



Ohio Breastfeeding Alliance – *Human Milk for Human Health*

Leadership Board Call Minutes for May 8, 2019, 12 noon

Present: Jennifer Foster (Chair, OLCA Rep), presiding, Mary Burton (Vice Chair, R6 Rep), Lori Nester (Treasurer, R3 Rep), Ann Davis (LLLOH Rep, Secretary), Michelle Catersino, (R4 Rep), Laura Knisley (R1 Rep), Andrea Schlueter (R2 Rep), Libby Svoboda (R5 Rep), Stephanie Carroll (ABN Rep).
Not Present: Misha Trescott (R7 Rep).

Approval of Minutes: The draft of the April 10 2019 minutes was accepted by consensus.

Treasurer Report: Lori is finishing up accounting from the Breastfeeding Disparities conference. Expenses were paid to USBC for registration for Andrea to attend the USBC NBCC in June.

Current Business:

Results of Leadership Board Elections: Leadership Board elections for Regional Representatives for Regions 1 and 3, were closed on April 30th. The candidates, who were unopposed, were seated in their respective positions: Laura Knisley was elected Regional Representative for Region 1, and Lori Nester was elected Regional Representative for Region 3.

Executive Committee Elections: Nominations were requested and received for Executive Committee positions. Nominations received were: Ann Davis for secretary, Lori Nester for treasurer, Jennifer Foster for chair, Mary Burton for Vice Chair. Jennifer stated that she is willing to serve for one more year as chair, but will not be looking to be chair after this year. Jennifer asked if anyone would want to serve as vice chair as a learning position to step into chair. The only current requirements for vice chair are to serve as head of the nominating committee. Ann and Jennifer encouraged the board to consider that rotations in leadership are beneficial to the organization.

The nominations were grouped as a slate for election. The board voted on the entire slate together, and the nominations were accepted, and the slate of officers unanimously elected to their respective positions. The new Executive Committee is in place as of the next meeting.

USBC Membership: OBA has been accepted as a Member Organization of USBC. Ann attended the member training online, and Andrea will attend a future one. OBA Representatives to USBC are Ann Davis, Andrea Schlueter, and Mary Burton.

USBC NBCC attendance: The board approved additional funding of \$300 to support attendance at the conference for attendees with need.

Annual Meeting: The next General Meeting is scheduled tentatively for June 26, 2019, at 12 noon, as a virtual meeting only. Ann and Lori will research being able to have an effective virtual board meeting and webinar.

Chocolate Milk Screening: Lori sent in a request for a screening of the Chocolate Milk movie, and is looking for venues and gatherings where it can be viewed.

Committee Task Force Reports

Childcare (Ann): No news to report, as we are between calls right now. Another call is happening on May 20 2019. Ann will bring in news from that meeting. Jennifer noted that there are shake-ups and transitions going on within ODH due to the new governor's administration changes, but Bre feels this project will continue. More news on this to come.

First Steps (Jennifer): No new report

Nursing In Public (Ann): No new report

Follow-Up: Libby reported on feedback she received from Baby Friendly USA, on revising the ODH breastfeeding booklet, which she found very helpful. She is waiting to hear back from ODH about including those revisions.

Regional Reports/Local Coalitions/ Members at Large: none were given this meeting.

Region 1:

Region 2: Andrea initiated discussion about a poster from ODH, Ohio First Steps and others, that has an image with a really bad latch, and asked if that could be revised. Jennifer reported that she served on this committee, as well as Laura, and images were not available. They were lobbying for an image of a mom and baby laying down nursing, but were unable to come up with a reasonable image. Andrea shared that she is a photographer and could possibly help with obtaining an image. Any image of laying-down nursing must reflect safe sleep bed conditions, images are difficult to get agreement with ODH. Jennifer and Laura reported how the image used was a victory just to get a poster that reflected possible co-sleeping arrangements.

Region 3:

Region 4:

Region 5:

Region 6:

Region 7:

LLL Ohio:

OLCA: Next meeting June 8 & 9, 2019 for board transition. September and November meetings will offer CERPS. Planning for March conference has started. Tentative dates March 27-28, 2020.

ABN: Stephanie submitted this report for ABN:

- Hotline - No funding currently. In conversation with a DME in order to gain some money - we decided to look at commercial interest (all WHO code compliant) in order to raise more money. I hope to have this up soon (in May - stay tuned).
- Hospital Education Initiative - hospital in TN and OH both want to pilot. We are in the stage of applying for long term providership for this. Available to do pilots anywhere - does not have to be hospital.
- Webinars - We completed our 2nd webinar last week. Robert Lee talked to us about fatherhood and breastfeeding. It is still available as a recording and is free.
- Other webinars coming up are on our website (one on May 7 and one on May 8 - BOTH are being rescheduled for August), cost is \$15 CERP has been applied for (not approved yet).

- Fundraising - Discuss what would be fun to attend in your area. Prom doing well in Ohio but we only want to do one prom per year. Talking about tea with princess/princess ball to be more family friendly. Shirts are available on our website for \$20. AmazonSmile link is on our website (percentage of each sale goes to us). Facebook donations encouraged (birthday fundraisers are popular).
- Conference - This year in Kingsport, TN - October 11-12, 2019 - first 2 day conference. Conference brochures are available at request (we already gave out 750 - ordered 1000 more). All info is on website. Topic is ethics and hot topics - supporting lactation in the modern world. emphasis is on inclusion and diversity.
- ACCL training (Advanced Clinical Concepts in Lactation) was held in Gallipolis, OH April 23-25. 20 participants. Are you interested in having this in Charleston? We would be happy to go ANYWHERE. Cost is \$435 for 3 days. 21 CERPs. No exam. Lots of discussion. Lots of hand on training. Updated info every single year. Top and newest research.
- Stephanie spoke for GOLD lactation on barriers to breastfeeding in Appalachia in April - it is recorded and available.
- Stephanie is speaking for USLCA in May on Appalachian women. Stephanie is nominated for an award to be announced during this conference.
- Joni is speaking for USBC on Appalachian cultural power codes. Stephanie is chairing this conference. Many ABN members attending. Kate Tuttle will be receiving the cultural changemaker award for her work with ABN.
- Stephanie and Joni are both speaking for ILCA in July on Appalachia/domestic violence.

The meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Davis, Secretary, on August 13, 2019.