

**Canadian Association of Midwives
Association canadienne des sages-femmes**

Annual General Meeting – DRAFT Minutes

**Thursday, October 18, 2019
Hilton Lac Lemay
Gatineau, Quebec**

Present: 95 (12 members online) (*see attendance list*)

1. Welcome

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members is called to order by Chair Katrina Kilroy, CAM/ACSF President at 8:10 am EDT.

2. Attendance and Verification of Quorum

107 members are present at the meeting of members representing at least two thirds of the member associations. *Quorum reached.*

Attendance of midwives from partner associations

2018-20-AGM: MOTION to allow external members to join the 2018 AGM by Betty Anne Daviss, seconded by Kim Campbell. <i>MOTION passed.</i>
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3. Adoption of the 2018 AGM agenda

2018-21-AGM: MOTION to adopt the 2018 AGM agenda by Martha Aitken, seconded by Kim Campbell. <i>MOTION passed.</i>
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4. Adoption of 2017 AGM Minutes

2018-22-AGM: MOTION to adopt the 2017 AGM minutes by Nicole Bennet, seconded by Ester Willms. <i>MOTION passed.</i>

5. Presentation of the 2017-2018 Annual Report

5.1. Report from provinces and territories (CAM/ACSF Board of Directors)

Refer to Annual Report 2017-2018

Presentation of 2017/18 CAM/ACSF Board members:

Executive Members

President Elect: Nathalie Pambrun

Vice President: Alix Bacon

Treasurer: Sara Wolfe

Secretary: Jane Erdman

Board of Directors representing Member Associations

- Co-Chair of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives: Carol Couchie & Claire Dion Fletcher
- President of the Alberta Association of Midwives, de l'Alberta: Nicole Matheson
- President of the Midwives Association of British Columbia, de la Colombie-Britannique: Jody Medernach
- Présidente de l'Association des sages-femmes du Manitoba, from Manitoba: Sarah Davis
- Présidente de l'Association des sages-femmes du Nouveau-Brunswick, from New Brunswick : Kate Le Blanc
- President of the Association of Newfoundland & Labrador Midwives, du Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador: Ann Noseworthy

- Board member of the Midwives Association of the North-West Territories, du Territoires du Nord-Ouest: Heather Heinrichs
- President of the Association of Midwives of Nova-Scotia, de la Nouvelle Écosse: Kelly Chisholm
- President of the Association of Ontario Midwives, de l'Ontario: Elizabeth Brandeis
- Présidente du Regroupement les sages-femmes du Québec, from Québec : Mounia Amine
- Midwives Association of Saskatchewan, de la Saskatchewan: Jessica Bailey
- President of Community Midwives Association of the Yukon: Kathleen Cranfield (not present)
- Student representative, représentante des étudiants: Trish Langley Frempong

There are currently no representatives for Nunavut or Prince Edward Island / Île-du-Prince-Édouard on the CAM Board.

5.2. Report from the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM co- Chairs)

NACM report is presented by co-Chairs Carol Couchie

Refer to NACM report in Annual Report 2017-2018

5.3. CAM/ACSF Strategic Directions Report (CAM/ACSF ED Tonia Occhionero)

Refer to Annual Report 2017-2018

6. Report of the *International Confederation of Midwives (ICM representative for the Americas Emmanuelle Hébert)*

Items highlighted in the ICM Report:

- ICM core competencies
- New website to be release soon.

7. Review of Audited Accounts (CAM/ACSF Treasurer Sara Wolfe)

Review of Financial Statements 2017 (refer to CAM/ACSF Financial Statements 2017).

8. Appointment of Auditor (CAM/ACSF Treasurer)

2018-23-AGM: MOTION to appoint Patricia McNiven as Auditor by Kim Campbell, seconded by Celine Lemay. MOTION passed.

9. Member Resolutions

9.1.Resolution: AGM2018_001 Honouring Midwives- Proposed by: Rebecca Wood, RM, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Background: It is important to honour each other in life and in death. This summer we lost a beloved friend and midwife, Tracey Novoselnik.

Recommendations Whereas CAM has not had an official forum to honour midwives who have passed on from this life;

MOTION Rebecca Wood, seconded by Carol Cameron:

Be it resolved that CAM provide a forum for honouring the lives and grieving the loss of our colleagues. This may include a moment of silence at our annual meeting, a time of reflection or a shared story. Member Associations will be invited to identifying people to be honoured.

Expected implications: Respect and shared inspiration from the life of a midwife who is now deeply mourned.

Discussion: Suggestions from the floor:

- Suggested to have obituary on CAM website.
- Suggest we look at honouring also in life
- Difference to read than to hear about a member
- To consider: How do we make sure no one is missed?
- Retire and leave practice

- List of members CCM (original Canadian organization)
- Put out to members and associations
- Put responsibility on members and individuals rather than on CAM

2018-24-AGM: MOTION by Sara Davis to change wording to include the wording member associations and individual CAM members, seconded by Sarilyn Zimmerman. *MOTION passed.*

9.2.Resolution: AGM2018_002 CAM Statements to Update and Create- Proposed by:
Rebecca Wood, RM, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Background: CAM represents midwives across Canada. Midwives are experts in informed choice decision-making, person-centered care, and evidence-informed practice. At a recent meeting with Midwife SOGC Associate members, we discussed the need for a strong midwifery voice on some key topics in which midwives have expertise:

- homebirth
- waterbirth
- harm reduction.

Recommendations:

Whereas midwives are experts in homebirth and waterbirth and; Whereas midwives are experts in person-centred care and informed choice; Be it resolved that: • CAM update our homebirth statement • CAM write a statement on waterbirth • CAM write a statement on harm-reduction with cannabis use Expected implications: Midwifery recognized as a leader in these topics with an approach that is person-centered, based on informed choice decisions, and evidence-informed.

2018-25-AGM: MOTION to amend by Betty Anne Daviss to add Breech Birth to list of statements, seconded by Kim Campbell.

MOTION Opposed by Rebecca Wood.

Discussion:

- not part of midwifery scope of practice
- Not part of our expertise in agreements
- To consider other ways Breech Birth can be supported- serious issue that needs to be addressed.
- Amendment withdrawn by Betty Anne Daviss

2018-26-AGM MOTION to amend by Sarilyn Zimmerman, seconded by Madeline Clin to change wording to harm reduction for substance use rather than cannabis use.

Discussion:

- Don't think midwives are experts in harm reduction.
- Cannabis statement with principle of harm reduction is timely
- SOGC has statement that is based
- Require statement that is person centred-gives room to people to make choices.

Vote on harm reduction amendment:

YES-84

NO-10

Abstension=1

MOTION passed.

10. Other business

11. Announcement of 2019 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the members and annual CAM Conference will be held in Halifax, NS from October 23 to 25, 2018.

12. Adjournment

2018-27-AGM MOTION to adjourn the 2018 CAM/ACSF Annual General Meeting by Monia Amine, seconded by Ann Noseworthy. *MOTION passed.*