

MEAC Member Schools Meeting	Date: 09/12/18						
	Time Convened: 12:00 PM EDT						
	Time Adjourned: 12:50 PM EDT						
Type of Meeting: conference call							
Attendees Present							
MEAC Member Schools							
Bastyr Department of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marissa Ohoyo, Program Supervisor 							
Birthingway College of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nichole Reding, Academic Coordinator; Holly Scholles, President; Tiffany Taylor, Administrative Programs Coordinator 							
Birthwise Midwifery School							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heidi Fillmore, Executive Director 							
Florida School of Traditional Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan Nelson, Executive Director; Rachel Hargy, Regulatory Affairs and Financial Aid Director 							
Maternidad La Luz							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative present. 							
Mercy in Action College of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristen Benoit, Academic Director; Vicki Penwell, Executive Director 							
Midwives College of Utah							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kristi Ridd-Young, President; Courtney Everson, Dean of Graduate Studies; Megan Koontz, Academic Dean of Undergraduate Studies 							
National College of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cassaundra Jah, Chief Development Officer 							
National Midwifery Institute							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative present. 							
Nizhoni Institute of Midwifery							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Claudia Breglia, Executive Director 							
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No representative present. 							
MEAC Board Members							
Mariana Cerqueira	No	Karen Ehrlich	No	Courtney Everson	Yes	Heidi Fillmore	Yes
Aimee Eden	No	Henci Goer	No	Rachel Hargy	Yes	Cassaundra Jah	Yes
Maya Johnson	No	Melissa Mayo	No	Safiya McCarter	No	Kristi Ridd-Young	Yes
MEAC Administrative Staff							
Rachael Bommarito	Yes	Amari Fauna	Yes	Trixi Packmohr	No	Timberly Robinson	No
Guests							
Sharon Wells, Director of Education at the College of Traditional Midwifery							
Notes taken by: Amari Fauna							

Minutes

Agenda Item:	New Board Members Announcement	Presenter:	Kristi Ridd-Young
Documents:	None		
Discussion:	<p>Kristi Ridd-Young introduces and welcomes new Board members Aimee Eden, Andrea Johnson, and Mariana Cerqueira.</p> <p>Kristi also thanks current Board member Henci Goer for six years of</p>		

volunteering on the MEAC Board. Her term ends in October.		
Conclusions:		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
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Change to P+P ? No	Change to Handbook? No	Notify public or schools? Already completed.

Agenda Item:	Bylaw Changes	Presenter:	Kristi Ridd-Young
Documents:			
Discussion:	<p>Kristi Ridd-Young introduces the proposed bylaw change to specify the Vice President of Accreditation position, qualifications, and responsibilities.</p> <p>Kristi also introduces the proposed bylaw change to specify the President-Elect as an Officer of MEAC and the Board, how the President-Elect is elected, responsibilities, and role in succession.</p> <p>Holly Scholles, BCM, asks if the VP of Accreditation is also an Officer. Kristi confirms that the position is a Board Member and a member of the Executive Committee (an Officer position). An appointment as VP of Accreditation, for anyone not currently a Board Member, will also effectively be an appointment to the MEAC Board. This clarification will need to be made in the Bylaw Change.</p>		
Conclusions:	<p>Susan Nelson, FSTM, moves to accept the Bylaw proposal with changes as noted. Megan Koontz, MCU, seconds.</p> <p>Abstains: none. Opposes: none. Motion passes.</p>		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
✓ Clarify Bylaw language around the Vice President of Accreditation specifying that the position is an Officer position as well as a Board member position.			
Change to P+P ? No	Change to Handbook? Yes	Notify public or schools? Yes	

Agenda Item:	MEAC Committee Vacancies	Presenter:	Cassandra Jah
Documents:			
Discussion:	<p>Cassandra Jah gives an overview of three standing committees, what each committee does, and the time commitment for each: Finance, Policy and Procedures, and Nominations.</p> <p>Kristi Ridd-Young encourages participants to get involved. Interested candidates can send a letter of interest and resume to info@meacschools.org with the subject heading "Committee Vacancies (Committee Name)."</p>		
Conclusions:			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
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Change to P+P ? No	Change to Handbook? No	Notify public or schools? Already completed.
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Agenda Item: Questions and Answers	Presenter: Kristi Ridd-Young
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Documents:

Discussion: Kristi Ridd-Young notes that there used to be informal meetings that occurred between specific positions at schools: Presidents, Academic Coordinators/Deans, etc. These meetings occurred outside of MEAC. Kristi asked if there is interest in restarting these meetings. Susan Nelson, Vicki Penwell, Nichole Reding, and Claudia Breglia, Sharon Wells express interest. If this is something that MAST cannot organize, Kristi Ridd-Young volunteers to organize calls for school Presidents/Directors. Megan Koontz volunteers to organize calls for the Academic Coordinators/Deans. MEAC will follow-up with member schools accordingly.

Nichole Reding, BCM, asks if there can be group calls among MEAC Accreditation Review Committee members as well to foster connection and support. Amari Fauna, MEAC Accreditation Coordinator, will add it to the Accreditation Coordinators’ agenda for consideration and scheduling.

Kristi Ridd-Young announces that there will be a gathering for MEAC schools at the MANA Conference in October. More information will be sent shortly. Please stop by and say hi if you’ll be there

The floor was open for other notices or sharing of events from member schools.

Cassandra Jah, NCM, shares that NCM has just begun the reaccreditation process.

Kristi Ridd-Young, MCU, shares that as MCU began the reaccreditation process earlier this year, she appreciated the MEAC Staff notice of missing pieces and the method for ensuring all pieces were complete.

Heidi Fillmore, MEAC Vice President of Accreditation, shares an update on the MEAC Standards revision currently underway. A draft copy of the changes will be sent to the schools for feedback and revision before the Board votes to adopt.

Conclusions:

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Change to P+P ? No	Change to Handbook? No	Notify public or schools? No
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