

**NYSALM – DECEMBER 3, 2018**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES – NYC AT GT**

12-03-2018

NYSALM Board Meeting - Greenberg Traurig - NYC, NY

Respectfully submitted by Mimi Niles

Attendees Introduced.

- Quorum present (7)
- September 2018 - board minutes accepted/ approved.

President and Vice-President Updates:

- Listening session with Governor's Taskforce –
  - Themes: lack of respectful care, meetings held at community centers, doula pilot programs, difficulty accessing midwifery care across state (lack of insurance coverage).
  - Proposals submitted: 4 submitted with NYSALM as lead. (2 other with partners)
  - 36 proposals total – sent out to taskforce members – will be rated/ranked.
 ACTION steps: Can we publish on our website? Can it be made public knowledge? (SJC to ask Taskforce)
- Doula Pilot Program to be launched in January 2019 – +300/birth, +30/visit for 3 PNC, 4 PPC. Total- approximate 500.00
- Liason outreach and documentation – want to expand our reach and stay in communication with representatives in order to celebrate, acknowledge and support members/representatives.
- Anti-racism: Power & Privilege – year long course for board members is set for completion.

**Treasurer's Report (Pat B)**

- Spreadsheets submitted and reviewed  
revenue: 52,000
- Expenses: 32,000
- Expenses offset by NYC Midwives and Hudson Region- donation/ monies
- Profit from SB workshop – profit: 1700.00 – earmarked for scholarships for students/MOC

ACTION: contract renewal – 33K/annual – to be confirmed (Pat B)

**Committee** (attached Slideshow to present committee reports):

**Insurance: (Beth Cooper)**

- IMPACT committee? Related to credentialing and privileging – is it still intact.
  - Motion: to make Insurance committee as a standing committee – motion passed
  - Making the liability component part of the Insurance committee – motion passed
- ACTION: Want to connect with all practices in the state – to assess situation, need, issues, challenges

**Legislative: (Pat B)**

- NYS Senate has flipped to Democratic. Time is ripe to move progressive legislation forward: includes probable passage of RHA and CCC
- Lobby Day: April 30 2019
- Continue work on birth center regulations
- NYC Midwives partnership and coordination and horizontal collaboration
- Coordination with ACOG District II: reaching out to include LMs and invited representative from ACNM/NYSALM to district meetings – SJC and Pat Loftman
- Review MMA to update concepts/language
  - ACTION: Review Practice Act (1992) – all board
  - Action: identify healthcare bills where we are not listed – to update/rectify (leg committee)

### **Nominating (Mimi Niles)**

- Pat will finish her service to the board as treasurer; Ashley M will step in as Treasurer
  - Consumer/Community Member – to be appointed, check bylaws
    - Hudson Valley alternate
    - Long Island: rep + alternate
    - Northeast: rep + alternate
- ACTION: need nominees (board and region reps)  
 ACTION: Consumer/Community Member, Ann Visser may have someone who is interested

### **Bylaws (Pat B)**

Mary Ann Laffin and Suzanne Smith

ACTION: SROP needed

Issues on to pursue:

- Death certificates
- SANE examiners
- CPS reporters
- Visiting nurse referrals
- Other state CNM/CM
- Updating state websites on LM scope
- Non-discrimination bill
- RHA
- LMs to be able to care for transgender women
- LMs cannot make referrals to respiratory therapists

### **Quality Committee: (Kate Finn)**

- HIINY - transfer guidelines
- Clearinghouse of speakers
- Low risk vs. 'essentially healthy' – Low risk language– limits the scope of midwifery.

**Communication Committee: (presented by Kate Finn)** – supported by Susan Rannestad, Nicole DeNuccio, Rachel Ritter

ACTION: Looking for new chair and new members needed

**Finance: (Ann Visser)**

- Quickbooks was used with challenges
- Tax return completed/sent
- NYSALM passed the audit – Whitney Hall, Nancy Rosensweig
- Requesting board develop fundraising mechanism that are independent of finance committee.
- Budget neutral policy was developed and shared – revisions suggested and presented to full board

**Program Committee: (Ximena Rossato-Bennet)**

- Unable to present education day in 2018
- 2019- planning, dates, offerings, web-based options to keep membership engaged.  
ACTION: need members, need speakers, monies, location

**IMPACT Committee:**

- Recruiting for members
- Transferred responsibilities to region reps.
- Credentialing, lost privileging, programs being closed

**D&I: Rachel Ritter**

**NYCPM board/representatives (Guests)**

Independent CPM practitioners

Presented broad overview

Consider taskforce formation: Pat B, Carol Bues, Helena Grant

**Region reports**

**NYC (Anne Gibeau, Trinisha Williams)**

- Birth center closing at MSW
- M4M success
- NYC Midwives – co-chairs present (Laura Z, Casey S) – term ends May 2019 – looking for representation from MOC, 2 opening for Co-chairs, 1 opening for treasurer
- NYC DOH – Promoting Respectful Birth guidelines will be presented. Guidelines were not created with midwife partners, primarily relied on doulas and community members. Had little provider influence.
- NYS Patient Bill of Rights – stakeholder review to revise language to be inclusive.

**Hudson Valley: Marian Seliquini**

- Northern Dutchess Hospital: Midwifery group trying to gain privileges, MDs interested

- NYC Medical Group – Hudson Valley hospital – call hours reduced, Labor coverage reduced
- Regional Meetup – 10/28 with nice turn out.
- Healthy Black/Latinx – held two screening of Death by Delivery – Helena Grant was on panel in Newburgh, NY.
- Bard College – Susanrachel Condon spoke to students about midwifery as a professional path
- Bard – 12/9 – Death by Delivery screening organized by SRC.  
ACTION: Hudson Valley – alternate rep/ Whitney Hall is interested in running (conflict as auditor?)

### **Western NY – Caitlin LeGros**

- Rochester meetup- successful and well attended
- CM included at Mercy in Buffalo
- Cooper Lecture – Manual Rotation – successful at U of R
- Spinning Babies : Sept 22 (Julie Carlson/Central co sponsor) – supported by NYSALM
  - Profit: 1460.00 with high attendance
  - 30% Birth workers of color in attendance
  - ‘Social Justice’ and ‘reparations’ rate as a consideration moving forward
  - 9/21/19 – Spinning Babies workshop is being developed; could be held as educational session for NYSALM

ACTION: how to address the issues of diversity with respect and inclusivity and compassion in relation to pushing out the workshop

ACTION: proposal submission (Caitlin)

### **Long Island (submitted by Ashley Meccerello, presented by Ann Visser)**

- *Huntington Midwifery*: Huntington Midwifery has four midwives and they are working on expanding privileges to system wide (Northwell). Huntington Hospital’s newly renovated postpartum unit is now open with 17 beds.

Dr. David Eysler (Hicksville) hired *Lisa Fleece LM* who will attend births at Winthrop and Huntington Hospital.

- *Gaia Midwives*: Continues to offer both home and hospital at Nassau University Medical Center with continued struggles with waterbirth and postpartum care in the hospital setting. Gaia Midwives is running birth assistant trainings for home birth.
- *Stony Brook Midwifery*: Hired a new graduate midwife from Georgia, Meredith McCoulag LM (spelling?). Centering is going well with the biggest issues being finding staff to cover it and office staff attitudes towards it. Patient recruitment is great. Department is more accepting and looking into off shoots for Centering, such as for high risk patients and diabetics.

### **ACTION:**

Long Island Midwives needs a new Secretary and Co-Chair.

Long Island Miles for Midwives: date TBD

NYSALM needs a new Long Island Representative and Alternate Representative

### **NYSALM Lobbyists (Beth Sacco and Jane Preston from GT)**

BC regulations:

- Draft issued to a few folks in Albany – Gottfried and Hannon, the regulations not in line with the intent of the law.
  - Trying to convene a group – Beth and Jane invited to participate
  - Governors’ office and DOH – is now being more solicitive, regional perinatal designations are not able to address the needs of the birth center regulations.
  - Come up with regulations before the end of the year
  - Senator Gottfried is in close contact with Beth & Jane
  - Senate now controlled by Democrats – RHA and Comprehensive Contraception -- will come up in first few months of session! with probable passage.
- ACTION: questions related to how to deal with LMs being unable to sign death certificates - how many births are attended by midwives – and how often there are neonatal deaths? (send info to Beth & Jane)- however, we do not collect this data.

### **NYSALM 2019 direction & focus**

- Marketing/fundraising concepts: Ad-hoc committee – membership/marketing – through ACNM.
  - NYC Midwives are open to partnering a marketing strategy.
  - Taskforce – participation is essential.
  - Keep a equity/justice framework throughout
- Defining roles and partnerships
- Expanding visibility through ‘Miles for Midwives and Mothers’
- Expanding our work around D&I;

### **BOD Meetings – consider on-line meetings platform**

1. ZOOM meetings – free access with ACNM
2. Feb 7th, Thursday – ZOOM meeting
3. April 29 – Albany Board meeting
4. *April 30 – Lobby Day - Albany*
5. October 4 – Board meeting/education day (Sept 29-Oct 5)
6. Dec 2 – Board meeting

### **Meeting notes:**

- Update website
- Post meeting minutes –
- Meeting dates to be posted
- Pay someone to update/sustain the website (Cynthia Lynch & Annie Gibeau)