

# **Montana Perinatal Association Annual Conference 2009**

April 23-25, 2009  
Chico Hot Springs Resort  
Pray, MT

## **2009 Business Meeting Minutes**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Dr. Sarah Kenney welcomed everyone to the Montana Perinatal Association Annual Conference Business meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1240 on April 24, 2009 with 45 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 2008 business meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously without any changes by the members present.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Dr. Pat Sauer, Treasurer provided the following report to the membership:

Balance	April 2008	\$30,444.96
Interest	year 2008	\$398.02
Balance	3/31/2009	\$26,270.67

#### MPA Conference 2008

a) Expenses	\$12,424.88
b) Revenue	\$15,760.00

#### MPA Conference 2009

a) Expenses (4/23/09)	\$3,270.00
b) Income (4/23/09)	\$3500.00

Website (total)	\$850.75
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A motion passed unanimously to accept the treasurer's report as written.

### **Executive Board Positions**

After a discussion by the Executive Board at their meeting held on April 23, 2009, the idea of combining the positions of Secretary and Treasurer and eliminating the nominating committee were presented to the membership. Motions were made to

accept the changes as put forth and passed unanimously. As a result the Executive Board will consist of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer. In addition, the Executive Board will serve as the Nominating Committee in the future.

### **Nominations for vacating positions**

Dr. Sarah Kenney presented the nominated slate of officers and nominations were opened. After a brief discussion, Janine Hester was appointed as the new Secretary/Treasurer as she is currently serving as the association's secretary. We currently have 2 open positions for Members-at-Large. The people nominated for the positions are Elizabeth Gibson and Cindy Wolverton, both from Missoula. Elizabeth declined the nomination. The call for additional nominations from the floor was made and Terry Halls from Missoula was nominated. 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:** Dr. Sarah Kenney, until 2010

**Vice President:** Bobbi Bybee, until 2010

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Janine Hester, until 2010

**Members at Large:** Dr. Cynthia Edstrom, until 2010; Cindy Wolverton and Terry Halls, until 2011

### **Website Issues**

The membership present felt that any pertinent announcements of upcoming educational offerings or other related perinatal/neonatal topics should be posted on the website for review. 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. Having registration for the annual conference available online with use of a credit card was also discussed. Terry Bybee gathered cost data and presented it to the membership. It was decided that PayPal will be used and Terry will be responsible for setting this up so that it can be used for next year's conference. Members agreed that having a membership list available on the website would be helpful as long as it was associated with a generic password since the list would include the member's name, location, specialty area, and email address. The password will be set up by Terry and will change each May after the annual conference has been held. Each member that has a paid membership in MPA will receive the password via email. A discussion was held regarding who would be the contact person for the website. It was decided that the contact person for 2009 would be Janine Hester, who is also the

Secretary/Treasurer, since Benefis is responsible for planning the 2010 conference. In the future the contact person will be changed to someone from the planning committee from each site. The minutes of the Executive Board Meeting and the Annual Business Meeting will be posted on the website for the membership to review following the annual conference.

### **Newsletter**

A brief discussion was held regarding the annual newsletter. The decision was made to transition to using the website for the sharing of information about MPA, therefore there will be no more written newsletters.

### **Save the Date card and conference registration**

In order to save money and go green, a Save the Date card will be mailed out to the members for the 2010 conference but registration will not be mailed and will instead be available on the website. Members will have the option of registering online or printing out the form and mailing it. The members also agreed previously to have the mailing list available on line.

### **Meeting Location**

After a brief discussion the membership agreed to continue having our annual conference/meeting at Chico Hot Springs through 2017. Last year we increased our block of rooms to 70 in order to minimize the unavailability of rooms for those wanting to attend and there have been no reports of anyone having difficulty reserving a room this year. Members were also reminded about releasing any room they may have reserved if they are not able to attend so that it will be made available to others.

Dr. Sarah Kenney asked for any additional items of business from the floor, and after having none presented, adjourned the meeting at 1300.

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Hester MSN, MS, NNP-BC  
MPA Secretary/Treasurer