

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

Annual General Meeting – DRAFT Minutes

**Thursday, October 18, 2018
Hilton Lac Lemay
Gatineau, Quebec**

Present: 95 members (12 members online - videoconference) (*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 ET.

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.*

Chair requests approval of external partners (leadership from partner midwifery associations) observance of CAM's AGM.

2018-20-AGM: MOTION to allow external partners to observe the 2018 AGM. Moved by Betty Anne Daviss, seconded by Kim Campbell. *MOTION passed.*

3. Adoption of the 2018 AGM agenda

2018-21-AGM: MOTION to adopt the 2018 AGM agenda by Martha Aitken, seconded by Kim Campbell. *MOTION passed.*

4. Adoption of 2017 AGM Minutes

2018-22-AGM: MOTION to adopt the 2017 AGM minutes by Nicole Bennett, seconded by Esther Willms. *MOTION passed.*

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-Chairs 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 report is presented by co-Chair Carol Couchie
Refer to NACM report in Annual Report 2017-2018

5.3. CAM/ACSF Strategic Directions Report

CAM/ACSF report is presented by Chair Katrina Kilroy and CAM Executive Director Tonia Occhionero
Refer to Annual Report 2017-2018

6. Report of the International Confederation of Midwives

ICM report is presents by ICM Regional Representative, Emmanuelle Hebert

Items highlighted in the ICM Report:

- ICM core competencies
- New website to be release soon

7. Review of Audited Accounts

Treasurer report presented by Sara Wolfe
Review of Financial Statements 2017 (refer to CAM/ACSF Financial Statements 2017).

8. Appointment of Auditor

As per the new Canada New Not-for-Profit Act, the Auditor must be appointed by the membership. The CAM Board of Directors would like to recommend to the membership that Patricia McGovern, Chartered Accountant be appointed for 2018.

2018-23-AGM: MOTION

Be it Resolved that Patricia McGovern, Chartered Accountant, is appointed auditor of the Canadian Association of Midwives to hold office until the next annual general meeting of shareholders at such remuneration as may be fixed by the directors.

Moved by Kim Campbell, seconded by Celine Lemay. *MOTION passed.*

9. Member Resolutions

9.1. Resolution: 2018-24-AGM 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.

Expected implications:

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

2018-24-AGM: MOTION

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.

Moved by Rebecca Wood, seconded by Carol Cameron

Discussion:

- Consider having an obituary on CAM website.
- How do we honour midwives in life?
- How do we make sure no one is missed?
- How do we keep track when colleagues retire and leave practice?
- Can we invite members and associations to identify people that have passed?

2018-25-AGM: MOTION to amend 2018-24

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 meetings, a time of reflection, or a shared story. Member associations **and individual members** will be invited to identify people to be honoured.

Moved by Sarah Davis, seconded by Sarilyn Zimmerman

Final vote on amended resolution 2018-25 (replacing 2018-24):

VOTE:

YES = ALL, NO = 0, Abstentions =0

MOTION 2018-25-AGM passed

9.2. Resolution: 2018-26-AGM 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

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.

2018-26-AGM: MOTION

Whereas midwives are experts in homebirth and waterbirth
Whereas midwives are experts in person-centered care and informed choice
Be it resolved that CAM update its position statement on home birth, CAM write a position statement on water birth and that CAM write a statement on harm reduction and cannabis use.

Moved by Rebecca Wood, seconded by Carol Cameron

Proposed amendment to add breech birth to motion 2018-26.

2018-27-AGM: MOTION to amend 2018-26

Whereas midwives are experts in homebirth and waterbirth
Whereas midwives are experts in person-centered care and informed choice
Be it resolved that CAM update its position statement on home birth, CAM write a position statement on water birth, that CAM write a statement on harm reduction and cannabis use and **that CAM write a statement on breech birth.**

Moved by Betty-Ann Daviss, seconded by Kim Campbell.

Discussion 2018-27-AGM:

- Opposition to amendment to add breech birth as it is not in the midwifery scope of practice.
- We should consider how to support breech birth but it should not be include in this resolution.

MOTION 2018-27-AGM withdrawn by Betty-Ann Daviss.

Discussion 2018-26-AGM:

- Consider changing cannabis use to substance use.

2018-28-AGM: MOTION to amend 2018-26-AGM

Whereas midwives are experts in homebirth and waterbirth
Whereas midwives are experts in person-centered care and informed choice
Be it resolved that CAM update its position statement on home birth, CAM write a position statement on water birth and that CAM write a statement on harm reduction and **substance** use.

Moved by Sarilyn Zimmerman, seconded by Madeline Clin

Discussion:

- Are midwives experts in harm reduction?
- A statement on cannabis use during pregnancy and post partum would be timely given the legalization of cannabis.
- The SOGC statement is not focused on harm reduction.
- Midwives need a statement that is person centered and based on informed choice.

Final vote on amended resolution 2018-28 (replacing 2018-26):

VOTE:

YES = 84, NO = 10, Abstentions = 1

MOTION 2018-28-AGM passed

10. Other business
No 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, 2019.

12. Adjournment

2018-29-AGM MOTION to adjourn the 2018 CAM/ACSF Annual General Meeting by Monia Amine, seconded by Ann Noseworthy. <i>MOTION passed.</i>
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