

IHS/Tribal Affiliate Meeting Minutes

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Attendees: David Earl, Kristen Harker, Ashley Dameff, Elina Frumkin, Amanda St. Aubin, Deborah Crabbe

1. Previous Meeting Minutes approved.
2. The ACNM Affiliate Regions are changing!
 - In 2014, the IHS/T Affiliate will be part of Region 6. ACNM is looking for nominees for region representatives after the re-alignment. If you are interested, contact Lynne Himmelreich @ lynne-himmelreich@uiowa.edu
3. Treasurer's Report:
 - Current Balance of \$429.16
 - Currently have 21 members
 - We are currently planning to use our funds to support more IHS/T Affiliate presentations at the Annual Meetings. We will use our funds for poster and education presentations as needed.
 - If anyone has any other ideas on how to use our funds, please contact any of our Affiliate officers at the e-mail addresses above.
4. Changes to By-laws:
 - If our Affiliate wants to make any changes to our current by-laws, we would need to vote on the changes as members. The changes can pass with a 50% approval of our members. These changes would then be submitted to the ACNM by-law committee (Connie Swintek) in order to take effect.
 - Deborah will be continuing as President for 1 more year, after this year, Amanda will be stepping into the President's position. Nominees for VP will be greatly appreciated. It is NOT required of the VP to take over as President when their term is up.

5. Service Unit Budget Issues

-It has become apparent that many of our members' service units are having budget issues. This is affecting our CME resources and funds. Hopefully more of us will get the chance to attend next year's meeting in Denver as it is closer to home for a lot of our members.

6. Benchmarking

-We are still strongly encouraging every service unit to participate in the Benchmarking Project for 2014. IHS/Tribal sites have good numbers to present and need to be represented!

7. BFHI updates

-Shiprock Service Unit is in the final phase of the BFHI designation. We have completed the mock survey and are awaiting the final one!

- Congratulations to the Phoenix Indian Medical Center for recently achieving designation as a Baby-Friendly Hospital!

-Any other Baby Friendly announcements from our members, please pass on to the rest of us.

8. Secretary Nominations

-Madeline Powers is the only nominee we have for our Affiliate secretary, voting is happening right now. Please send your vote to Deborah via e-mail ASAP.

9. Member involvement at ACNM Annual Meeting

-We had an IHS/T poster presented this year at the ACNM Annual Meeting. The poster was created by Shelley Thorkelson showcasing our Hyperglycemia in Pregnancy Program. The Poster was presented by Deborah Crabbe and Amanda St. Aubin and was a great success.

-We are looking for other volunteers to present at the upcoming conference in Denver.

-Abstracts are due August 15th

-Ideas for posters/education sessions:

-SANE/SART

-Promoting IHS/Tribal model of Midwifery care

-We would like to have an IHS/Tribal Affiliate booth at the annual meeting in Denver next year. We could have a fundraising booth at the market or an information booth in the exhibit hall. Any thoughts or suggestions on this?

-The ACNM Annual Meeting is scheduled to be in Albuquerque in 2016. I would like to make our affiliate a co-host Affiliate along with the NM Affiliate. Volunteers and ideas are welcomed.

10. Announcements

-Amanda is going to be looking into creating an IHS/Tribal Affiliate Facebook page. Please send her any suggestions or comments. We will announce when it is up and running and encourage all of our members to share.

11. Other

-We encouraged the student attendees at the meeting to continue to look into careers in IHS/Tribal sites. And don't give up on the slow hiring process

-The IHS/Tribal model of clinical privileging is noticed by other state affiliates, they have been asking us for help and using us as examples.

-Kathy Ray from PIMC may be interested in doing a webcast for us, "pregnancy issues and problem list" for those of us needing a little clarification with EHR

12. Upcoming Conferences

-ACNM Annual Meeting—May 12th May 17th in Denver, CO

-UNM/IHS Refresher Colposcopy course—Hopefully this Fall

-Indigenous Women's Health—TBA

-Please watch our website, we will post upcoming meetings of interest

13. Call for Agenda Items

-Next teleconferences will be expected in October and February

-Please Email any agenda items or suggestions for discussion for our next meeting to Deborah

-If you have any announcements or suggestions for the website, please email those to Deborah as well.

-Please give us any suggestions on how we can improve member involvement in our Affiliate web/teleconference meetings.

Adjourn

PS—Please remember to send Deborah your Service Unit profiles to add to our Affiliate website.