

Association of Teachers of Maternal and Child Health (ATMCH)

Minutes of Business Meeting

Meeting date: Sunday, March 9, 2003
Time: 2:15 - 5:15 p.m.
Location: Crystal Gateway Marriott
Salon A
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway
Crystal City, VA
Chair: Eugene Declercq
Staff: Kalpana Ramiah

I. Welcome (Eugene Declercq)

II. Approval of Agenda (Eugene Declercq)

III. Secretary's report and approval of minutes (Ellen Daley)

Two minor changes were made to the minutes of the Nov. 2002 Exec. Comm. Meeting:

A. NAPNP KYKS was amended to the correct acronym: NAPNP KYSS

B. Under Treasurer's Report: We agreed to have quarterly reviews of the budget.

With these minor changes made, minutes were approved, seconded and passed.

IV. Treasurer's report (Donna Petersen)

For the third quarter this year, only 25% of budget was spent, compared to slight over-spending at the same time last year. Budget is very healthy. Reviewing the quarterly reports is very helpful. Report was Approved and Seconded.

V. Committee reports

A. Nominations (Arden Handler)

1. E-mail solicitations for representatives-- six nominations were discussed:

- Two at-large 1-year terms
- Two at-large 2-year terms
- Treasurer
- Biosketches included
- No floor nominations received

2. Lacey Award

- There were 4 nominations submitted, Kay Perrin, PhD, Univ. of South Florida chosen
- Service, Research and Teaching are all considered for this award
- Letter of recommendation and CV required
- We will make instructions for nominations clearer, including if there are unique circumstances about this nomination (e.g. the nominee works with or is related to someone involved with ATMCH); give examples about career development issues (publishing in peer-reviewed vs. practitioner journals, etc.)

B. Membership (Molly McNulty – reviewed by Kalpana Ramiah)

- Membership down slightly – would like to increase the role of students in ATMCH

C. Education (Elizabeth Gulitz)

- Will be discussed with Strategic Planning

D. Research (Edith Kieffer)

- a. APHA Conference: Graduate Education section cancelled; only one paper submitted. However, there will be a session planned for next year
 - Suggestion: do session under ASPH? Talk to Harrison Spencer
- b. AMCHP Conference: Not submitting AMCHP session this year, but will submit for next year
 - For next year's meeting, need to speak to some AMCHP people to set up session topic

VI. Plans for coming year (Gene Declercq and Jose Gorrin Peralta)

A. Mentoring Project (Gene Declercq)

- Discussion for future mentoring projects

B. APHA 2003 Continuing Education (Molly McNulty)

- Proposal for ½ day continuing ed. session was submitted and will cover 2 of competencies (policy and research)

C. APHA 2003 ATMCH session (Jose Gorrin Peralta)

- Already discussed (please see notes above).

VII. New Business (Out of Order, approved)

A. Speaker: MCHB, Schools of Public Health

1. President's budget increased \$20,000,000 for Title V; performance measures were part of the increase; Bureau of Strategic Planning near budget finalization
2. Discussion: Encourage collaboration between funded programs, training programs and Title V state programs; could focus be broadened to international programs?

VIII. Report on Strategic Planning (Donna Petersen/ Gene Declercq)

1. Results of Strategic Planning included 2 specific themes:
 - a. Faculty Development
 - b. Partnerships
2. Recommendations of Exec. Committee regarding findings of Strategic Planning
 - a. Mentoring students can be built into APHA
 - b. November meeting in San Francisco should included talking more about teaching (breaking into several groups: teaching policy, teaching The Introductory MCH Course," "Women's Health," and "Child and Adolescent Health.")
 - c. Encourage students to attend 'Lunch with a Footnote'
 - d. APHA attracts a lot of masters' students who may be looking at becoming doctoral students; use that forum for attracting students to MCH doctoral programs (maybe using curriculum postings for that purpose)
 - e. Budget implications: scholarship to various schools, staff time for updating curriculum postings and the meetings we're discussing

- f. Need to set agenda for (1) One year: Fall APHA meeting, teaching issues and roundtable discussions, and (2) Two years: Spring AMCHP meeting, research methods, maybe get funding groups to attend as well
- g. Need to identify people to lead discussions for breakout tables: (1) Fall session: Betty will coordinate education/teaching (2) Spring session: Edith will coordinate research discussion
- h. Ask MCHB for added funding to bring students to ATMCH meetings at APHA and especially at AMCHP where they could present their research at the annual student symposium.
- i. Suggestions from the floor: need a larger group with more resources; possibly attach to another conference hosting scientific meetings

IX. IOM Report Discussion at Business Meeting

- 1. Sheila Smythe: MCH already has many of the competencies that are listed in the report
- 2. Discussion: should ATMCH apply for funding to look at MCH vis a vis the IOM report; letter might be written to MCHB for funding.

X. New Business

A. ATMCH will endorse 3 projects/organizations:

- 1. A research project funded by CDC and multiple partners on Women and Diabetes (Edith Kieffer)
- 2. Coalition for Improving Maternity Services (CIMS) (Jose Gorrin Peralta): Coalition works to improve conditions for women in Puerto Rico
- 3. We will sign a coalition letter for USBC (a breastfeeding organization).

B. Claire Brindis reported on the Adolescent Health course materials – will share them with anyone interested.

C. Call for Innovative Curriculum

X. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:00.