

National Association of Certified Professional Midwives

January 2006 Member Newsletter



Happy New Year! The NACPM Board wishes all of you a healthy and peaceful New Year. And we wish for great strides for midwifery in 2006!

Advanced Practice Workshop Proposal

The Board is currently developing a proposal to the MANA 2006 conference organizing committee for a day-long advanced practice workshop to be sponsored by NACPM on October 12, 2006 on the day before the MANA Conference in Baltimore. Offering advanced practice workshops has been a goal of NACPM since its inception, and we are excited about these plans.

The workshop proposal is being designed to match the goals of NACPM. The topic of the proposed workshop is Newborn Care. It will address clinical skills, scope of practice issues and reimbursement issues, all in the context of the Midwives Model of Care. The deadline for submitting proposals to the committee is January 30. We will let you know the details of the workshop as soon as we hear from the conference committee who must approve the proposal.

Watch for this news, and plan to attend the MANA 2006 Conference in Baltimore! Details about the conference can be found on the MANA.ORG website.

CPMs Make Good Public Policy!

The Board is in the process of developing a new brochure with the theme: CPMs Make Good Public Policy! NARM already has a beautiful and excellent brochure that describes who CPMs are. Our brochure is designed to demonstrate that CPMs provide needed solutions to problems in the current health care system, and will be useful in promoting CPMs to state legislators and regulators, insurance reimbursement companies and health care policy developers.



The concept for the brochure is that the health care system in the US is nearing a state of collapse, and that what is needed is a system that is sustainable, protects and provides primary care, and that is prevention-based to promote healthy living. There are a number of governmental and policy-making bodies that have spelled out the reforms that are needed and CPMs fill the bill every time. This brochure will describe exactly how CPMs are an important answer to the ills of the current maternity care system in the US. It will be available to CPMs for use in their efforts to address practice issues at the state level, and to use to promote CPMs to national health care policy developers.

The Board brought these ideas and a poster board mock-up of the brochure concept for the NACPM table in the exhibit hall at the MANA Conference and got much positive feedback. We plan to have a finished professional brochure within a few months.

Students for NACPM/Friends for NACPM

We are pleased to announce that NACPM, in responding to requests, now has two new non-voting groups for supporters to join: Friends for NACPM and Students for NACPM! Either of these groups can be joined by downloading the enrollment form from the website at nacpm.net. Current students are the future members and leaders of NACPM. We encourage all CPMs to introduce their students to NACPM so that they can begin their involvement in their future professional organization. And we welcome all to join our new Friends group.

There is already exciting new interest in the Students for NACPM. Packets are being developed for preceptors and schools to give to their students. A suggestion has come from students that the NACPM website serve as a place to publish student research papers, and this idea is being developed. We look forward to an active student association.

NACPM at MANA 2005

MANA 2005 at the end of October in Boulder, Colorado was a wonderful conference and NACPM had a strong presence there. On the Wednesday before the conference, the NACPM Board participated in a meeting with our sister



boards where each board gave an update of their activities and work. During the conference, NACPM had a booth in the exhibit hall where we had the opportunity to speak to many NACPM members and others about the work and potential of NACPM. The booth was dressed up with our brand new banner, which we also took to a rally for midwifery in the center of Boulder. The Third Annual NACPM Membership Meeting was held during the conference and the NACPM Board gave an update of the past year's

activities and discussed with those attending the strategies and goals for the next year.

NACPM Website

Much work has been done in the past few months on the NACPM website to create a valuable and useful tool for our members. All membership information and forms are downloadable as are the Essential Documents including Standards of Practice. Soon you will be able to use Pay Pal to join NACPM as a member or supporter. News is updated regularly on the site. For example, a NACPM Press Release for the publication of the CPM 2000 Study in the British Medical Journal was posted for your use in publicizing this landmark study to your local media. New links have been added. For example, we are encouraging NACPM members to join MANA's Division of Research on-line data collection project by providing a direct link from nacpm.net to the application form. We invite you to explore the NACPM site and to send your ideas to lawcing@sover.net.

Membership

We thank our outgoing chairperson, Adrian Feldhusen, and we welcome our new membership chairperson Holly Arends from Maine! The new address to send memberships to is

**Holly Arends, CPM
NACPM Membership Chair
P.O. Box 875
Bath, Maine 04530**

This address will soon be posted on our website and added to the membership form that can be downloaded from the website. However, memberships sent to Adrian Feldhusen and Mary Lawlor will continue to reach us during this transition period.

The board is working to streamline and improve the membership process. Each new or renewing member will be receiving a letter of acknowledgement and a membership card. If you are a member, you have received by e-mail a reminder letting you know when your membership expires and inviting your renewal.

Please rejoin NACPM when your membership expires: your continued support is greatly appreciated and is crucial to the work of NACPM!

State Chapters

We have received requests from Virginia and Maine to have NACPM state chapters to serve the CPMs in individual states. The Board is investigating how this can work and will have news for you soon about state chapters. If midwives from other states are interested, please let us know.

Contact us!

Please send us your ideas! Our new toll free number is **866-704-9844**. E-mail us at lawcing@sover.net. Send news and ideas to each other via the member to member e-group list: [NACPM Member to Member@yahoo.com](mailto:NACPM_Member_to_Member@yahoo.com).

