

**Southwest Consortium of Indian Head Start Programs, Inc.
Board of Directors Teleconference**

Tuesday, November 8, 2005

Attendees: Cheryl Encinas, Lolinda Lee, Mary Bendle, Pat Foster, Jacqueline Bird, Rema Spitty, Deborah Mirabal, Carrie Schwartz

MCS: Toni Dobrec, Kathryn Helsel, Kristi Bentkowski, Carol Wedel

Jackie called the meeting to order at 10:10 MST. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Lolinda moved to approve the agenda. Mary seconded and the motion passed.

Review and Approval of the July 22-23, 2005 Minutes

Cheryl moved to approve the minutes with the addition of Louise's last name. Lolinda seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Kathryn Helsel presented the check register for the Consortium's account at First Fidelity Bank in Norman, OK. Cheryl moved to accept the report. Lolinda seconded and the motion passed.

Accountant's Compilation Report

Jim Northcutt signed on to present the compiled statement of financial position of the SWC and the statement of activities for the year, as well as the IRS Form 990 for the Consortium.

Jim suggested the Board consider moving \$50,000 to another bank and invest it in a short term (6 month) CD. FDIC Insurance only covers up to \$100,000, so by moving part of the money to a new bank, all of the Consortium's assets will be insured, and the CD will offer a much higher interest return.

Lolinda moved that Kathryn should investigate the best CD rates and invest \$50,000 in a CD at a new bank, with final approval from the Treasurer. Phyllis seconded and the motion passed.

Arizona State Association Report

Their last meeting was in August. They filled all their board vacancies. The next meeting will be November 17 where they will receive training in Human Relations from Karen McElroy. They will also have a face to face meeting January 26-27, 2006, but the location is undetermined. The SWC Board should consider holding a Conference planning meeting at the same time to maximize AZ participation.

New Mexico/Southern Colorado State Association Report

Their last meeting was in Ignacio, CO on October 16. They held a Director's Retreat and all but 3 directors attended. During that meeting they elected SWC representatives and NM/S.CO officers.

They have been successfully organizing several cluster trainings, with attendees averaging around 30 people per cluster. The NIHSDA Region 5 Representative and Alternate were also elected. Suellen Hixon is the Rep, LouAnn Tenequer is the Alt. Their Bylaws were approved. Their next meeting will be on January 20

Seating of New Board Members

Cheryl moved to seat the new Board members from both NM/S.CO and AZ. Lolinda seconded and the motion passed.

Election of Officers

Chairperson

Nominations: Lolinda nominated Jacqueline Bird for the position of Chairperson. Cheryl seconded the nomination. Cheryl moved to close nominations for Chairperson. Lolinda seconded and the motion passed. The Board voted and Jacqueline Bird was elected Chairperson.

Vice-Chairperson

Nominations: Cheryl nominated Lolinda Lee for the position of Vice-Chairperson. Mary seconded the nomination. Cheryl moved to close nominations for Vice-Chairperson. Mary seconded and the motion passed. The Board voted and Lolinda Lee was elected Vice-Chairperson.

Secretary

Nominations: Lolinda nominated Mary Bendle for the position of Secretary. Cheryl seconded the nomination. Cheryl moved to close nominations for Secretary. Deborah seconded and the motion passed. The Board voted and Mary Bendle was elected Secretary.

Treasurer

Nominations: Mary nominated Cheryl Encinas for the position of Treasurer. Lolinda seconded the nomination. Mary moved to close nominations for Treasurer. Lolinda seconded and the motion passed. The Board voted and Cheryl Encinas was elected Treasurer.

2006 Conference Planning

Pre-Intensive Presenters: The TAN staff has agreed to present the three pre-intensives we requested from them. MCS still needs to contact Claude Endfield to see if she will present the Observation PI.

Keynote Speaker: NM/S.CO suggested Senator McCain and Wade Horn as possibilities. Marnie, who is in charge of Tribal Affairs in the AZ Governor's office will meet with the AZ directors at their next meeting. We will move forward with trying to get the Governor to attend.

Ask James and Ernie back for the Closing.

Fund Raising: Board members requested an updated fund raising letter and wish list. Kristi will update both and send them out to the Board.

Tribal Caucus: Will be held Tuesday and Wednesday. Tuesday will be Instruction and Training, Wednesday will be for Discussion and possible resolutions. MCS needs to work with Jackie to draft a letter of invitation to Georgie to attend the Conference and the Tribal Caucus.

Memorial: Alice Paul, Tohono O'odham, University of Arizona. Cheryl and Phyllis will get information to Kristi for inclusion in the program.

There being no further business, Cheryl moved to adjourn the meeting. Deborah seconded and the meeting adjourned at 11:48 MST.

/s/
Mary Bendle