



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2017 Board Call beginning at 12 noon

Present: Lori Nester (Chair, R3 Rep), Ann Davis (secretary), Jennifer Foster (OLCA Rep), Stephanie Carroll (Treasurer, R7 Rep), Mary Burton (R6 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep).

Not Present: Terri Rutz (R1 Rep), Sylvia Ellison (R2 Rep), Jill Davis (R4 Rep).

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the January 11 2017 board call were accepted with no changes, and will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Stephanie and Jennifer are still conducting a review of accounts and composing a financial statement and will report to the board in the future. Jennifer and Stephanie also flagged concerns about falling membership and revenue.

Elections: Ann shared the website electionrunner.com as a potential resource for conducting elections under the new bylaws this year. A proposed schedule was to accept nominations in March and hold elections in April, so that the Leadership Board can hold Executive Committee elections in May and seat new officers. It was proposed that accepted nominations need to be presented to the membership by mid-March, to allow a 6 week time period before elections would close at the end of April, at a General Member Meeting to be held April 28th, where elections would conclude with any ballots cast in person at the meeting. It was noted that representatives for Regions 4 and 6 are likely up for election.

A motion was proposed by Lori to formally organize the nominating committee with the vice chair as a permanent member. Jennifer seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously.

Mary asked to have the member list as a resource to contact membership for nominations, and this will be forwarded to the board by Ann.

OBA participation in the Ban the Bags recognition program offered by Ohio First Steps was discussed. It is expected that calls to survey institutions about their gift bag policy will take place sometime before the OLCA Breastfest conference in mid-March. Fewer calls will need to be made in this survey. The survey will also include new language to exclude all advertising for products covered by the WHO Code.

Fundraising possibilities were discussed, including researching grant opportunities and fundraising through sales. Lori will discuss the legal ramifications of sales with the ONU intern during a meeting in March.

OBA will have an exhibit table at Breastfest. Lori encourage regional reps to invite local and regional coalitions to bring materials to put on the OBA table. Jennifer is doing a presentation at Breastfest about OBA.

The possibility of working with Ohio Department of Health on a childcare task force to promote education and information about supporting breastfeeding in childcare settings. Libby asked for further information about what is needed for such a group and how she can recruit local supporters in her region (5) to participate.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on March 7, 2017.