

PALM Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2015

In attendance:

(In Person) Christine Wieberdink (M), Lisa Byrd, Amy Leland, Lori Gibson (M), Jackie Kushner (M), Susan Smart (M), Nicole Lavalley, Sandy Glenn (M), Alex Wagner (M), Linda Weaver (M), Grace Hannon (M), Joelle Ceremy (M), Rhonda McLain (M), Gaylene Fox, Tom Chappell, Lesley Rathbun

(Online) Lisa Aman, Joanne Gotschall (M), Tavish Brinton (M), Adrienne Leeds (M)

(M) indicates Member in good standing for 2015.

- I. The meeting began at 1:45 p.m. with introductions/ roll call.
- II. No one had any suggestions/ additions/ changes to last month's minutes. Rhonda McLain motioned to approve and adopt the minutes into the official record. Jackie Kushner seconded the motion. All approved, the motion passed to approve and adopt the minutes from March's PALM meeting into the official record.
- III. We were joined by Tom Chappell, CNM. Susan Smart introduced him as the prospective nominee of the MAC and shared his resume with the group. Tom discussed his experience/ background and interest in joining the MAC.
- IV. Rhonda McLain made a motion the Joelle Ceremy act as parliamentarian for this meeting. Sandy Glenn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor of Joelle as parliamentarian.
- V. Rhonda McLain announced that via email vote, Lori Gibson was elected as PALM secretary.
- VI. Rhonda McLain reminded everyone who hasn't paid 2015 dues, that a \$25 late fee will be added as 2015 dues were due by March 31 as stated in the PALM by-laws. Those who have not paid 2015 dues cannot vote or make motions. Member statuses: Active LM \$150.00 (has voting/ officer privileges), Apprentice/ student \$75.00, Honorary Member \$0.00.
- VII. Susan Smart motioned to move website update until after the discussion of the proposed bill H3851. Lori seconded. All approved. Joelle asked that everyone take a look at the 2 website options and the midwife info questionnaire and get back to her ASAP. She posted them on the SC Midwives' Facebook page a week or 2 ago.
- VIII. Alex Wagner gave the treasurer's report: Nothing has changed since last month.
- IX. We were joined by Lesley Rathbun, CNM from Charleston Birth Place for discussion on the development and proposal of Bill H3851. This bill is supposed to be voted on by the House subcommittee on April 16, 2015.
 - A. Lesley suggested that all LMs reach out to the SC OB/GYN Society. Susan Smart made a motion for PALM to put forth a letter to SC OB/GYN society asking for information on how LMs/ birth centers can facilitate a consulting/ on call physician relationship. Christine Wieberdink added that we ask that they endorse the Home Birth Summit Best Practice Transfer Guidelines (<http://www.homebirthsummit.org/best-practice-transfer-guidelines/best-practice-t>

[ransfer-guidelines_endorsers/](#)). Motion passed unanimously, Lori said that she would draft the letter and email to members for review.

- B. Lori Gibson read Susan Jenkins' opinion regarding the proposed bill H3851. Nicole Lavalée read Katie Prown's point of view regarding the proposed bill H3851.
 - C. Christine Wieberdink made a motion for an email vote to all current members for PALM's position statement regarding the bill H3851. Lori seconded, all voted in favor. Lori will send an email to all current members of PALM. All replies sent back to Lori by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10 will be considered. A simple majority will decide what PALM's official stance will be. This official statement will then be sent to the House subcommittee for review at the meeting on April 16.
 - D. Amy Leland suggested some changes to the proposed bill. Sandy Glenn moved that we send these suggested changes to all PALM members with the email to add to the vote as an option for PALM's official stance. Christine Wieberdink seconded, all approved. Amy will send, to Lori, the document containing suggested changes.
- IX. Nicole Lavalée asked about the letter from the attorneys regarding the emergency measures letter to DHEC. Susan Smart asked that the letter be drafted and sent to PALM members prior to the MAC meeting in May. Rhonda McLain will speak with the attorneys and report back to the members.
- X. Rhonda McLain made a motion to table all other agenda items until the May PALM meeting. Susan Smart seconded the motion. All approved.

Joelle adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Gibson.