



Quarterly Board Meeting

December 15, 2021 | 10am-2pm

Agenda

Board members present: Pat, Claire, Helena, Whitney, Carol, Ellie, Michelle, Debbie, Danielle, Elizabeth, Genevra.

Quorum Achieved

Meditation/Poem: Helena: Invictus

Approve Meeting Minutes from September/November meeting. Approved.

Committee Reports:

- Insurance committee: there was only one meeting.
 1. SROP are pending approval from the board: Approved.
 2. Committee is planning an educational session in 2022 via Zoom for members on how to negotiate with insurers as an out-of-network provider.
- Communications Committee: Website Update and Tour was given by Cindy, and encouraged members to join the communications committee, they need help crafting language.
- Program Committee: Volunteers requested please send your info to Helena and Cindy.
- Finance Committee Report: Danielle/Debbie
 - [Treasurer's Report](#)
 - Need volunteers for audit
 - Declining membership dues projections
 - Declining membership dues at National as well.
 - One possible solution would be to decouple from ACNM the dues structure.
- Legislative Committee:
 - 1) Update on action to get MBC bill signed- Whitney
- Quality Committee: New Committee Chair- K. Michelle Doyle
 - 1) Year End Report: Decision: Recruit for New Chair to resume the HIINY Project, Independent midwifery at risk in NY.
 - 2) Report SED Advocacy Project: Preserving Clinical Placements in NY for out of state education programs.
- Student committee: educational meetings around birth center bill most attended meeting of the year! MaryAnne Laffin discusses comps grades being lower this year, possibly due to Covid.

NEW Board Resolutions:

1st - Debbie Mercer Miller:

NYSALM should contract with Delphi Consulting to provide training and guidance on Board Governance and Development. Passes Unanimously.

2nd - Debbie Mercer Miller:



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NYSALM should hire a part time administrative assistant who will work closely with our President and Secretary to ensure we are following through and up on all matters timely. Other responsibilities could include:

- ensure EC and Board meetings are scheduled for the calendar year
- align calendars across committees - eliminating conflicts
- creating digital marketing information if and when needed
- following up with EC, BM, Committees etc on actionable items to ensure we stick to timelines
- Help track open items for our President to formulate topics for the agenda for the next meeting and solicit topics for the agenda from the EC/BM/Members etc

The objective is to clear a path for us, particularly you as our President, to focus on strategy/planning, our respective objective as we move this organization forward.

Passes Unanimously.

Region Reports:

Sherrie suggests a spoke and hub model of communications between the regions and the legislative committee.

K Michelle Doyle reports no changes

Elizabeth S. Long Island- reports Sammi Sternbeck has joined a private practice that delivers at Stony Brook.

Helena Grant NYC report- Assembly leg session in NYC last week was highlighted.

NYSBEIP is ongoing, party tonight at NYC Chapter. NYC H&H Midwifery Council: Annie G and Helena are co-chairs, Mimi Niles is doing a midwifery assessment to have good data about NYC midwifery.

Claire: Western many new midwives, but all spread out and hard to keep in touch.

Pending items from 2021: Governance and Bylaws Grievance Process will be a commitment in 2022. Setting up a task force was discussed as an option to optimize good governance processes. Hiring a consultant was also discussed. The GAB committee will be asked to pursue this important work in the new year.

End of Year Discussion!

- Mission Vision Task Force Presentation
- Process for a Membership Vote to approve the new mission/vision needs to be implemented.