

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

Annual General Meeting – DRAFT Minutes

**Wednesday, October 23, 2019
The Westin Nova Scotian
Halifax Nova Scotia**

Present: 70 members (including 5 members online - videoconference) (*see attached attendance list*)

1. Welcome

Annual General Meeting (AGM) of members is called to order by Chair Nathalie Pambrun, CAM/ACSF President at 1:45 pm Atlantic.

2. Attendance and Verification of Quorum

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

3. Adoption of the 2019 AGM agenda

2019-20-AGM: MOTION to adopt the 2019 AGM agenda by Kathy Wilson seconded by Manavi Handa. *MOTION passed.*

4. Adoption of 2018 AGM Minutes

2019-21-AGM: MOTION to adopt the 2018 AGM minutes by Anne Wilson, seconded by Manavi Handa. *MOTION passed.*

5. Presentation of the 2018-2019 Annual Report

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

Refer to Annual Report 2018-2019

Presentation of 2018/19 CAM/ACSF Board members:

Executive Members

President Elect: Nathalie Pambrun

President Elect: Alix Bacon

Vice President: Elizabeth Brandeis

Treasurer: Sara Wolfe

Secretary: Jane Erdman

Board of Directors representing Member Associations

1. Co-Chairs of the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives: Carol Couchie & Claire Dion Fletcher
2. President of the Alberta Association of Midwives, de l'Alberta: Chelsea Miklos
3. Vice President of the Midwives Association of British Columbia, de la Colombie-Britannique: Alyson Jones
4. Présidente de l'Association des sages-femmes du Manitoba, from Manitoba: Sarah Davis
5. Présidente de l'Association des sages-femmes du Nouveau-Brunswick, from New Brunswick : Melissa Langlais
6. President of the Association of Newfoundland & Labrador Midwives, du Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador: Ann Noseworthy
7. Board member of the Midwives Association of the North-West Territories, du Territoires du Nord-Ouest: Heather Heinrichs

8. President of the Association of Midwives of Nova-Scotia, de la Nouvelle Écosse: Kelly Chisholm
9. President of the Association of Ontario Midwives, de l'Ontario: Elizabeth Brandeis & incoming president Jasmine Tecson
10. Vice-Présidente du Regroupement les sages-femmes du Québec, from Québec : Josianne Giroux
11. Midwives Association of Saskatchewan, de la Saskatchewan: Jessica Bailey
12. President of Community Midwives Association of the Yukon: Kathleen Cranfield
13. President of the Prince Edward Island Midwives Association: Joyce England
14. Student representative, représentante des étudiants: Maha Maryam

There are currently no representatives for Nunavut on the CAM Board.

5.2. CAM/ACSF Strategic Directions Report

CAM/ACSF report is presented by Chair Nathalie Pambrun and CAM Executive Director Tonia Occhionero

Refer to Annual Report 2018-2019

5.3. Report from the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives

NACM report is presented by co-Chair Claire Dion Fletcher

Refer to NACM report in Annual Report 2018-2019

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
- ICM function
- Strategic directions
- ICM programming
- Upcoming collection of data to inform the State of the World's 2021 Report & ICM Global
- Midwives Association Map. This will be the first opportunity for higher income countries like Canada to be included in the SoMy Report, previously only low- and middle-income countries were included. The SoWMy 2021 data will be displayed on the ICM Global
- Midwives Association Map. This will be THE reference guide for midwifery globally (WHO, UN, governments, etc.).

7. Minute of Silence

- A memoriam slide show was presented, and a few minutes of silence observed to recognize colleagues that have passed.

8. Review of Audited Accounts

Treasurer report presented by Sara Wolfe (pre-recorded video)

Review of Financial Statements 2018 (refer to CAM/ACSF Financial Statements 2018).

9. Appointment of Auditor

As per Corporations Canada's 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 2019.

2019-22-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 Kelly Chisholm, seconded by Isabelle Brabant. *MOTION passed.*

10. Member Resolutions

- 10.1. Resolution:** Resolution AGM2019_001 – Climate Change and the Role of Midwifery Associations was presented by Alix Bacon.
Resolution proposed by: Lisa Sutherland, RM, British Columbia and supported by 35 BC members.

Background: For complete background information refer to document entitled **CAMResolution2019_01_ClimateChangeandMidwifery2019.doc**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT :

The Canadian Association of Midwives commit to exploring both internal and external opportunities to play a role in climate change mitigation and adaption in such areas as organizational best practice; education of members and the public; research on the impacts of climate change on perinatal and newborn health; and political advocacy.

2019-23-AGM: MOTION

Be it Resolved that: The Canadian Association of Midwives commit to exploring both internal and external opportunities to play a role in climate change mitigation and adaptation in such areas as organizational best practice; education and members of the public; research on the impacts of climate change on perinatal and newborn health **particularly on indigenous and racialized people**; and political advocacy

Moved by Josianne Giroux, seconded by Alyson Jones. *MOTION passed*

Discussion:

- Friendly amendment to include language “particularly on indigenous and racialized people”.
- Friendly amendment accepted by proposer and included in 2019-24-AGM.
- Second friendly amendment proposed: add wording regarding resource usage and waste. Add language regarding minimizing non-renewable materials used in the course of care.
- Proposer: prefers statement to be broad and feels it is comprehensive.
- Proposer does not accept second friendly amendment.

VOTE:

YES = 74, NO = 0, Abstentions =1

MOTION 2018-24-AGM passed

2019-25-AGM: MOTION to amend MOTION 2019-24-AGM

Be It Resolved that: The Canadian Association of Midwives commit to exploring both internal and external opportunities to play a role in climate change mitigation and adaptation in such areas as organizational best practice; education of members and the public; **political advocacy and research on the impacts of climate change** on perinatal and newborn health, **particularly in indigenous, racialized and rural and remote communities**

Moved by Maha Maryam, seconded by Ann Noseworthy. *MOTION PASSED.*

Respondent: in agreement with wording on indigenous racialized rural and remote communities

Final vote on Motion 2019-25-AGM (replacing Motion-2019-24):

VOTE:

YES = ALL, NO = 0, Abstentions =0

MOTION 2018-25-AGM passed

11. Other business

No other business

12. Announcement of 2020 AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the members and annual CAM Conference will be held in Banff, AB from October 14 to 16, 2020.

13. Adjournment

2019-25-AGM MOTION to adjourn the 2019 CAM/ACSF Annual General Meeting by Nathalie Pambrun, seconded by Jessica Bailey. *MOTION passed.*