ATM Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 4-17-2009

Location: ATM Conference-Houston, TA

Date approved: 5-14-2009

Conference Call in info: 1-866-210-1669 code# 6031191

Board Members:	Name:	Officers – Committee Members *Indicates Executive Committee	Absent (indicate excused)	Present (indicate by phone or in person)
President	Kelli Beaty	President *		In person
Region 1	Vicki Meinhardt	Area Rep.		In person
<u> </u>	Faith Beltz	Legislative Committee/ Treasurer*	excused	
Region 2	Sandra Elkins	Area Rep.	excused	
Region 3	Kelli Beaty			
Region 4	Paula Davis	Vice-President*		In person
	Cathy Rude	Secretary*		In person
	Jackie Griggs	Special appointed position*		In person
Region 5	Donna Miller	Area Rep.		In person
	Bonnie Kitchen	Education Chair		In person
Region 6	Claudine Crews	Course Coordinator		In person
	Robin Rabenschlag	Area Rep.		In person
Region 7	Vicky Wells	AREA REP.		In person
Region 8	Darlene Nesioney	Area Rep.		In person
Guests prese				<u>:</u>
Jacquetta Ma	•	Diana Nash		
Carol Schun	nacher	Molly Germash		
Jaymee Bou	ghton	Sylyna Kennedy		
Denise Thor	-	Natalie Wommack		
Rose Marie	•	Pam Holland		
Leah Larson		Jennifer Bennett		

Check list:
☐ Minutes approved from the last meeting(s)
Time limits set for discussion of agenda items
Next meeting scheduled. When/where:
Any decisions made between meetings need to be listed in the minutes of the following meeting with
details of how the decision was reached.

Facilitator or Chair of this Meeting: Timekeeper:Cathy Rude	_Kelli Beaty_	Other:
Meeting opened byKelli	at	9:00 PM
Meeting closed byKelli	at	10:20 PM

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Item#	Topic:	Presented By:
1	Special Elections and Appointments	Kelli

Main Points, Proposals, Votes, Results:

Report given that Robin Rabenschlag (Region 6) won the Special Election in her region. Vicki Meinhardt (Region 1) won the normal Election in Region 1.

Discussion on appointing new board members for regions 2, 5 and 7. Sandra Elkins (region 2) was appointed by email vote last month. Kris Hohlt would like to step down as area rep for region 7 and requested that Vicky Wells take her place. Bonnie Kitchen would like to only serve as Education Committee Chair and the suggestion is made to appointment Donna Miller in her place.

PROPOSAL: Made by Kelli Beaty-Proposes the ATM Board appoint Vicky Wells and Donna Miller as area representatives for Regions 7 and 5, respectively. 2nd by Paula Davis. All in favor.

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2	Legislative Issues	Kellî

Main Points, Proposals, Votes, Results:

Discussion for need to visit all the legislators. We need lots of grassroots support right now. If clients can go in person to each legislator it will have more impact. Each midwife is encouraged to contact 15 or more clients with hopes that 5-6 will actually go.

PROPOSAL: Made by Kelli Beaty. Proposal that ATM give NACPM a donation of \$1000. Seconded by Paula Davis. Vote taken, all for except Darlene Nesloney and Vicky Wells who were opposed. Vote passed.

Discussion about contacting MANA and get their opinion. Faith and Kelli will work together to draft a letter to go with the donation.

Discussion about information sent by email last week. All the legislators are home now. It is urgent that we act now. New legislation is expected in June and it will probably be voted on in July. We need to focus all our efforts on a federal level at this point. The upcoming healthcare reform bills will use Texas as a key state. There are many legislators involved in healthcare. We will send out a list of key people in Texas and their districts. The area representatives in each region need to go see these legislators. We all want midwives to be a part of this new reform.

Jennifer Bennett reminded us that we need to proactive not reactive. Suggestions to gather together good clients who are ready to fight for us, contact legislators while they are home (in own districts). Small steps can go a long way.

Carol Schumacher gave a report on her contact with John Cornyn's office. She also called Kay Bailey Hutchinson's office but all her health staff was unavailable. We need to communicate that midwives are independent healthcare practioners and we want to be involved in the new federal healthcare

plan. Suggestion made to print out Big Push info and condense it.

Suggestion made to join as a first responder through the fire departments, as an EMT, etc. (This is part of Homeland Security for out of urban area births). 1. MANA has hired a policy analyst to tell us what exactly we need to do. 2. NACPM. Sign up for both now. They are drafting information to pass out. All area representatives need to take all this information back to their areas and get everyone involved.

Item#	Topic:	Presented By:
3	Financial Report/ Member lists	Kelli

Main Points, Proposals, Votes, Results:

Kelli passed out lists of member to each regional representative. Also gave out Profit/Loss Statement Jan-Mar 2009, Profit/Loss Jan-Dec 2008 as update only.

Because of our nonprofit status, suggestion made to offer Protocols for free and ask for a minimum donation. The protocol template issue will be revisited by the Board very soon,

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4	The Gathering	Jackie Griggs

Main Points, Proposals, Votes, Results:

Jackie believes the Gathering is worthwhile but that it shouldn't lose money. When the CNMs host it, they apparently do not lose money. The next Gathering will at Possum Kingdom, west of Fort Worth, the first weekend in November (November 6-7).

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5	Conference Suggestion for next year	Jackie Griggs

Main Points, Proposals, Votes, Results:

Jackie suggested Cornelia Ennis, CNM from Germany as a good conference speaker for next year's ATM Conference in Austin. She came up with the water birth appar and she's a great speaker. Jackie will forward suggestion to the Austin group.

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6	Adjourned at 10:20 PM	Kelli Beaty

Amendment to minutes: April 30, 2009. After consideration and more information gathering regarding sending a donation to NACPM, the board has decided to wait until these organizations finish formatting their strategy. This agenda item has been tabled and will be readdressed at a future time.

The ATM Board has decided to support the online petition from NARM related to the ACNM position statement about CPMs and midwifery education. Kelli will sign the petition as the President of ATM. Board members are encouraged to sign and to share the petition with members in their regions. The following have signed:

Kelli Beaty
Cathy Rude
Bonnie Kitchen
Vicki Meinhardt
Sandra Elkins
Robin Rabenschlag
Darlene Nesloney
Paula Davis
Donna Miller