

Minutes, NYSALM BOD virtual Meeting – February 7, 2019

Attendees:

BOD members: Sascha James Conterelli, Caitlin Legros, Julie Carlson, April Ward (Alt), Marian Seliquni, Ashley Meccariello, Trinisha Williams, Kelly Walker for Heather Findlar. Quorum present as BOD is currently 10 members.

Members of NYSALM: Jessica Brown, Melissa Cantor, Tara Fitzgerald, Deidre Willer, Melinda Hancock, Yuliya Laleho, Claire Moynihan, Jamie Rose Carroll, Kylie O'Connor, Tania Alicea, V. Isabelle Haines. Gayle Eckey, Ann Visser, Mary Sampino, Pat Burkhardt, Kate Finn, Karen Jefferson, Beth Cooper

Board Members Absent: Mimi Niles, Annie Gibeau

TOPIC, PRESENTER	DISCUSSION POINTS	CONCLUSION/TO DO/RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1. President's Report - Sascha a) MMRB Gov taskforce	Funding in Governor's budget proposal for MMRB as well as 10 recommendations from his Task Force, of which 3 relate to midwifery. Expanded information in the Annual Reflection sent on ACNM Connect Affiliate site	Multiple mechanics in process, i.e. senate and assembly bills plus governor's budget. Watch to see how and where they merge to viable law.
b) Legislation HRA signed by gov'r CCA in process In vitro insurance bill	NYSALM wants to meet with BOM members to assure appropriate interpretation r/t midwives as abortion providers	Legislative Cmte to monitor
c) Expanding liaison relationships	i. March of Dimes invited Sascha to be on their Advisory Board, meeting in March ii. PPH: conversations ongoing re formalizing a relationship	Sascha working on PPH
d) Marketing Cmte, (adhoc)	NYCM and NYSALM are in the process of creating something like this between them.	Invitation for others to get involved in this. Contact Sascha
e) MMRB lobby day, Feb 11 with ACOG	Want to assure sustainability and funding. Sascha also want to be sure MMRB recommendations are included	

f) Maternal Clinical Advisory Committee	MaryAnn Laffin to leave this group and midwifery needs someone to replace her.	Let Sascha know if you interested in serving on this
2. Treasurer's Report Pat Burkhardt Ashley Meccariello	Pat Burkhardt, retiring treasurer reviewed the 2018 actual budget. Spinning Babies financial report needs to be added. Ashley Meccariello presented the beginnings of the 2019 proposed budget. NYSALM dues from ACNM life members require much work with little return. It was proposed that we not pursue dues from these affiliate members. GT contract amount was increased by \$1,500.	Pat will fill in indicated lines. Committee chairs who plan to spend money for committee activities need to submit requests ASAP but no later than 2/23/19. The BOD agreed. Julie moved to accept increase to GT. Sascha seconded. BOD passed the motion.
3. Power & Privilege Course Summary; Sascha	Participants had a reflective discussion with leadership. A second moderated-discussion with the entire BOD will be done as part of a closed session of the April Board meeting. Sascha has identified a moderator for this discussion.	
Regional Reports Caitlin Legros, WNY	Excess revenues from Spinning Babies event will be used to pay the moderator at the BOD's discussion of the Power & Privilege course in April. Spinning Babies will be offered in 2019 in Rochester. Questions were raised about who decides the use of excess funds differentiating between NYSALM sponsorship and non-sponsorship.	Caitlin Legros to organize. Finance Cmte has a draft of Budget Neutral SROP and will tweak it to include decision making on excess revenues usage.
Heather Findlar – LI Ann Visser reported	Midwifery practices are growing. Southern Nassau Hospital is credentialing midwives. The LI Chapter will hold their M4Ms in May.	
Julie Carlson – Central NY	She characterized her region as a Maternity Care desert in general and especially with regard to respectful care.	

	She repeated the story of the midwife arrested for practicing without a license and the hardship her professional absence imposes on the Mennonite community. CPMs need to be licensed.	
Marian Seliquni – Hudson Valley	Whitney Hall is the newly appointed Alternate Representative Kingston has an MD practice that just added a midwife and plan to add another later on.	
Committee Reports Quality – Kate Finn	Home Birth Summit IV in 2019 will focus on Respectful Care. Kate was again invited but recommended that Mimi Niles attend in her stead as Mimi has the knowledge and skill set to actively participate on this topic. Cost for NYSALM will be \$900 (\$500 for registration, \$400 for hotel).	Julie moved that money be allocated for 1-2 persons to attend the Summit. Sascha seconded. BOD members passed the motion.
Insurance – Beth Cooper	Metroplus no longer will pay for home birth. Northwell requiring MD supervising signature for credentialing of midwives. Excellus (BC/BS) requiring MD signature for credentialing in the plan. Professional Liability – looking for affordability Is there a legislative opportunity in the above issues? Can legislation mandate appropriate credentialing and reimbursement levels?	Beth will discuss with key people to educate them and see if changes can be made. Beth talking with vendors Pat to speak with Gottfried
Finance – Ann Visser	NYSALM accounts will be moved to Chase. Ann, recommended that 2 signatures be on the new account.	Ashley and Sascha to do this when opening new accounts, adding a second signator.
Bylaws – Pat Burkhardt	We have been told by ACNM bylaws committee chair, Melicia Escobar, the affiliates need to review their bylaws every 3 years and this is the year. NYSALM bylaws were reviewed, modified and approved by the BOD in 2017. But to get on the ACNM cycle, we will do them this year. Suzanne Smith and MaryAnn Laffin,	Pat sent them a copy of current bylaws and will set up meeting dates for discussion and possible amendments. Bylaws can be found on the link below:

	<p>members of the committee have agreed to do this again.</p> <p>Pat asked members to consider the Alternate Regional Representative positions of the organization. Is this a viable and functional position? If not, how can we make it so if we want to keep it?</p>	<p>http://nysalm.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Bylaws-approved-2017-.pdf</p> <p>Send comments, suggestions and ideas to Pat Pb8@nyu.edu</p>
Legislative – Pat Burkhardt	<p>The Committee is developing the agenda for 2019 session. The change in the NYS Senate to a Democratic majority has opened up an array of legislation that had been stopped by Republicans in previous years. Lobby Day plans are proceeding well.</p>	<p>NYSALM awards someone working in the Legislative process at Lobby Day. Please send any suggestions of who should get our award to Pat pb8@nyu.edu We need these by March 4th.</p>
NYS Fund for Midwifery - Sascha	<p>Ellen Cohen sent a message to the BOD requesting that NYSALM absorb the Fund and asking for a meeting to discuss it. Ellen suggested the NYCM chapter meeting as the time and place to meet and talk.</p> <p>The Fund’s purposes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To disseminate information to the general public regarding the scope and availability of midwifery services To provide support for professional education, conference and meetings for practicing midwives To provide support of research on the practice of midwifery in New York State To provide financial aid for qualified persons who require assistance to become midwives To support purposeful efforts which will strengthen community health care programs and services 	<p>Beth Cooper will find any documents on the fund in Dorothea’s papers.</p> <p>Pat will amalgamate information sent by Ellen into a Fund Description document to be sent to the BOD</p> <p>Sascha will talk with Ellen at the upcoming NYCM Chapter meeting to clarify NYSALM’S projected role if it “absorbs’ the Fund.</p> <p>Information will be needed to know if or how a 501(c)6 organization can do this. Ashley to research if NYSALM moves forward with this.</p>
Midwifery Birth Center (MBC) Regulations - Sascha	<p>Sascha gave the history of the passage of the law and that of the DOH’s slow movement on writing the regs. But at the end of 2018 they moved rapidly, held stakeholder meetings and produced a fairly good</p>	<p>Beth and Jane, our GT lobbyists, will check the cross-references.</p>

	document that was posted to the NYS Register on 1/30/19 for a 2-month public comment period. There are many cross-references with other federal and state laws as well as some inaccuracies related to AABC and CABC concepts and standards.	We, the midwives, need to read them for midwifery process and practice using a BC and physiologic birth lens. Send comments/questions to Sascha saschacnm@gmail.com by no later than Feb 22.
NYSALM volunteer Admin/Archivist position	Pat Burkhardt proposed to the BOD the creation of a volunteer position in the organization to help with administrative functions including maintaining the archives.	Julie Carlson moved that the proposal be accepted. Sascha seconded. The Board passed the motion. The position description will be sent by Pat to members through ACNM Affiliate Connect link.
Awards	NYS, ACNM	
Program Committee	The Board had agreed In the December meeting that NYSALM would have a conference/celebration during Midwifery week in October. The Program Committee is responsible for developing a plan for this.	Pat to talk with Ximena Rossato-Bennet, Program Committee Chair, to see where things are and what help might be needed.