

ATM BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 3:41 pm

Attendees:

Board Members:

Kelly Miller(3)	Cathy Rude (4)
Nanci Stanley (4)	Paula Davis
Joi Brock (6)	Vickey Wells (7)
Kris Hohlt (7)	Melinda Pond (8)

Others Attending:

Shelley Terrazas	Kristin Youngblood
Erika Obert	Mary Littlefield Devine
Beth Overton	Grace Frantze
Adlai Welfel	Claudine Crews
Carol Schumacher	Janet Dirmeyer

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved with corrections.

Regional Reports:

Vickey Wells suggested only doing 1 annual report, while others expressed wanting to do quarterly reports. Discussion ensued. An agreement was reached that a report can just say "No change in report".

Conference Report:

Received mostly positive reports regarding all aspects of the conference. Net funds from the 2016 Conference - \$13,000.00. Camp Allen is available for 2017. Also looking into Camp Casper in Comfort, Texas as well. Prices are needed to compare with Camp Allen. A conference chair is needed for 2017. Vickey Wells volunteered to be conference chair. Lisa made a great binder for doing a conference. Rebecca Deckers of Evidence Based Birth is a possible keynote speaker for the next conference.

Legislative:

Background information: October 2015 - MANA Conference produced a copy of a federal bill was submitted to the US House regarding midwifery. NARM and MANA were uninformed of this action. Base proposal: by 2020 all non-meac midwives would need to complete a bridge program to comply with this national bill. MANA and 11 states wrote letters of concern to NACPM, but only MANA received a response. Brielle met with MANA to compose a new letter, which now included an increase in number of concerned states and groups. A controversial response letter/email was received. MANA offered an open/transparent call meeting. NACPM declined. NACPM suggested using their software for a webinar in place of the call. Concensus of the group determined the MANA group would not do the webinar without a call. Need for transparency was noted. There is disagreement on the effects of the bill on Texas midwives. Bill only addresses educational requirements of CPMs and would override state law (eliminating LM for Texas). Bill is

unfair and prejudiced against CPMs. It is not OK for NACPM to group with ACNM and ACOG to decide educational rules for CPMs. Texas, California and New Mexico have larger membership than NACPM. The survey was only sent to board members. ATM will send survey out to membership. The Alliance of Midwives and Families was formed to support. They opted for using lobbyist group that wrote a birth center/CPM bill for Medicaid payment are willing to help write a new bill. As a note, Maine has now passed to legal status – non-implimental. NACPM/ACNM/ACOG has called the law "model law". It would cause the same effect in Texas. A copy of the missions statement of AMF alliance was shared. No one has done the Bridge program to date. Question noted – "Where do we draw the line – State vs. National licensure?". From Marina (MANA) there is a new surge of engagement with midwives to represent all midwives. Dual membership drive for MANA – the corporate membership is \$250. Kris Hohlt made a motion for ATM to join MANA, seconded by Cathy Rude. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

Paula Davis made a motion to accept the report as is. Kelly Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Membership Dues:

Discussion about increasing membership dues to \$80.00 per year. Research reveals the range of membership dues of other states range from \$75.00-\$100.00 annually. Showing the benefits of membership to validate dues. Detail what the benefits are to include possible ideas of periodic emails regarding conference info, etc. Brielle has a volunteer who is willing to put that benefits listing together. Brielle made a motion to increase the annual dues to \$80.00. It was seconded by Cathy Rude and passed by the board. Paula then proposed increasing the lifetime membership to \$1000.00. There was discussion regarding the increase. Vickey Wells made a motion to increase the lifetime membership to \$1000.00. It was seconded by Cathy Rude and passed with the board. It will take effect on 12-1-2016.

TDLR:

It is noted there is no reimbursement for expenses of servind on the Midwifery Advisory Board. Would it be legal for members/ATM to reimburse board members? Topic was tabled until legality of action could be established. Paula Davis will send emails re: this need.

Advertising:

Ashley King offered a contact for a vendor to do a video for the website. The proposal met with most board members approving. Cathy Rude motioned accepting this proposal payment being up to \$500.00. Kris Hohlt seconded the motion and it passed with the board.

Education:

From Kelly: "Thank you to Claudine Cruz for the site review. It passed and is good for 3 years." TDLR doesn't want to "rock the boat", so will attend the Education Committee Meeting.

The new learning system options for LMS (learning management systems) – Noodle (Friday morning) and Schoology (Thursday afternoon) – will do presentations on their products. The committee will make recommendations after the presentations. There will be an online vote for Board approval, with a 10 day turn around vote after the proposal.

Since all aspects related to the LMS have been approved (paid position for the LMS set-up, increase pay to teachers, etc.) implementation will begin immediately for the school. A report will be needed 2 weeks after the presentation meetings.

Although not specific to non-licensed states, the Committee will be looking at the NARM Bridge certification program, including looking into the ATM education program that will qualify the graduates for the Bridge Certificate.

A recent ATM graduate, Michelle Levins, has been added to the Education committee. There are 8 members.

By-Law Change:

Regarding the By-Law change proposed by Paula Davis, Kelly will post on the ATM Board email with a 30 respond timeline. Committee to re-do the ATM Board Binder are: Kelly Miller, Kris Hohlt, Vickey Wells and Paula Davis.

Membership Enrollment:

Discussion tabled until a later date.

Website:

Brinks Web Solutions is the provider. Kelly Miller will be the Webmaster. Questions around the new website: 1) Who needs access and what lever of access is needed? Recommended Board members: Kelly Miller, Paula Davis, Claudine Cruz, Carla. 2) What about training? Kelly Miller will set up meeting to advise others. The company is doing the last walk through on the website to confirm completion. The website needs new midwife pictures.

A motion was made by Nanci Stanley to allow Paula Davis to purchase ATM pamphlets for distribution. Second was made by Cathy Rude. Motion passed.

Future Meeting Dates:

There is an option to change the meeting dates of the Midwifery Advisory Board. Also, it was suggested to change the ATM Board Meeting locations to major cities instead of just in Austin.

November 4-6 at the Gathering of Midwives at Lazy Hills Resort
February 5th in Houston, Texas at the Katy Birth Center
May meeting will be at the ATM annual conference.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joi Brock