report. Jenny moved to approve the treasurer’s report. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Communication Update:**

- Char is concerned about changes in staffing at the Grants Management Office
- Jacki’s tribe has contracted with Hobbs Strauss, so there is the possibility of partnering with them for shared advocacy. Racquel’s tribe has a communications person that can help.
- USET Meeting – Melissa attended the USET Meeting. Melissa did a presentation about NIHSDA at the meeting. Informational packets and buttons were distributed. Melissa met with the Education Committee during the USET meeting.

**Board Self Assessment:** Discussed the importance of alternates being fully engaged. Need to review meeting evaluations as well as evaluate committee meetings.

**Committee Reports:** Teri presented committee reports. Details are provided in each committee report: Highlights of committee work are outlined below. Details of committee work were verbally presented for approval.

- Executive – Need to determine involvement with NIEA since it is in Orlando. Check on NHSA committee involvement. Educate NHSA on native programs.
- Governance – the committee reviewed the board self assessment
- Membership – Need to get recruitment out ASAP. Let Child Care directors in an EHS/CC partnership join as associate members.
- Finance – Send out pre-orders for t-shirts and also sell at the conference

### **Legislative Update – Greg Smith:**

- The President’s “skinny budget” is due out this week. Won’t give numbers for Head Start, just HHS as a whole. This budget will still have to go through congress.
- The Director of OMB (Mick Mulvaney) has Catawba in his district and is friendly with the tribe.
- Need to schedule hill visits asap after the full budget is released with numbers of children affected, etc. Schedule program visits when they are home during April, take kids to their offices and town hall meetings. Call directors personally and encourage them to contact their reps.
- Need to line up constituents for members of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

**Strategic Plan:** Pilot in all zones on Family Services/ERSEA. Include a disclaimer about the information. Open to member program staff only. Develop a pre and post survey.

**New Director Mentorship:** Need to determine what OHS is planning – Teri will ask Fran/Angie. Will revisit this in April.

### **2017 Conference Planning:**

- Artwork – indigenous words in a spiral/circular shape
- Have an OHS/Director forum
- Make & Take cultural crafts and storytelling night – open to all programs
- Closing keynote – check with NIEA
- Raffle – quilt and Pendletons
- Welcome gift – pine needle baskets (zone 2 will sponsor)

**Policy Agenda:** There should be a grace period for new hires regarding degree requirements. Qualified staff/hires are just not available. Look at adding language about “suspending CLASS until researched on Native populations.”

**NHSA Update:** Waiting to see the skinny budget. Preparing strategies to fight block granting.

**NIHSDA Board Structure:** Discussed options for involvement of managers and/or parents. The governance committee will discuss further and explore options to present to the board.

**Other:** none

**Adjournment:** Robert moved to adjourn the meeting. Tina seconded the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm MST.