

Montana Perinatal Association Annual Conference 2013

April 25-27, 2013

Chico Hot Springs Resort

Pray, MT

2013 Business Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

Cindy Wolverton welcomed everyone to the Montana Perinatal Association Annual Conference Business Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1232 on April 26, 2013 with 34 members present. A big thank you went out to all of the exhibitors and sponsors for this year's conference.

Minutes Reviewed

The minutes from the 2012 business meeting were available on the website for review. The minutes were approved unanimously without any changes by the members present.

Treasurer's Report

Due to Secretary/Treasurer April Fox's resignation from the Executive Committee no official treasurer's report was given. Janine Hester, Interim Secretary/Treasurer provided the following report to the membership:

Balance 1/31/13 \$26,151.25

No information was given regarding current conference expenses or a total of expenses from the 2012 conference. A motion passed unanimously to accept the interim treasurer's report.

Planning Committee

Cindy explained the process of planning the annual conference to the members including the fact that each year when a new sponsoring agency takes over that they essentially start from "scratch" with the planning. She discussed the executive board's decision to begin acting as the planning committee in conjunction with the sponsoring agency. A brief discussion was held and the membership agreed that this would be a good idea in the future. It will be the responsibility of the individual institution's planning committee to make arrangements for teleconference meetings with the Executive Board members.

Meeting Location

The 2014 MPA Annual Conference is scheduled for May 1-3, 2014 at Chico Hot Springs. Benefis Health System in Great Falls is the planning organization for the conference. A discussion was held regarding extending the conference, as was done this year, for a few more hours on either Thursday evening or Saturday after lunch in order to provide more CEUs for nurses attending the conference. Members were encouraged to offer

suggestions on their evaluation forms which will then be discussed by the planning committee for the 2014 conference.

Website Issues

The membership had no issues with the website. Terry will begin looking at a redesign for the site and mailing lists will be updated. If anyone has something they would like to post they need to submit it to the webmaster, Terry Bybee. His email will be posted on the website if there are questions or concerns.

Nominations for vacating positions

Cindy presented the nominated slate of officers and nominations were opened. Janine Hester was nominated as Secretary/Treasurer, Nola Vollmer was nominated for Vice President and Cheryl Miller and Vicki Birkeland were nominated for Members at Large. No additional nominations were made. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers. The motion passed unanimously by the members present. Congratulations!

The **Executive Committee members** are:

President: Cindy Wolverton, until 2014

Vice President: Nola Vollmer, until 2014

Secretary/Treasurer: Janine Hester, until 2015

Members at Large: Cheryl Miller, until 2015 and Vicki Birkeland, until 2015

Cindy asked for any additional items of business from the floor, and after having none presented, adjourned the meeting at 1250.

Respectfully submitted

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MPA Secretary/Treasurer