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ACNM INDUCTS NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT, INCOMING OFFICERS

Silver Spring, MD – At the recently concluded 62nd Annual Meeting of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM), President Lisa Kane Low, CNM, PhD, FACNM, FAAN, presided over the induction of our new incoming officers for the Board of Directors. We welcomed Susan Stone, CNM, DNSc, FACNM, FAAN, as the President-elect, in addition to Region IV, Region VI, and Region VII representatives who were also inducted into the 2017-18 Board of Directors at the meeting, held in Chicago, IL, May 21-25, 2017.

"During these dynamic and challenging times within our national health care landscape I look forward to welcoming our new Board members as we continue to position our organization as a leader in improving health outcomes through the assurance of access to quality health care coverage and resources, including expansion of the midwifery workforce," said Kane Low.

Kane Low is Associate Dean for Practice and Professional Graduate Programs, and Associate Professor of Nursing, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Women's Studies at the University of Michigan. She has been active in ACNM for nearly 30 years and has lead initiatives within the Healthy Birth Initiative focused on creating BirthTOOLS.org and the Reducing Primary Cesarean Birth Project.

President-Elect Susan Stone is president of Frontier Nursing University and has been active in ACNM for nearly 25 years. She also has more 10 years of service with the Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education (ACME), including 4 years as chair of its Board of Commissioners. As president-elect, Susan will work alongside President Kane Low for 1 year and officially become president in May 2018.

"There are many challenges facing midwifery today. We must continue our efforts to assure that midwives have the ability to practice full scope midwifery without unnecessary legislative restrictions. Working together we can make a difference," said Stone.

Other Board members inducted include:

Carol Howe, CNM, DNSc, FACNM, DPNAP, FAAN, was elected as Vice President. Howe is professor emerita at Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing in Portland. She is a longtime active ACNM member and served previously on the Board of Directors. She also served as president of the ACNM Certification Council.

Kathleen Moriarty, CNM, PhD, RN, CAFCI, FACNM was re-elected to a second term serving as Region IV Representative which covers Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, and Ohio. Assuming her second term as Regional Representative, Moriarty is a faculty member at Frontier Nursing University. She has been a member of ACNM since 1992 and a midwife for more than 20 years.

Jessica Anderson, MSN, CNM, WHNP-BC was elected as Region VI Representative which covers Arizona, Colorado, Indian Health Services, Montana, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming. Anderson is director of the Center for Midwifery, senior instructor, and certified midwife at the University of Colorado, Denver, College of Nursing. She is currently the chair of the ACNM Local Program Committee and has been active in ACNM for more than 16 years. This is her first term as ACNM Region VI Representative.

Ruth Mielke, CNM, PhD, FACNM was elected as Region VII Representative which covers Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Uniformed Services, Samoa, and Guam. Mielke is the Southern California regional representative of California Nurse-Midwives Association and an associate professor at California State University, Fullerton School of Nursing. She has long been active in ACNM and was inducted as a Fellow of ACNM at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

In addition to the newly inducted Board members, we have two ex-officio members who joined the Board at the annual meeting.

Patricia Loftman, CNM, LM, MS, FACNM was designated Midwife of Color Ex-Officio board member. Loftman assumes this newly created role on the Board as of the annual meeting. She was chair of the Women's Health/Clinical Care Group that led to Harlem Hospital Center becoming the first World Health Organization Baby Friendly Hospital in NYC. She retired from Harlem Hospital Center in 2010, after 30 years. Loftman serves as the Midwives of Color Committee Chair, and continues to promote both the midwifery profession and ACNM through active participation on various taskforces and committees.

Lilian Medhus, RN, was elected as student representative. Medhus is a student at Georgetown University in the Nurse Midwifery/Women's Health Nurse Practitioner program. She loves being outdoors, traveling, and cooking.

In addition to the officers and ex-officio members, we also welcomed Charlotte Morris, CNM, DNP, and Venay Uecke, CNM as the incoming Nominating Committee Members. Felina Ortiz, CNM, DNP, Ebony Roebuck, CNM, MS, and Kerri Schuiling, CNM, PhD, NP-BC, FACNM, FAAN continue to serve the nominating committee and help shape the future of ACNM.

Continuing 2017-2018 Board members include:

Stephanie Tillman CNM, MSN, continues as Secretary. Tillman is practicing full-scope midwifery at Access Community Health Network and attends births at multiple hospitals in Chicago, IL.

Joan Slager, CNM, DNP, CPC, FACNM, continues her second term as Treasurer. Slager serves on the faculty of Frontier Nursing University, was the director of nurse-midwifery at a Michigan hospital for 20 years, and has been a midwife for more than 25 years.

Kathryn Kravetz Carr, CNM, MSN, FACNM, continues as Region I Representative. Carr practices full-scope midwifery in Boston and has been a midwife for 13 years.

Mairi Breen Rothman, CNM, MSN, FACNM, continues her second term as Region II Representative. Rothman is practicing full-scope midwifery with M.A.M.A.S. Inc., the home birth practice she co-founded in Takoma Park, MD. She has been a midwife for more than 20 years.

Jenny Foster, CNM MPH PhD FACNM continues as Region III Representative. Foster is a professor at Emory University in Georgia and has been a midwife for over 30 years.

Lynne Himmelreich, CNM, MPH, FACNM, continues her second term as Region V Representative. Himmelreich is Service Director of the Nurse-Midwifery Service in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Carver College of Medicine in Iowa, where she also holds a teaching position.

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The American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is the professional association that represents certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) and certified midwives (CMs) in the United States. ACNM promotes excellence in midwifery education, clinical practice, and research. With roots dating to 1929, our members are primary care providers for women throughout the lifespan, with a special emphasis on pregnancy, childbirth, and gynecologic and reproductive health. ACNM provides research, administers and promotes continuing education programs, establishes clinical practice standards, and creates liaisons with state and federal agencies and members of Congress to increase the visibility and recognition of midwifery care.

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