

NYSALM BOD Meeting 2/8/2016
Phone Conference

Attending: Karen Jefferson, Susan Rannestad, K. Michelle Doyle, Lily Dalke, Pat Burkhardt, Susanrachel Condon, Rachel Ritter, Kate Finn, Eva Falkner, Alice Gilgoff, Sharon Nisengard, Anne Visser, Carol Bues, Sasha Conte,

Students: Megan Hogen-Roy, Katie Guernsey, Melissa Cantor, Kristen Klein, Davia Brody

Minutes from last meeting

Minutes of Annual meeting/Last BOD Meeting reviewed; various with edits needed: Susanrachel to correct. Minutes to be resubmitted to the BOD for approval via NYSALM BOD list serve.

Midwifery Led Birth Center Bill (BC bill): Karen Jefferson

Information about political reality of the current legislative and DOH situation. Extensive discussion of the possibility of creating a new bill to create midwifery-led birth center demonstration projects. Discussion tabled until discussion with GT

Treasurer's report: Lily Dalke

“Total income: \$50,132.85 (83% of \$54,660 budgeted)

Total expenses: \$47,763.55 (86% of \$53,605 budgeted)

- Legislative expenses \$42,338.69 (111% of \$38,000 budgeted)

- Organizational expenses \$5,424.86 (26% of \$15,605 budgeted)

Although we came in way underbudget for organizational expenses, remember we drew \$15,000 from reserves to pay for the Choices in Childbirth grant so overall we drew down our reserves a bit. Current assets are \$74,338 as compared to \$89,864 this time last year.”

There are new reimbursement forms -see website

Carol Bues is now Treasurer

See also PDF

Finance committee: Ann Visser

Rev'd Reimbursement Policy

Will review annually in committee and report any proposed changes to the Board
Cash flow for 2015 presented by Lily and finalized. Carol to present going forward

Committee concerned re proposal for Jeanette and Birth Swell

Discussion about paying Jeanette McCullough - decision to hold conversation until after discussion with Beth and Jane secondary to concerns regarding possibly pulling the Birth Center bill or changing it.

Legislative Committee: Pat Burkhardt

Lobby Day plans underway; Date is April 12, 2016 with NYSALM BOD meeting 4/11 at GT from 12-6
Fairfield Inn contract in progress
Midwifery Birth Center Bill - discussion to continue with GT

Nominating Committee: Mimi Niles ([Pat will contact Mimi and election plans](#))

Insurance Committee: Debbie Healy ([Karen Jefferson](#))

SOP approved

ACNM and Jesse Bushman very excited about working with us re MCOs

Insurance Committee to report back to BOD after they meet

Communications Committee: Rachel Ritter

Website task force is at work gathering recommendations for web and logo designer. Soon we will begin outreach to solicit proposals from these designers. Our goal is to have a recommended plan for a logo/website for the Board by the April board meeting.

Diversity and Inclusion Committee: Rachel Ritter

Rachel is working on a SROP for a DIVERSITY Committee and will soon solicit members for this new committee.

IMPACT: Lily Dalke

Lily would love to have co-chair!

Suggestions taken for hospitals that would be good places for the IMPACT program: BI, St. Peter's, Mercy

Quality Improvement committee/HIINY: Kate Finn

HIINY continues to work on home birth integration in NYS

The Transforming Birth Fund grant was not awarded to us/looking for other funding opportunities

Working to develop forms, programs

Kate states that her attempts to re-establish interactions with ACOG were not fruitful/ her energy is best spent in other ways

Discussion on developing relationships with unlicensed midwives in the "UpState" area; issues about transfer from home to hospital with unlicensed midwives discussed

Choices in Childbirth Survey shared with NYSALM BOD via email

By-Laws : Pat will contact Suzanne Smith and Mary Anne Laffin to work on by-laws

GT Report: Midwifery Led Birth Center Bill Discussion with Jane and Beth

Gottfried 'happy' with bill

Hannon somewhat concerned about the NEJM article/Oregon study

Issues with opposition/resistance from DOH and ACOG discussed
Interest from Senator Cahill in possible development of a Hudson Valley Birth Center
Discussion on options for moving forward vs restructuring the bill: GT would like ideas from NYSALM BOD of our 'bottomline' about what we want/do not want
Duration: 12:10 PM to 12:45 PM

NYSALM BOD discussion on BC bill

Lengthy and in depth discussion about history, current status and possible future of BC bill

Consensus achieved that it an attempt to rephrase BC bill to clarify the need for collaborative relationships and/or national certification would be acceptable. Karen Jefferson will discuss with GT and get back to the NYSALM BOD.

Liaison reports:

NYSPA report : Sacha Conterelli (Via Karen Jefferson)

There are 3 midwives scheduled to present at the conference this year:

Kate Finn and Holly Powell will present midwifery outcomes in perinatal care focusing on Communication.

Kelly Walker will be presenting on communication with LGBTQ community.

NYS Breastfeeding Coalition: Alice G -The Coalition has not met since our last BOD meeting: no news at this time

Region updates:

Hudson Valley: Alice Gilgoff reported on the opening of Hudson Valley Midwifery. Wonderful work, Susan, Birdie and Whitney!

Long Island: Anne Visser states that SUNY Stonybrook is starting Centering Pregnancy care as well as a Midwifery Mentoring Program. Anne made a call for a midwifery presence in South Shore Long Island

Western Region: Sharon Nisengard -Kim Heeb resigned from Batavia and is returning to Wyoming County Community Hospital, this time being employed by the hospital.

Emily Commerford is leaving her current position at a Jericho Road health facility and joining 2 other midwives at OB/GYN associates which employs midwives and physicians.

Talks in the works for a Western Region NYSALM meeting in late April - hope to get CME's to bring folks together and have a bit of fun as well.

[Program Committee Report not given.](#)