



Quarterly Board Meeting

February 8th, 2021 | 10am-2pm

Agenda

10:00

Welcome and Intros

Review Minutes submitted by Nancy K. from Fall meeting and approve:

Motioned and 2nd and approved

Quorum counted at 8/12 Board Members. We have a Quorum.

Opening:

10:20 President's report - Marian Seliquini

Discussion of renewal of the organization and the timing of this movement in light of the national push towards equity. Birth Center, Licensure of CPM, support students and enlarging midwifery workforce. Principles of good governance will guide us as we move forward.

10:25 Lily Dalke: NY Health Act History/NYM involvement

NY Health Act history: 2018

10:40 Region Updates

- **Northeast: Michelle Doyle**

Michelle reports private practices are declining in her region. This corporate takeover has really impacted the decrease of independence of midwives. One huge issue is the lack of student access to clinical sites. There is a new birth center in the region. Website needs updating, region reps are not the point of contact in reality and it is problematic, getting region contact information from ACNM is hard. Suggest a region rep meeting for region reps.

- **Western: Claire Moynihan**

Pandemic is heavy. There are many issues with the students. There is a birth center happening with Danielle.

- **Central: Jessica Allison**

- **Hudson Valley: Diana Dos Santos Faustino**

Danielle is collecting email information to be able to communicate with the region.

- **NYC: Carol Bues, Audrey Stedford**

NYCM town meeting report. They are considering separating from NYM and ACNM. NYCM feels happy and positive about the new board. They discussed co-chairing a cocktail party. The NYC group wants mechanisms in place in the future if there are disagreements. Senator Salazar got 3.5 million to renovate AP practice!

- **Long Island: Elizabeth Sullivan**



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First long island midwives meeting since covid, they will get together more. Homebirth practice is expanding. Stony Brook has expanded home lactation services. Midwife/psychiatric NP is seeing more expanded services. Postpartum committee is getting started on expanding those services as well.

PLAN for region rep bootcamp: Helena will send an email to set up a region rep meeting.

11:20 Committee Reports and Work

VP report on Committees: Cynthia Lynch, Helena Grant

- Program
 - Black History Month Party co-sponsored with NYCM (DJ)
 - Student Scholarship Fund raiser (March?)
 - Spinning Babies regional events
 - Annual meeting this year/educational day?
 - ACOG District 2 meeting was nice- model ours off that format?
- Insurance
 - SROP discussions, Beth explained that the committee spun out of the impact committee because they were doing so many different things, Helena acknowledged Beth's excellent organizational skills in chairing her committee.
 - We need to review SROPS and approve them.
- Impact Committee is rebuilding. Its intention is to address issues like credentialing, job applications that require nursing licenses, and reimbursement. A toolkit was created to respond to institutions and insurance companies with correct information. Jessica Allison was suggested as a CM from upstate to chair this committee by Kate Finn.
 - Marian Seliquini, Tara Fitzgerald, Lisa Craig- Please join this committee if you are drawn to helping in this issue.
- Membership
 - Defunct: Please join this committee
- Student and New Midwife Committee
 - Motioned and seconded to change the name to SANMC, unanimously passed.
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
 - This committee needs more membership
 - Motioned and seconded to change the name to DEIB, unanimously passed.
- Nominating



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Feeta spoke about the open position “At Large BIPOC Midwife” is an elected position. “At Large” person who is a member of the board, not a rep from a specific region of the state. Helena spoke about history of this position.

12:30 Continued Committee Work

- Quality:
 - Updated 2021 SROP was presented and discussed.
 - Quality SROP adoption Motioned and seconded, unanimously passed.
 - Quality is looking for a new chair.
 - Ideas for focus: NYSBEIP quality initiative, NYS Maternal Mortality, NYS Postpartum Year.
- Governance and Bylaws Committee
 - Name Change to include Governance was discussed.
 - Motioned and seconded to change the name to GAB, unanimously passed.
 - SROP should be looked at.
 - Ethics and redress processes need to be established with chapters and national and statewide.
 - Clarify chapters at this point: Sascha spoke about the old chapter structure.
- Communication and Marketing Committee
 - Motioned and seconded to change the name to CAM, unanimously passed.
 - Yulia spoke about getting quotes about:
 - Website redo
 - Social Media consultant
 - Volunteers need to join the committee.
- Legislative
 - GT lobbying discussion
 - Birth Center Bill redo
 - Unified Midwifery Practice Act, NYCPM alliance
 - How to do advocacy in the time of Covid- Virtual Lobby Day. Proposed April 18-25 for lobby week.

Discussion was had about the NYC/NYM relationship. Disclosed to the board that cease and desist letter was served to NYCM midwives and that harm was caused due to that process. NYCM is asking for accountability from National ACNM and to write a letter together with NYM in asking for redress of this grievance. A time will be chosen for the town hall between the EC's of both and advertised to the greater membership of each.

Discussion regarding NY Health Act Current Status and Updates- Katy Cecen



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Presented information on the progress of NY single payer system. Birth centers have been able to be included. She is asking for more midwifery involvement in this issue. Please sign up for updates and to help at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmMQc7fRQTfs8syU3dQjviNotcnygZRC03SPPoM37ZLMTgxQ/formResponse>

Discussion regarding SED taskforce report. Testimony has been received from many students about their inability to complete their schooling due to the restriction of out of state programs and clinical sites. A letter has been written to the state department of Education and to brick and mortar schools. This taskforce will continue to work on reversing this decision.

Treasurer Report: Danielle Assibu-Gilmore

- Finance:

2021 Budget

Discrepancy of \$15,000 was discovered 2 years ago and has yet to be identified.

It is being worked on in the finance committee. Proposal to hire a forensic accountant.

Motion was made to approve the budget, and seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended without the time for the closed session which the board intends to reconvene next week and complete.

Pending Closed Session:

Student Chair vote

Public Member vote

Shared affiliate calendar

Internal communications check-in

(board meetings calendar 2022)

Review Affiliate Checklist for Leaders: Whitney

Review "Responsibilities of Nonprofit Boards" ACNM deck

Review Governance Policies (ACNM) [ACNM Governance Policies | ACNM Governance Policies](#)

Reminder to send acknowledgement that all policies reviewed to Whitney Hall