

**ATM Board Meeting
November 9, 2018**

Board Members Present:

Paula Davis
Cathy Rude
Nanci Stanley
Laurie Fremgen
Kelli Beaty
Kelly Baumgartner
Mollie Miller
Brielle Epstein
Melinda Pond
Shelley Terrazas
Christy Martin
Kris Holht (joined electronically at 2:37pm)

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Members in attendance

Ashley King
Janet Dirmeyer

2:06pm Paula Davis called meeting to order

Minutes kept by Christy Martin

Meeting minutes from August 2018 board meeting reviewed. Paula moved to accept. Nanci seconded. Approved without opposition.

Agenda item: Regional Reports

Regional reports submitted 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 and reviewed. Reports are available through the ATM office and through regional reps.

Discussion about posting regional reports online or sending to the membership. Kelly Beatty agreed to post the regional reports on the website and notify the membership via the ATM members facebook page when reports have been posted on the website.

Request for printing more ATM brochures/cards

Agenda item: Legislative Reports

Legislative report reviewed and discussed.

TDLR is planning to decrease the midwifery licensing fee.

Brielle voiced the need to continue working on building a consumer group.

Public comments regarding proposed rule changes will be reviewed at the Midwifery Advisory Board meeting on January 8, 2019

The rules work group will be meeting on November 29th to discuss the proposed rule changes.

ATM Board discussion covered the particular proposed rules changes regarding the “42 week rule” and the “FHT rule.”

Brielle explained a legislative issue regarding TDLR and all boards under TDLR having an expiration date. As numerous professions have been moved under TDLR extensions in sunset have been requested. TDLR will be asking the legislature to extend the expiration dates for board under their authority. If the legislature doesn't approve this, then all boards under TDLR, including our Midwifery Advisory Board/Council, will lose authority of our profession and each profession will be solely under the authority of TDLR commissioners.

Agenda item: Considerations regarding NRP certification

Laurie addressed the current NRP certification which expanded what we as midwives are required to learn about medications and skills which we cannot perform within our scope of practice. Laurie has talked with NARM regarding their requirement for CPMs to take NRP. Laurie reports that the midwifery advisory board will be discussing this issue.

Agenda item: Consideration for a medication/pharmacology bill

Discussion regarding idea for a “test” medication bill. Brielle reiterated need for a strong consumer group. Attempts are being made to help create a consumer board group, but so far nothing has come together. Brielle's recommendation is to use this current upcoming session to prepare for possibly introducing a bill during the following session.

Agenda item: Conference Report

Conference report. Discussion regarding plans to also provide MEAC and nursing CEUs.

Proposal for conference policy change by Mollie. Passed a second time with opposition.

POLICY CHANGE:

~~The Conference Chair, at her discretion, may award four half-day registrations to committee members or volunteers based on their level of responsibilities and performance. Volunteers working a half-day at the conference may receive only one half-day for free.~~

The Conference Chair, at her discretion, may award up to 4 half-price or full-price conference registrations to committee members based on their level of responsibilities and performance.

The conference chair may award up to 2 half-day conference registrations to volunteers working a full day at the conference.

Mollie asked the board to consider keeping the same person in charge of conference CEUs the same person for each year. The topic will be placed on the agenda for the next ATM Board meeting in February 2019.

Agenda item: By-law

Proposed changes to the by-laws will be sent to the Board at least 30 days ahead of the vote. If the Board approves the changes the proposed changes will be put online for the membership and will be available for public comment.

Agenda item: Review and adopt revised ATM policy manual including voting policies and conference policies

Policies were reviewed, updates suggested and will be voted on at a later date.

Paula proposed a policy addition: ATM will spend 20% expenditures or less of our yearly expenditures on lobbying.

\$162,455 is our current expenditures. We can spend 20% of this amount for lobbying, which allows us \$32,491 to use toward lobbying. All expenditures will be considered including any pay to work that Kelly Beaty does, as well as Roland. We will pay Roland for 2018 & 2019 which will covering regulatory policy, grassroots efforts and lobbying. Roland will keep track of what expenses are for lobbying and for his other efforts.

Discussion regarding another policy need: document retention policy

Membership renewals will be renewed from date of purchase

Kelly Beaty requested that board members read through the documents she will send regarding the ATM-MTP education program.

Any by-laws affected by policy changes will be looked at for needed changes.

Agenda item: Discuss budget needs and future timeline of submitting budgets (MEAC, Course)

Kelly reviewed the fees for the MEAC accreditation process for ATM-MTP, and the fees for sustaining MEAC accreditation

MEAC application process

Application fee \$300

Base rate for all accredited programs and institutions: \$1874

Fee per student in an accredited program: \$7

Fee per student in an accredited institution: \$13

Fee per student at a program or institution that offers distance or correspondence education: \$7

MEAC sustaining fees

Base rate for all accredited programs and institutions: \$6206

Fee per student in an accredited program: \$81

Fee per student in an accredited institution \$137

Fee per student at a program or institution that offers distance or correspondence education: \$23

Paula reviewed that ATM approved fees at a past meeting for MTP to start the MEAC accreditation process.

Kelly states that she wants the education committee and full ATM board to watch videos done by MEAC about their standards and how they can be met.

Discussion regarding MEAC considering any preceptors of student in ATM-MTP as faculty.

Agenda item: CEUs on ATM website

Discussion regarding the current CEUs on the ATM website. Kelly states that Pam Holland has requested that we remove some of the older CEU options on the website. Board agreed.

Agenda item: Elections process

Proposal by Paula: change our term limits to 4 years with staggered voting on representative seats. Christy seconded. Approved without opposition. Explanation: Each region has two representative seats. Each even numbered region will vote on one of its two seats every even numbered year, so that turn over among representatives is staggered and allows for greater continuity among the board. Odd numbered regions will follow the same pattern, voting on one of its two seats on odd numbered years.

Agenda item: The Gathering and leadership

Cathy reports that the MANA conference in 2019 will likely be held in Austin next fall. Paula requests that we wait until we know about the MANA conference location definitively before deciding about The Gathering.

Discussion regarding CTCNM.

Comment from Janet Dirmeyer permitted regarding the Gathering and our interaction with CTCNM; discussion followed. Laurie requested that members from both organizations/boards get together to dialogue about our interactions and considerations for our ongoing relationship.

Agenda item: Website, yahoo group and communication

Some ATM members have reported they cannot post on our ATM yahoo group. Kelli discussed issues she's attempted to resolve with yahoo.

Kelli Beaty will research other options since yahoo isn't working effectively for communication between members of ATM.

Kelli reports difficulty with updating the ATM website under its current format.

Meeting adjourned by Paula at 4:40pm

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