



## **Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health***

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Meeting Minutes for May 12, 2014, Board Conference Call, beginning at 12 pm

Present: Ann Davis (secretary), Lori Nester (R3 Rep), Mary Burton (R6 Rep), Jennifer Foster (Treasurer).  
Excused: Sylvia Ellison (chair), Terri Hazen (R5 Rep), Terri Rutz (R1 Rep).  
Not Present: Pam Edenfield (R6 Alternate).

Lori was deputized as chair by Sylvia for the purpose of conducting this meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the April 14 Board Call were tabled because of the lack of a quorum of those who had attended the call and were able to testify to the accuracy of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Jennifer submitted the treasurer's report via email, which is attached to this document. Current balance is \$4202.74.

Project Reports: Not on agenda. Lori had no new items to submit for the Capacity Building project. Lori is wrapping up the current work with the ONU law clinic intern and get a report from her for our use. Ann noted for the Board that Karen Gromada has resigned from the Bylaws Committee. This means that the remaining members of the Bylaws Committee, Ann and Mary, have already reviewed the draft Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation, so the full Board may take the drafts up for consideration of further action. The Board needs to decide to recommend or not recommend the drafts to the membership for approval. Lori will be finding out more about Capacity Building support from USBC after she talks to Kinkini this coming week.

Appointment of R4 Representative: A candidate for Representative of OBA Region 4 had been presented at the March General Meeting. There is currently no functioning coalition in R4 able to appoint or elect a representative. Following OBA Bylaws Section 5.8, a motion was proposed by Jennifer to appoint the candidate, Jill Davis, as OBA Region 4 Representative. The motion was seconded by Ann. The OBA Board voted unanimously to appoint Jill Davis as Region 4 Representative effective immediately. Ann will contact Jill to inform her of the appointment and validate her acceptance.

Future Meetings: The Board agreed to hold a meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, from 12-3 pm, in Columbus. The purpose of the meeting will be to hold Board orientation sessions for new and old Board members, and to hold a meeting of the Board on any current business. The location proposed is Moxie's, 3468 N High St., Columbus, OH.

Mary Burton was unsure of her ability to attend pending notification if she needed to chaperone a field trip for her child, but she will work to submit a revision of the membership form before the meeting for consideration. Ann will send membership lists to all regional representatives. Lori and Ann will work together for planning the orientation session.

Election of Executive Committee: Per the action of the April 14 Board Meeting, the following nominations were presented for election:

Nominated for Chair: Lori Nester

Nominated for Treasurer: Jennifer Foster

Nominated for Secretary: Ann Davis

A motion was proposed by Jennifer to vote on the nominations as one slate instead of separately. The motion was seconded by Mary and passed unanimously. Lori acting as chair called for the vote on the slate. The nominated candidates were elected unanimously as a slate to their respective positions. Their terms will commence immediately.

The Board wishes to express its appreciation to Sylvia for serving as chair for the past year; we all appreciate her taking on the job and moving OBA forward in the past year.

Jennifer reported on the Ohio Chronic Disease Collaborative project. She will be attending a meeting of the Collaborative on May 30<sup>th</sup> prior to the OBA Board Meeting. Jennifer spoke with Lydia Firman, who co-team leads the breastfeeding objective committee, with whom she will be meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup>, along with ODH and Ohio Hospital Association in order to determine the next steps for implementing the objective. Collecting better information through birth certificate records is a strategy that is already being implemented. OHA has a two-phase project this year to help improve infant mortality; the second phase includes developing a state-wide program to recognize hospitals who meet Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiatives, either an award for meeting part of BFHI, or other motivations for hospitals to advance BFHI. Another initiative was to work with ODH and their award program to recognize businesses that provide lactation support to employees. Jennifer will have more information on May 30<sup>th</sup>. No funding is involved, but OBA may be able to do no-cost, low-cost actions to promote the breastfeeding objective in the Chronic Disease Prevention Collaborative. Jennifer will forward a badge that can be put on our website to Ann. Jennifer is putting together information for the Perinatal Network and will also share that presentation with OBA.

Mary asked about attendance and OBA support for the USBC Annual Meeting in August, and it was agreed that this needs to be determined at the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, so that attendees can plan and register for the event as soon as possible. OBA can send up to two delegates to the Annual Meeting. It was mentioned that ODH can send a representative separately, so their attendance does not impact OBA sending up to two people. Whether funding for attending the Meeting can be funded from Capacity Building funds is a question that was raised. Mary called attention to USBC guidelines on their website for coalition to determine how to send representatives. Registration begins in the first week in June.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was called for by Lori, proposed by Mary, and seconded by Jennifer. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary

May 16, 2014

**Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance  
Treasurer's Report April 2014**

Beginning Balance \$4193.33

Expenses-none

Income

- Dues: \$9.41
- Total \$9.41

Ending Balance \$4202.74

(note: \$1088.54 OBA Funds, remainder USBC Subcontract

(note: no bank fees this month as first full month all electronic statements)

Submitted by: Jennifer Foster, BSN, RN, IBCLC  
Treasurer