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| **MEAC Member School** **Annual Meeting** | **Date:** **October 30, 2012** |
| **Time Convened: 12:02pm EDT****Time Adjourned:****2:00 p.m. EDT** |
| **Type of Meeting: Teleconference** |
| **Attendees:** | Member School Representatives: Birthwise Midwifery School - Jackie Lamberto; Bastyr University Department of Midwifery - Suzy Meyers, Mary Yglesia; Birthingway College of Midwifery - Julia Reid, Nichole Reding; Florida School of Traditional Midwifery - Stacy Walden; Midwives College of Utah - Crystal Grimes; Kristi Ridd-Young; Maternidad La Luz - Deb Kaley; National College of Midwifery - Jenny West; Nizhoni Institute of Midwifery - Marla Hicks, Geri Ryan; MEAC Board of Directors: Kristi Ridd-Young; Mary Yglesia; Jeanne Madrid; Andrea Ferroni; Staff: Sandra Bitonti Stewart; Nasima Pfaffl; Jessica Kelly-Shaieb; Jo Anne Myers-Ciecko |
| **Absent:** | Representatives from National Midwifery Institute |
| **Notes taken by:** | Jessica Kelly-Shaieb |
| ***Minutes*** |
| **Agenda Item:**  | **MEAC Board and Staff Reports** | **Presenter:**  | Kristi Ridd-Young; Mary Yglesia; Sandra Bitonti Stewart |
| **Documents:** | 2012\_06\_30 Balance Sheet; Strategic Plan 2012-2014\_Final for Member School Meeting; 2012-10 MEAC BOD and Staff Directory |
| **Discussion:**  | Kristi introduces new MEAC BOD members, Henci Goer and Nichole Reding, and new officers, Kristi Ridd-Young as President, Heidi Fillmore as Vice President, along with returning officers, Mary Ygelsia as Treasurer and Kathryn Montgomery as Secretary.Mary presents the MEAC financial report and reviews balance sheet provided to members, highlighting restricted funds, unrestricted funds, and income.Kristi presents the 2012-2014 Strategic Plan. Reviews three major goals: 1. promote excellence in midwifery care;
2. strengthen organizational effectiveness of MEAC; and
3. assert the value of accreditation in midwifery education.

Call for comments and questions about the strategic plan. Sandra announces upcoming MEAC staff changes, including the search for new Accreditation Coordinator from a strong pool of candidates. |

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| **Agenda Item:**  | **Accreditation Activity** | **Presenter:**  | Nasima Pfaffl; Sandra Bitonti Stewart |
| **Documents:** | Member Meeting\_Sch Status\_2012\_10\_23; CEU Income Activity Report\_2012-09 |
| **Discussion:**  | Nasima presents the School Status Report and highlights the reaccreditation of Nizhoni Institute of Midwifery, the application for initial accreditation by Aviva College, and the upcoming reaccreditation cycles of several schools. She notes that there are also interim reports in process.Call for questions regarding the school status report. Sandra presents the Continuing Education report on behalf of the CEU Coordinator, Anana Integre. Notes that income from CEU activity is up. |

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| **Agenda Item:**  | **U.S. Department of Education Recognition** | **Presenter:**  | Sandra Bitonti Stewart |
| **Documents:** |  |
| **Discussion:**  | Sandra describes the activity over the past few years to meet requirements of USDE. Evidence of MEAC’s compliance was submitted in March 2012 and USDE has allowed MEAC’s compliance report to be put on the NACIQI consent agenda in fall 2012 because of the hard work in accurately meeting the requirements. |

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| **Agenda Item:**  | **Standards for Accreditation** | **Presenter:**  | Kristi Ridd-Young |
| **Documents:** | 2012-10\_Standard Revision Timeline |
| **Discussion:**  | Kristi presents the timeline for the MEAC Standards Revision work but notes that the corrected deadline for public announcement of new standards is June 2013. Encourages members to review the member feedback survey when it is released in early January and then join MEAC in a teleconference on January 10, 2013, 12:00pm EST. This meeting will inform respondents as they prepare to fill out the survey. All input is expected by February 4, 2013.Debra Kaley asks when schools will need to incorporate new MEAC standards. Answer: compliance depends on the length of the program; programs that are three years in length or longer have 2 years to come into compliance; programs that are 2 years in length or shorter have 18 months to come into compliance, per USDE regulations. Suzy Myers asks which MEAC BOD members are on standards revision workgroup. Answer: Holly Scholles, Kristi Ridd-Young, Kathryn Montgomery, Sandra Bitonti Stewart work on standards. Heidi Fillmore-Patrick, Jeanne Madrid, Andrea Ferroni, Sheila Simms-Watson, Nichole Reding and Sandra Bitonti Stewart work on the competency and curriculum.Call for additional questions and comments. |

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| **Agenda Item:**  | **CPM Requirements** | **Presenter:**  | Jo Anne Myers-Ciecko |
| **Documents:** |  |
| **Discussion:**  | Jo Anne reviews MEAC’s communication with NARM regarding requirements for graduates of MEAC-accredited schools. Schools entering MEAC accreditation cycles soon will report their compliance within their SERs. Schools not entering MEAC accreditation cycles will have supplemental reports due. The template for providing documentation that schools are in compliance with the new NARM eligibility requirements will be available in January 2013.Patience from schools is appreciated while MEAC continues to negotiate the requirements for MEAC-accredited schools set forth by NARM.Call for questions and comments from members.Stacy Walden asks whether Continuity of Care requirements will be effective immediately. Answer: No, all requirements will be effective for students who enroll in MEAC-accredited schools after January 1, 2013. |

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| **Agenda Item:**  | **Midwifery Profession Relationships** | **Presenter:**  | Mary Yglesia; Jo Anne Myers-Ciecko |
| **Documents:** | 2012 AME Report; ACCAHC ICECIM (2) |
| **Discussion:**  | Mary presents AME report. She encourages members to contribute to future newsletters.Jo Anne presents a report on her work, including the MAMA Campaign (there are now 28 sponsors), ICM Collaboration (and US-MERA), and ACCAHC Report using joinme.com. |

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| **Agenda Item:**  | **MEAC Bylaws** | **Presenter:**  | Sandra Bitonti Stewart |
| **Documents:** |  |
| **Discussion:**  | Discussion was tabled. |