

**ATM Board Meeting
April 25, 2019**

Board Members present:

Paula Davis
Cathy Rude
Nanci Stanley
Laurie Fremgen
Kelli Beaty
Kelly Baumgartner
Mollie Miller
Christy Martin
Melinda Pond
Brielle Epstein (joined electronically from 4:13pm to 4:45pm)

Non-board members present:

Lisa Welch
Lincey Yankus (left before meeting ended)
Roxanne Anderson
Maria Quinones (left before meeting ended)
April Pierce
Helen Nelson
Claudine Crews
Mercy Eizenga
Carol Gautschi
Kim Retherford
Jacquetta Barnett (joined electronically from 4:57pm)
Amy Embrey
Rachel Thompson

4:02pm: Meeting called to order at by Paula Davis, president

Agenda Item: Regional Reports

Regional reports from regions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 were received.
Discussion regarding getting list of all licensed midwives in Texas from TDLR. Kelli Beaty reports she has been trying to obtain a list.
Kelli Beaty requested including the Lubbock midwives into Region 3 area because they are technically in region 2 but Kelli would like for them to included in Region 3.

Agenda item: Legislative Report

Legislative report read by board members.

Paula reviewed the Guillen bill (aka, TDLR omnibus bill) and Goldman bill. The Goldman bill has had the language regarding students and preceptors removed, but we will strategize about how to put the language back into the bill.

Paula reviewed the other bills listed in the legislative report.

House bill 2850 may lead ATM to consider forming a peer review committee if needed in response to if the bill passes and if it seems a peer review committee would be helpful.

Brielle reports Roland has been helping immensely with the current bills in the legislature. Brielle reports Dr. Guillory has not replied to her request for help with ATM's attempt to get a seat on the Maternal Mortality Task Force. The chair of the task force is against us getting a seat on the task force. It may not be a battle for us to fight this legislative session. Brielle reports the chair has said we are listed as an organization for them to consult with.

The new rules passed except the "FHT rule," and the new rules will go into effect on May 1, 2019.

The "FHT rule" will be worked on by an advisory board work group and created again, and will be available for public comment when the time is right.

Agenda item: Group.IO request

Brielle reports this option is a new option instead of yahoo groups which has worked well in other groups she's in. There is a cost to using Group.IO. Brielle reports yahoo may remove the groups option next year.

Brielle suggests the board try it out to see how it works and get familiar with it as a possibility for all of ATM.

Brielle proposes the ATM Board start using free version of Group.IO to try it out. Cathy seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Agenda items: MANA conference update

Brielle reports she spoke to Vicki a couple of days ago. Hoping to have program finalized by end of May and open up registration. ATM considering offering some seed money to MANA to help with planning the 2019 MANA conference in Austin.

MANA is offering ATM members a discount on becoming a MANA member.

Discussion about why MANA needs seed money from ATM, as well as discussion about what this year's conference will look like compared to the last 2-3 years of MANA conferences and the troubles they had.

Brielle proposes we offer \$500 to MANA as seed money.

Proposal tabled until profit and loss and budget have been reviewed.

Agenda item: Treasury Report

Treasury Report reviewed. Paula explained the number of students in ATM-MTP has dropped which accounts for part of the loss for the year.

Discussion of adding some ATM-MTP workshop modules to NARM's website as CEU options that other midwives can take and the revenue to come to ATM. Also discussion that becoming MEAC accredited will bring back more students and increase revenue again. Starting a PAC (Political Action Committee) could also decrease ATM's expense for lobbyists.

Claudine reports when the new website was developed, we lost our standing in a google search. Our website isn't coming up at all when one searches for midwifery schools.

Discussed board members searching for “Midwife school” on google, finding our ATM website and clicking on it, then once on the ATM website, clicking on other pages within the website.

Lengthy discussion regarding why the MEAC accreditation process hasn’t been started though we voted on it yet in August 2017, what’s happening with the education committee, and what’s needed to move forward with the MEAC accreditation process.

Claudine strongly recommended that work continue to be done regarding language for students and preceptors so that MEAC won’t find a problem in our law/rules for becoming accredited.

Nanci proposed that Kelli and Claudine submit a list to the board by May 15th of what they need to move the MEAC accreditation process forward and submitting the application to MEAC by June 1st. Claudine reported that she would not be able to do this in that time frame.

Kelli and Claudine agree that the MEAC accreditation application will be submitted. Paula proposes that the MEAC accreditation application be submitted by July 1st. Mollie seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Mollie will apply for MEAC CEUs for the courses which will be put on the website. Social Determinants of Health is the course.

Agenda item: HIVE CEUs

Mollie requested an update. Kelli reports she and Phil have been working on website changes to remove the old CEUs and add an announcement about HIVE CE on the website.

Agenda item: Education report

Paula requested update regarding student survey. Kelli reports the survey was sent out to approximately 15 previous students. Kelli reports the survey results state reasons for leaving midwifery were: student figured out midwifery wasn’t for them, didn’t have childcare, and or issue with preceptor and policies.

Agenda item: TDLR complaint/Patty’s case action question

Item tabled for now. Paula and Brielle encouraged Patty to take the complaint to SOAH.

Agenda item: Election Results

New board members:

Region 5: Donna Miller is joining the board. Mollie Miller will be stepping down.

Region 3: Jacquetta Barnett, David Carter Plake

Region 7: Kristen Green is new representative. Kris Holt will no longer be serving.

Agenda item: Election of Vice President and Secretary and Treasurer

Paula nominated Cathy Rude for VP, Laurie seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Mollie nominated Christy Martin for secretary, Nanci seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Laurie nominated Kelly Baumgartner for treasurer, Nanci seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Agenda item: Confidentiality Agreement

Current board members signed a confidentiality agreement. Kelli requested a copy for new board members.

Agenda item: Communication

Encouragement to treat others with kindness and respect.

Agenda item: Practice Guidelines for VBAC/Intermittent Auscultation

Laurie reports there are no national guidelines for the practice of non-nurse midwifery, and suggest we consider creating guidelines for the care of VBACs and Intermittent Auscultation. Laurie will work on creating these. Paula requests that we revisit the breech and water birth guidelines for any updates.

Agenda item: By-laws

The by-laws have been updated. Paula proposes we adopt the new by-laws, all in favor, none opposed.

Paula proposed we make an addendum to also change the by-law so that the legislative chair is not a regional representative seat but is appointed by the Board. Laurie seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Laurie will work on final formatting of the by-laws.

Agenda item:

Discussion about by-laws, policies, and minutes being published on our website. Agreement to update by-laws and policies on the website.

Executive session called:

Agenda item: Advisory Board members who are or will be stepping down

Agenda item: Dates for upcoming meetings

July 28th online meeting at 3pm

October 31-Nov 3: meeting will be at the MANA conference, exact date TBA

February 16th: online meeting at 3pm

Agenda item:

Kelli Beaty gave update on handling the concerns regarding specific ATM-MTP preceptor after request from Nanci for update. Kelli reports the preceptor sent letter to ATM in response after ATM sent initial letter; several things were not addressed/responded to by the preceptor. ATM has sent a second letter to the preceptor regarding the things not addressed and asking her to address them.

Agenda item:

Return to voting on seed money for MANA.

Proposal by Paula to give MANA \$500 seed money, Cathy seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned by Paula Davis at approximately 7pm