

**NYSALM BOD Meeting 9/11/15  
Albany, NY**

**Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM**

**Attending:** SusanRachel Condon, Pat Burkhardt, Alice Gilgoff, Ann Visser, Claudia Gersten, Lily Dalke, Khriisteena Kingsley, Sharon Nisengard, Michelle Doyle, Susan Rannestad, Kate Finn, Linda Loving, Karen Jefferson

**Students:** Meredith, Rachel Ritter, Jocelyn

**Minutes:**

June 18 minutes submitted by SusanRachel Condon; minutes were accepted

**President's Discussion**

**Discussion:** By-laws: need for Executive committee to focus on their roles; need for functioning Nominating Committee, and for Membership development

**Action:** Vision statement, Mission Statement, Core Values to be added to By Laws -Michelle to add

**Action:** Motion passed to change By-laws to reflect that the Executive Committee members are not also regional reps (Article 7, Sect 1D) - Karen to write up change and BOD will review

**Action:**

**Discussion:** Need for membership development. Suggestion to give Regional Reps money to have parties/meetings in their region

**Action:** Motion passed to add \$2100 to 2016 budget, that \$300 to be given to each Regional Rep, that the Regional Reps are to use this money for membership development, report to the BOD their plan and the outcome of their meeting

**Action:** Pat B will work to re-invigorate the Nominating Committee; Pat with work with Mimi to get Nominating Committee 'up and running'; Pat will review and update the Board list, draft a slate of needed BOD members

**Action:** Alice Gilgoff will write up the Quick E-Notes for this meeting

**Finance Report**

Presented by Anne Visser

**Discussion:** NYSALM is appealing a fee by JCOPE (late filing 2014)

**Discussion:** Budget to be presented at next BOD meeting

**Action:** All committee members are to send Lily D budget requests for 2016 by Nov 1

**Discussion:** Western Region money returned to region via Khristeena K.

**Action:** Khristeena is putting money into a separate passbook account

**Treasure's Report**

Presented by Lily D; See report

**Discussion:** Expenses are generally under budget

### **Communication Committee Report**

Presented by Nancy Kraus by email (see report), Rachel R. at meeting

Nancy Kraus is coming off as head of committee, Rachel is willing to head committee when she graduates

### **IMPACT Committee**

Presented by Lily D

**Discussion:** Presentation to Glens Falls Hospital is resulting in by-law changes

**Discussion:** IMPACT presentation in Grand Rounds in Rochester yesterday; went well; in future, suggested that Regional Reps consider giving the presentation

**Discussion:** Insurance issues discussed - there is a letter that can be sent to insurance companies; survey still in process

### **GT Report**

Presented by Jane (phone) and Beth

All in agreement that discussion is confidential

**Discussion:** Midwifery Birth Center Bill (MBCB) in middle of two year cycle: we got very far; well positioned for next session; current challenge is the NYS DOH; Sally Dreslin, Deputy Comm. of Health as potential 'champion'; GT would start lobbying again mid Jan. NYSALM decided to continue with MBCB

**Action:** BOD to decide if NYSALM wants to pursue MBCB in 2016? If so, BOD to consider changing bill language to include national certification on NYS midwifery led birth centers (CABC)

**Action:** NYSALM BOD to decide on plan for communicating with ACOG

**Action:** If NYSALM wants to continue with MBCB to get back to GT with Point Person for bill communications

**Action:** Jane and Beth to review NYSALM Home Birth Guidelines and respond

### **HIINY**

Presentation by Kate F

**Discussion:** Guideline development reviewed; ACNM to consider using the Shared Decision Making Toolkit (removed from Guidelines) at a national level; potential plan for roll-out discussed

**Action:** Motion passed to accept the document Planned Home Birth in New York State: NYSALM Guidelines for Best Practice

**Action:** HIINY committee will present a dissemination plan to the BOD; monetary request has been submitted to treasurer

### **ACOG/NYSALM group**

Presentation by Kate Finn

**Discussion:** History of taskforce;

**Action:** Karen to write a letter responding to ACOG II re NYSALM

## **Legislative Committee Report**

**Discussion:** Discussed NYSALM continuing pursuit of Midwifery Birth Center Bill

**Action:** Motion passed (2 nays) to continue lobbying for Midwifery Birth Center Bill

**Action:** Legislative Committee to ask Jeannette McCulloch for a proposal from BirthSwell re MBCB support for 2016

## **Program committee:**

Presented by Pat B

**Discussion:** No ACNM Region II m2015 annual meeting in NYC

**Action:** SusanRachel to come back to BOD with plan Dec. meeting

## **General Discussion:**

**Discussion:** Karen approached by Kathleen Dermady via NYSPA requesting NYSALM members contact info

**Action:** Communication Committee to write a policy stating that NYSALM does not share its member information with outside groups

**Discussion:** NYSALM endorsing event we didn't produce (NYC breech conference requested); NYSALM policy reviewed

**Action:** Motion passed to not endorse the Breech conference at Flushing at this time

## **Liaison reports**

### **Title VIII bill introduced : S5862/A8153**

Report from Linda Lovig

**Discussion:** implications for LMs and potential passage of Title VIII bill

**Action:** Linda to keep BOD updated, let us know if and when a Memo of Support desired

### **NYS Breastfeeding Alliance**

Report by Alice

**Discussion:** Conference, NYS law for breastfeeding support; Baby friendly certification for businesses

### **NYSPA report**

Connie K. excused today

Report by Karen

**Discussion:** possibly co-sponsoring the NYSPA conference, having Holly Powell Kennedy as speaker, June 2016; new NYSPA liaison will be Sascha James-Contarelli as of January 2016

## **General Discussion:**

### **Nightingale Provider Network**

Report by Pat B

**Discussion:** Mary Ellen Connington and Diana Mason created Nightingale Provider Network, interested in midwifery presence

**Action:** Pat B to send info to the BOD to see if we are interested

### **Miles For Midwives**

Report by Pat B

**Discussion/Action:** Various NYSALM BOD members will stop by to support MFM

### **NYS Breastfeeding Leadership Coalition**

Report by Susan Rannestad

Discussion: meeting this summer

### **Choices in Childbirth**

**Action:** Karen to ask CiC for a report on NYS study

### **Regional Report**

#### **Western NY**

Report by Sharon Nisengard

**Discussion:** Three events on Buffalo area for Midwifery Week: Mama Sherpa, Meet the Midwives Meeting, book signing with Patricia Harmon

### **Meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM**

**Note:** Donna Montalto of ACOG Dist 2 was invited to this meeting, responded that she would not be able to attend and sent report on Safe Motherhood Initiative

### **Minutes respectfully submitted**

K. Michelle Doyle, LM, NYSALM Secretary

### **Attachments**

Communications Committee Report

1. The Communications Committee's SROP are on the website; dated Sep 2014. Why is this on the agenda; do you want us to change them??
2. No one responded to me regarding writing the Quick E-News after tomorrow's meeting; is there a volunteer, please? I personally don't see the need to send out a Quick E-News more often than after every board meeting since we use the list-serve for things that come up between meetings that we want members to see. But I do think a report on what happens at Board meetings must be sent in a timely fashion.

3. We really need someone tech savvy to start helping Rachel with keeping the website current and posting on Facebook; suggestions??
4. If there is someone who would like to chair this committee, I would be glad to step down; I feel I have neglected my responsibility to it this year, but would be willing to still be on the committee if needed.

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