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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the American College of Nurse-Midwives is to promote the health and well-being of women and newborns within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives.



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Karen Sadar Watt, CNM (not pictured) was appointed to succeed Margaret McGill as Region III Representative in June 2005.

A Report from the President and Executive Director

By Katherine Camacho Carr, CNM, Ph.D., FACNM, President
Deanne Williams, CNM, MS, FACNM, Executive Director

2005 marked the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of the American College of Nurse-Midwives. While the roots of our professional organization extend back to the 1920s, 2005 was the year chosen for this special celebration.

The premier event of the year was the Gala Celebration in Washington, DC. Over 1200 attendees will long remember the pride and joy that filled the room. In one glorious evening we paid tribute to the incredible wisdom that gave birth to and nurtured this profession; our colleagues around the world; the friendships that have strengthened us over time; the challenges we have faced and overcome; the women who have honored us by choosing a midwife as their partner in health; and the future that we are committed to creating. We marveled as our anniversary gifts were unwrapped: caught on tape a nurse-midwife-attended home birth in the 1950s that came packaged in a message of thanks from the mother and the child she birthed on that day; a 50th Anniversary Time Capsule dedicated to our 100th anniversary; and the surprise ending, three beautiful, pregnant belly dancers. We were honored to have eleven of the twelve living past presidents in attendance, along with Rita Kroska, CNM who was present for the signing of our original articles of incorporation. In another special moment, we welcomed the first president of the newly formed Afghan Midwives Association, Pashtoon Azfar.

Throughout the year, ACNM members honored the many contributions that brought the profession to this momentous occasion. The *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* published a special edition that documented the history of midwifery practice, research, education, accreditation and the Journal, along with a timeline of essential ACNM documents. Students from Philadelphia University used the Delphi method to identify the top ten midwifery research projects that impacted the ACNM and midwifery practice. The winners were recognized by individual research posters describing their work that were on display at the Annual Meeting. The ACNM Fellows raised money to purchase a new presidential medallion.

Of course, an anniversary celebration does not interfere with business as usual -- or unusual. Our commitment to a national marketing campaign was actualized with the total makeover of our Web site to make it more user-friendly for members and consumers; the *WithWomen* campaign for women's health awareness featured teal blue wristbands and a special Web site; the transition from *Every Baby* magazine to the *Real Savvy Moms*® mall tour and PBS series; and launch of the *REDUCE Campaign: Research and Education to Decrease Unnecessary Cesarean Sections*. Six new or revised ACNM position statements were approved and representatives to the International Confederation of Midwives Triennial Council meeting helped pass a new International Definition of a Midwife that is consistent with ACNM principles. Members were surveyed regarding a proposal to change the name of the organization and there was no clear majority opinion regarding whether or not the name of the College should be changed.

Our capacity to conduct and/or support research on the midwifery workforce increased this year as we launched the *ACNM Datalink* program, which allows us to collect more data on-line. Membership data from 2000-2003 were published and plans to collect core data and benchmarking data on-line were finalized. In response to a growing list of challenges facing those who are committed to educating health care professionals and the need to identify strategies designed to assure that the nation will have enough midwives to meet the needs of the population, the Board of Directors held a Future of Midwifery Education Summit in September. After intensive advance preparation, 46 participants, representing midwives in clinical practice and education, physicians, policymakers and staff spent two days identifying goals and strategies to increase the number of CNMs/CMs. The ACNM Board and staff have devised an implementation plan and work is underway on this important project. The Board finalized plans to launch a series of regional Leadership Seminars, with a primary focus on chapter leadership and chose a consultant to help guide the next phase of the organizational restructuring process. Building on past work in this area, Jim Dalton, CAE will conduct a series of activities in 2006 to help evaluate the organizational structure and governing procedures with respect to the association's ability to meet member expectations. We have continued to work with the American Midwifery Certification Board on areas of common concern to our membership and AMCB certificants.

2005 will also be remembered for two natural disasters that brought death and destruction to many, including our midwife colleagues. Never before had we faced an international disaster the size of the tsunami in south-east Asia that killed more than 250,000 at the end of 2004, including thousands of midwives in Aceh, Indonesia. We barely had time to regroup before the US faced its worst natural disaster on record, when Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast. In both areas, we were proud of the heroic and generous efforts of many midwives and disappointed by the lack of appropriate planning and intervention on behalf of mothers and their babies. As we are told to prepare for pandemic flu in 2006, and the inevitable ups and downs of the health care environment, we are reminded of why our work is important, and once again, we will speak with strength and conviction in order to serve the needs of women.

In closing, we remember and honor two past presidents who died in 2005: Teresa Marsico, CNM and Vera Keane, CNM.



Katherine Camacho Carr



Deanne Williams

Regional Reports



Region I

Barbara Fildes, CNM, MS

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Non-US Locations

Region I is home to seven chapters and four midwifery education programs.

Many Region I members were recognized for contributions to midwifery education, practice, and scholarship over the past year: Pixie Elsberry, CNM was honored with the Dorothea Lang Award for Midwifery Pioneers; Milree Keeling, CNM received the Regional Award of Excellence; Jennifer Foster, CNM was recipient of the Mary Ann Shah New Author Award; Margaret-Ann Corbett, CNM was inducted as a Fellow in the ACNM; Mary Barger, CNM of Boston University, Mary Mumford Haley, CNM of the University of Rhode Island, and Heather Reynolds, CNM of Yale University were recognized as Excellent Educators. Students Julie Paul, SNM and Dayna Volstorff, SNM were recipients of Helen Varney Annual Meeting Participant scholarships; Julie Paul, SNM also received an ACNM Foundation Memorial Scholarship. Baystate Midwifery Associates and The Dartmouth-Hitchcock Midwifery Service received *With Women, for a lifetime* Gold Commendations.

Educational programs are facing unprecedented challenges, and Boston University is preparing to graduate its last class of students. University of Rhode Island appointed Dorcas Kamanda, CNM as Program Director and has undertaken evaluation of their program. Baystate Midwifery Education Program received funding to develop an innovative educational program with the University of Massachusetts titled *Expanding the Boundaries of Women's Health*. CNEP New England and Yale University students have been active throughout the region.

Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Hampshire chapters are working on state legislative and regulatory issues regarding midwifery practice. They are enjoying success in many arenas.

A Regional Meeting in October attracted 80 participants representing every chapter.

Region II

Elaine Mielcarski CNM, MS, NP, FACNM

Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

Our region, comprised of fourteen chapters and eight education programs, spent 2005 focused on humanitarian, patient, legislative, and practice agendas. Chapters brought Midwifery Week alive while raising legislative and public awareness of midwifery care.

We were blessed with several awards this year, including our own 'Hattie,' Lily Hsia, CNM. Few will ever forget watching Puerto Rican midwives

arrive to honor their Award of Excellence winner, Irene dela Torre, CNM.

New Jersey co-hosted a successful gala/benefit with \$4000 donated to the New Jersey Postpartum Wellness Initiative. First Lady Mary Jo Codey gave the keynote address. Their effort will help postpartum depression sufferers while heightening awareness about midwifery in that state's highest office.

Delaware, while facing great barriers, is regrouping in the form of smaller, successful practices, keeping midwifery alive in that state.

The Virgin Islands midwives, despite the distance between islands, were able to get prescriptive legislation passed. Midwives there attend 60 percent of the births!

New York's New York City, Long Island, and Hudson Valley chapter have more projects going than space allows. 'Miles for Midwives,' held in Brooklyn last October, raised \$1806 for the NYC Chapter, plus \$602 for 'Friends of the Birth Center.' NYC's newsletter is the most comprehensive, informative chapter publication I have ever read. The Syracuse chapter has, in one teaching hospital, midwives with full, voting, medical-staff privileges. Another, private hospital's midwives deliver 70 percent of the babies, plus have a 25 percent OB growth rate.

Pennsylvania chapters, and state organization PALM, has again successfully staved off the Catastrophic Fund Surcharge, which would have made liability insurance unaffordable. Many chapter members came together for a very fruitful lobby weekend.

Region III

Karen Sadar Watt, CNM, MSN

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee

Region III is comprised of six chapters and five midwifery education programs.

This past year, the nurse-midwives of Region III have been politically active, particularly in Florida and Georgia, working toward maintaining their footing in every state and reaching out to like-minded organizations, such as nurse-practitioner groups, to form coalitions and broaden our visibility.

Midwives in Arkansas, Mississippi and North Carolina hosted retreats to nurture our own spirits.

As evidence of midwives' commitment to nurturing those least fortunate in our society, CNMs and CMs from across the country sent "Blankets for Babies" in response to the hurricanes that battered the Gulf Coast, New Orleans, southern Louisiana and Texas. Those midwives in Region III directly affected by the hurricanes stepped forward to offer relief through the venues open to them, proving yet again that "Midwife means with woman" in every sense of the phrase.

Region IV

Cheri Moran, CNM, PhD, FACNM

District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin

Region IV is comprised of ten states, and the District of Columbia, fourteen chapters, and twelve midwifery education programs. Despite the diversity, many areas of concern were shared throughout the region, as well as throughout the country, in 2005. Reimbursement, tort reform, professional liability coverage and coordinated state legislative offenses were issues at the forefront for midwifery everywhere. The level of accomplishment each state and chapter reached, despite challenges to midwifery practice locally and regionally, was impressive.

Specific practice accomplishments include: Michigan celebrated twenty-five years of midwifery in 2005; *With women, for a lifetime* Awards were given to Paula Murphy, CNM and the Nurse-Midwifery Service at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center (thirty years!) in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, and to Bonnie Fintel, CNM and Amy Smith, CNM for ten years of service to women at the Nurse Midwifery Service of Wood County Women's Care, Bowling Green, Ohio. DC and Maryland midwives noted a trend to more hospital-based CNM practices as private practices were closing. Illinois midwives honored Cheri Moran, CNM with the state's Excellence in Midwifery Award.

Our new fellows include Debbie Jessup, CNM, Juliana Fehr, CNM, Jackie Gruer, CNM, Kate Harrod, CNM, Susan Stone, CNM, and Cheri Moran, CNM. Jackie Gruer, CNM from Cincinnati, Ohio was our Award for Excellence winner for her commitment to women, especially in home birth. Region IV's educational programs moved forward, as well. University of Illinois at Chicago admitted their first Graduate Entry Program students; University of Indianapolis graduated their first class, and Wayne State University admitted their first class. Region IV also has the honor of home to the only independent university of midwifery: Frontier School of Midwifery and Family Nursing in Kentucky, president and dean Susan Stone, CNM.

Region IV faces threats to CNM practice. However, with the strong spirit and energy of the midwives of our region, quality health care for women continues and grows.

Region V

Roberta Poirer, CNM, MS, FACNM

Arizona, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming

Region V is comprised of 24 chapters and nine midwifery education programs. This has been a year of travel, meeting members at the local level and

giving out awards! I represented ACNM at the MANA annual meeting in Boulder, Colorado. While there, I was able to present a *With women, for a lifetime* award to a practice in Loveland, plus attend two chapter meetings. During my visit to Kansas for their 10th Anniversary of Midwifery celebration, I was able to present them with a *With women, for a lifetime* award. Hennepin County Medical Center, Nurse Midwife Service in Minneapolis, Minnesota received their *With women, for a lifetime* award last fall.

Attendance at the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, the Midwifery Business Institute in Michigan, and the "Gathering of Midwives" in Texas, gave me other opportunities for meeting regional members.

The Leadership Seminar series which began in Denver, Colorado as a pilot project is now being taken around the country to other regions. Thanks to those members in our region who trusted this format enough to support it in the beginning, for you are the pioneers.

Region VI

Leslie Cragin, CNM, PhD, FACNM

Alaska, American Samoa, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington

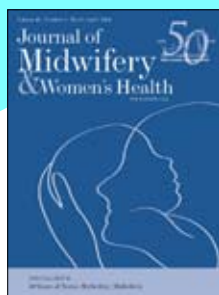
Region VI is comprised of 17 chapters and six midwifery education programs. This has been a busy year for our region. San Diego State University has grown! Sixteen students are enrolled in the program. Cal State Fullerton will be graduating the first class of seven students this year. UCSF INMEP is gearing up to provide students in rural California access to midwifery education using online curricular materials. Oregon Health Sciences University Nurse-Midwifery Program held Midwifery Grand Rounds titled 'A Passion for Nursing,' presented by Katherine Camacho Carr, CNM, ACNM President.

There is a new chapter being formed in Northern Nevada. San Diego and San Francisco Bay Area Chapters have organized participation in the March of Dimes Walk for America. Several chapters have begun strategic planning activities by clarifying the chapter values and missions. Other regional activities include meetings held in the Portland, Oregon area for interested stakeholders to discuss solutions to the challenges surrounding homebirth consults and transfers.

Legislatively, Alaska midwives are working on a bill to improve insurance reimbursement for CNMs. In Washington, midwives used their new coalition of nursing organizations to pass SHB 2292 addressing health care liability reform. The California Nurse-Midwives Association doubled attendance at Lobby Day with over 50 midwives attending.

Thanks to the wonderful members of our region who so actively participate in the volunteer professional activities that keep our profession strong!

Professional Highlights



Department of Professional Services

The work of the Department of Professional Services comprises activities in the areas of policy, education, clinical and professional issues, and research, and has been guided in each of these areas by the ACNM Strategic Priorities.

Though the focus on defense appropriations and federal disaster relief have frustrated health care policy work at the federal level in 2005, staff have continued to work on achieving equitable reimbursement under Medicare, to sustain funding for nurse-midwifery education programs, push for professional liability reforms, and address a myriad of regulatory matters on behalf of the profession.

ACNM moved the Medicare initiative forward in 2005 garnering the support of 23 national nursing and health care related organizations for equitable reimbursement of nurse-midwives under Medicare. While unresolved, ACNM's efforts to educate members of Congress through its lobby day and other activities are improving the chances for a positive outcome in the 109th Congress. Also significant in 2005, Congress continued to support sustained funding for advanced practice nursing programs at a time when the Congress significantly cut funding to physician, dentists and allied health education programs. During 2005, ACNM aggressively advocated for a modification in the regulations government the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act as they relate to the certification of false labor for the purpose of discharge. ACNM testified before the EMTALA Technical Advisory Committee (TAG) in March and June of 2005 on its concerns. In October 2005, the TAG unanimously recommended to the Secretary of Health and Human Services that the physician certification requirement be removed from the regulation.

Visits were made to eight states, and a regional meeting, thereby reaching members in 13 states to assist in strategic planning for state-wide legislative efforts. The policy staff worked closely with the ACNM Political Action Committee to distribute PAC funds to key legislators at events in Washington, DC and in legislator's home districts and has worked to strengthen the role of the Chapter Legislative Contacts.

Professional Services staff was instrumental in planning the Education Summit, held in September 2005, and subsequently set to work on providing input to the Board on how the summit recommendations might be implemented. The Department of Professional Services continues to administer the Continued Competency Assessment program for CNMs/CMs and the ACNM CEU recognition to educational offerings, both within ACNM and from outside organizations.

The availability and affordability of professional liability insurance tops the list of clinical and professional issues of concern to members and has been a major focus of work in the department. Though premiums continue to rise and coverage is more difficult to obtain for some members, we are pleased that coverage is available and continue to work with the underwriter to control losses and maintain availability. Working closely with the communications staff, the REDUCE - *Research and Education to Reduce Unnecessary Cesareans* campaign was launched. Staff regularly provides information on a wide variety of topics, including credentialing CNMs/CMs and scope of practice issues, to hospitals, attorneys, employers, managed care organizations and liability insurers. Professional Services staff has coordinated a Reentry Work Group that developed a Reentry Program approved by the Board for pilot testing in 2006. The department provided

support to the Division of Standards and Practice in the creation of a number of significant new position statements.

We continue to expand our research efforts in the department and carried out on-line surveys using our WebSurveyor capacity. Ever-sensitive to the fact that not all our members have Internet access, we made preparations to improve accuracy and decrease costs by moving our Core Data Survey and Benchmarking data collection on-line in 2006.

Being available to speak with writers and reporters about a wide range of issues and staffing our exhibit continues to be an important job of Professional Services.

Most important, however, we are available to speak directly to members and reply to hundreds of e-mail inquiries about issues from obtaining licenses, handling employment contracts, getting and maintaining hospital privileges, dealing with a potential lawsuit, and a host of other challenges.

Department of Member Services

The Member Services Department processes membership applications and renewals and oversees the diverse array of membership benefits, provides the organization's communications and marketing services, and manages the College's online bookstore, www.Shop.ACNM.com.

ACNM's membership experienced a slight decline in each category. The membership office continues to maintain a list of practices for the practice directory and the on-line practice locator, *Find-a-Midwife*. Staff continues to find funding sources for more of the operations of ACNM from non-dues sources at an aggressive pace.

A key task of the department's communications and marketing efforts is accomplished by exhibiting at major women's health and legislative conferences. In 2005, ACNM exhibited at 13 major conferences, including the tradeshow at the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, Contraceptive Technology, American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, Doulas of North America, National Black Nurses Association, International Confederation of Midwives, National Council of State Legislatures, National Association of Community Health Centers, International Childbirth Education Association, Black Midwives & Healers, Midwifery Business Institute, and the American Public Health Association.

Quickening, the association's bimonthly newsletter, published numerous informative articles about the College and the practice of midwifery. Topics included highlights of the College's 50th anniversary, the Department of Global Outreach's projects around the world, rising cesarean section rates and how midwives are responding, calls for legislative action, professional issues, the ACNM Education Summit, and how ACNM members responded to Hurricane Katrina.

Numerous articles about midwives and midwifery were placed in dozens of national and local publications, broadcast news programs, magazines and Web sites. Staff worked daily with members about how to best respond to local issues and how to better market their practices.

2005 saw the debut of a new design for the ACNM Web site www.midwife.org. An improved search engine and easier navigation are among the features the new site makes available to site visitors. A complete overhaul of the *Find-a-Midwife* online practice locator service was achieved and the site now features a Google Maps application that provides greater details about midwifery practices.

www.midwife.org remains one of the most prominent midwifery-related

sites on the World Wide Web, receiving more than four million page views per year. There was continued use of the College's other Web sites: the consumer-oriented *www.myMidwife.org*; the breastfeeding advocacy site *www.GotMom.org*; *Quickening* on the Web at *www.Quickening.org*, and the Journal on the Web at *www.jmwb.org*.

Shop.ACNM.com – the College's online bookstore – featured several new products in 2005, including the popular WithWomen™ wristbands and several newly revised handbooks. The most popular products included: Pregnancy Calculators; the Midwife's Birth Log; the *Today's CNM* brochure; the 2005 edition of *Exam Prep*; and the *Clinical Practice Guidelines for Midwifery & Women's Health* handbook.

MidwifeJobs.com – the College's online jobs board and employment locator service - is part of the HealthCareers Network, which raises its profile and attracts recruiters who might not have considered hiring a midwife. *MidwifeJobs.com* was featured in an advertising campaign in *Ob.Gyn.News* with other HealthCareers associations. The site offered job seekers more than 50 jobs per month on average over the course of the year.

eMidwife.com – the College's electronic discussion group service exclusively available to ACNM members – hosts several dozen discussion groups on a host of topics. The most popular group – discussions about clinical management topics – has more than 500 subscribers.

Membership figures as of December 31, 2005

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| Active | 4595 |
| Active-Retired/Disabled | 196 |
| Active-First Year..... | 237 |
| Active-Life..... | 195 |
| Associate..... | 465 |
| Student..... | 601 |
| Total..... | 6243 |
| AIC Member..... | 3 |
| Friends of the College | 191 |

Global Outreach

In 2005, the Department of Global Outreach stepped up activity as a partner on the ACCESS Program, USAID's five-year, global, flagship maternal-newborn health program. ACCESS was awarded to JHPIEGO, the lead agency, and its partners, which include ACNM, Save the Children, the Futures Group, the Academy for Educational Development (AED), and Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA). The ACCESS Partnership is promoting and supporting the home-to-hospital continuum of care, an approach that incorporates community mobilization and empowerment as well as capacity building

at all levels of the formal health care system in order to improve maternal and neonatal outcomes. In 2005, ACNM took the lead in the development of a foundational program document on home-based models of maternal and newborn care as well as a small grants program to support developing country NGO activity on the prevention of obstetric fistula.

In 2005, as part of ACCESS, DGO supported the development of the Afghan Midwives Association (AMA) and facilitated the AMA's first national congress. ACNM also facilitated the participation of AMA leaders in the ACNM Annual Meeting, as well as the Triennial Congress of the International Confederation of Midwives. DGO staff presented on Home Based Life Saving Skills, Life Saving Skills, vacuum extraction and obstetric fistula at the International Confederation of Midwives meeting as well.

The publication of ACNM's *Home Based Life Saving Skills* curriculum, successfully field tested in India and Ethiopia in 2002, was feted at a reception hosted by ACNM and The White Ribbon Alliance/The Futures Group. ACNM has received numerous enquiries about HBLSS program implementation and dozens of sets of manuals have been ordered by NGOs, PVOs and UN organizations.

DGO completed three long-term projects in Ethiopia including the HBLSS training programs in Liben Woreda in the south and in the Somali region in the east for Save the Children and LSS/HBLSS training of regional training teams for the Intrahealth-led Hareg Program to reduce maternal transmission of HIV. The DGO also conducted LSS training for skilled providers in Axum, in northern Ethiopia supported by the White Ribbon Alliance. In conjunction with the training, DGO staff conducted a workshop to promote understanding and collaboration between the community, health center and hospital staff.

Life Saving Skills training for the Project-Hope-led Tajikistan Healthy Families Project was completed in 2005; LSS training in a new region of the country was initiated under a USAID Child Survival Award to Mercy Corps. In Ghana, ACNM is fielding a Pre-Service Technical Advisor to the CHPS-TA project (Community Based Health Planning and Services-Technical Assistance) led by the Population Council with partner EngenderHealth. ACNM also completed an assessment of maternal health conditions in a remote area of Swaziland for an independent NGO. In 2005, ACNM was invited to participate with Africare on a successful bid for the Improved Community Health Project in Liberia. Activities will get underway in early 2006.

DGO Core activities continued to include the signature *Life Saving Skills* and *Home-Based Life Saving Skills* training programs; strengthening sister midwifery associations in developing countries; maternal-newborn health policy development; developing standards and protocols; conducting research on maternal mortality; and helping institutionalize improved maternal and child health practices including family planning integration, prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, and other aspects of reproductive health care.

DGO has initiated a process to update the *Life Saving Skills for Midwives* manuals. With support from the Columbia University Averting Maternal Death and Disability Program (AMDD), the DGO has assembled a team of technical editors and developed a work plan for reviewing and revising the modules. It is hoped that the fourth edition of the *Life Saving Skills* manual will be published before the 2007 Annual Meeting.

Divisions & Committees



ACNM Division of Accreditation

The Division of Accreditation (DOA) consists of four units:

- **Governing Board** is responsible for the administration of the DOA's activities, formulation of policy, and the development of the criteria used by the BOR in determining accreditation status.
- **Site Visitor Panel** arranges, conducts, and evaluates accreditation visits to midwifery education programs or institutions.
- **Board of Review (BOR)** is responsible for review of an applicant's Preaccreditation Report or Self-Evaluation Report and the Site Visit Report, and for determination of accreditation status.
- **Advisory Committee**, composed of members representing nursing, medicine, education and the public, as well as the immediate past chair of the DOA, advises in the development of policy and evaluation of the DOA.

In order to be recognized as an accrediting agency by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), the DOA must be independent of the professional organization, ACNM. Although the DOA shares space and facilities at the ACNM national office, it pays ACNM for its use of the national office and for 50 percent staff time. Income for the DOA budget comes almost exclusively from fees paid by programs and institutions that it accredits. There is also a mechanism whereby donations can be made to the DOA through the A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc.

Every five years, all accrediting agencies that are recognized by the USDE must go through a process of petitioning for continued recognition. Preparation of this petition and necessary accompanying documentation consumed a great deal of time and effort in 2005. In addition to requesting continued recognition as a programmatic accrediting agency, the DOA is petitioning for an expansion of scope to include institutions of midwifery education that may offer other health-related programs such as nurse practitioner. If the DOA achieves this recognition, it would become a Title IV gatekeeper for federal funding for institutions that it accredits.

The DOA conducted five site visits during 2005, and the BOR made accreditation decisions about eight programs and one institution. Other activities included revision of the *Criteria for Institutional Accreditation* and several revisions to the *Policies and Procedures Manual*. The most significant of these is a change in policy to require active solicitation, by the DOA and by programs and institutions undergoing evaluation, of public comment into the accreditation process. All DOA documents are now available for free download on the ACNM Web site. DOA representatives also participated in the ACNM Education Summit, the Alliance for Nursing Accreditation, and the DNP Invitational Stakeholders Meeting held by AACN.

ACNM Division of Education

The ACNM Division of Education (DOE) is composed of six sections that work to support education programs for CNMs and CMs. These sections are: Basic Competency, Continuing Competency,

Continuing Education, Education Policy, Education Promotion, and Preceptor Development and Support. Three new section chairs and a new Division Chair were appointed in 2005.

The Division of Education represented the ACNM in meetings of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Alliance for Nursing Accreditation; the AACN-sponsored DNP taskforce; and the Advanced Practice Nursing Consensus, out of which a definition of APRN will emerge, which will be supported by all participating nursing groups. (This process is expected to conclude in the spring of 2006.)

Other activities during 2005 included: participation in the planning and at the Education Summit sponsored by the ACNM Board of Directors; publication of a QuickInfo paper on Faculty Degree Requirements in Schools of Nursing; revision of the position statement "Mandatory Degree Requirements for Midwives," approved by the Board of Directors in December 2005; collaboration with ACNM Professional Services staff resulting in BOD approval of a pilot program for Re-Entry into Practice; review and approval of 110 continuing education program applications; beginning work on a project to streamline the application and review process for continuing education programs; appointing a task force for preceptor.org and began collaboration with ACNM national office staff on content of the site (preceptor.org is due to be piloted prior to the 2006 Annual Meeting); and slight revisions of the core competency revision schedule to coincide with publication of the AMCB task analysis (Initial revision work will begin the spring of 2006). The 2001/2005 Continuing Competency Assessment (CCA) cycle concluded August 31, 2005 with 705 participants enrolled.

Division of Research

The Division of Research (DOR) contributes to knowledge about the health of women, infants and families and advances the profession of midwifery by promoting the development, conduct and dissemination of research.

Our work this year has been focused on enhancing the ability of the DOR to network and enhance the research skills and access to resources for ACNM members.

The Research Advisory section has worked with staff at the national office to improve our guidelines for accessing ACNM members for research purposes.

The Development and Dissemination section coordinated numerous presentations at the Annual Meeting, including the Scholar's Colloquium, with Dr. Patricia Aikins Murphy as the invited scholar; a workshop for midwives to gain skills in the pursuit of an academic research career; and research forums and poster sessions. Also at the Annual Meeting: Judith Mercer, DNSc, CNM, FACNM received the "Best Presentation" award, Catherine Schaefer, ND, RN, SNM, Hannah Albiez, RN, SNM; Bonny Hinz RN, SNM (supervised by Nancy K. Lowe, CNM, FACNM, FAAN, PhD) received the "Best Student Paper" award, and Lisa Kane Low CNM, PhD, FACNM; Paula Lantz, PhD; Sanhai Varkey, MPH; and Robin Watshon, MA received the "Best Poster" award.

The Data Management section continued to examine the collection of aggregate data to enhance our description of midwifery practices and

outcomes, as well as research-based practice networks.

The International section has developed a *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* special focus issue on international health planned for July/August 2007. The DOR Web pages were revised and now provide a site for members to access information, resources, guidance, and networking on research and evidence-based practice. This will include alerts of new findings from a selection of international perinatal journals.

The Networking section is working to enhance our research networks in the United States and internationally. This includes working with the Midwives Alliance of North America Division of Research and the International Confederation of Midwives Research Standing Committee.

Division of Standards and Practice

The Division of Standards and Practice (DOSP) is composed of five sections: Clinical Practice, Home Birth, Professional Liability, Quality Management and Business. All the sections have been working on review and revision of essential clinical documents. A number of new documents have been produced this year including statements on Primary Elective Cesarean, Physician Compensation, signed MD Practice Guidelines, Practice Settings, Home Birth and a Charting Template for Shoulder Dystocia.

We collaborated with others in a number of projects. The Clinical Practice Section participated in a work group on re-entry into practice, and with the CDC and ACOG concerning preconception care. The Professional Liability Section collaborated with the Division of Education to complete a faculty & student liability survey. The Quality Management Section has successfully transitioned the Benchmarking Project to the national office.

Eight presentations at the Annual Meeting were sponsored by the DOSP. Three articles were accepted for publication on the following topics: National Practitioner Data Bank, Shoulder Dystocia and Benchmarking. We have also had a number of articles in *Quickenings*, including a column on quality management topics.

Division of Women's Health Policy & Leadership

In 2005, the priority for the Division of Women's Health Policy and Leadership was to assess the status of its Standing Rules of Procedure to ensure they are in alignment with the ACNM Strategic Priorities and recruit new members.

The Leadership Development section worked to support the strategic priority aimed at developing activities designed to enhance leadership skills among members. An electronic survey of leadership skills and needs was developed for distribution to chapter chairs.

The Women's Health Issues and Projects section obtained a grant for \$3,700 from Health Care Without Harm in collaboration with the University of Maryland School of Nursing. With the grant, they will conduct an environmental health pre-conference workshop at the 2006 ACNM Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah and hold a conference in Maryland. The working group has been co-lead by Donna Vivio, CNM and Katie Huffling, SNM. To date they had their accepted for the ACNM 2006 Annual Meeting, planned a regional workshop and held four working group meetings for the Environmental Health Working Group.

Members for the Public Information section are working on an educational piece with the focus on "Facts about C-Section." The section developed guidelines for consumer education products. Members of the section reviewed and offered editorial comment to the College on "Nurturing Baby and Me During Pregnancy" a text and CD created in partnership with ACNM.

Archives

2005 was a very significant year for the Archives Committee as it celebrated the 50th anniversary of the ACNM. The committee participated in the 50th anniversary ad-hoc committee, which helped plan the year's activities. The committee created a photo-array commemorating 50 years of history of the ACNM. Based on an ACNM history outlined by Katy Dawley and Helen Varney Burst, the display was exhibited at the Annual Meeting and will be permanently housed at the National Office. A public display of a portion of original archival materials was held at the National Library of Medicine for several weeks, overlapping the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

In conjunction with History Associates, a professional historical consulting firm, the committee completed the processing of over thirty boxes of materials, dated from 1950s through the 1980s, which are now part of the permanent ACNM collection. This project cleared the entire backlog of materials that have been waiting processing. Finding aids for the collection are available online at www.nlm.nih.gov.

Bylaws Committee

In 2005, the Bylaws Committee clarified student privileges of membership. During the Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in 2005, two national bylaws amendments were proposed by the Bylaws Committee and passed by the membership. The national bylaws were amended to remove the specificity in the voting mechanism to allow other types of voting such as electronic voting. The members also voted to define a membership quorum of the meeting as one-tenth of the active members in attendance at the meeting. This re-definition will assist in achieving a quorum at Annual Meetings to conduct business.

Government Affairs Committee

The Government Affairs Committee's key activities included: working closely with the national office to follow up on legislative activities and grass roots efforts related to the pending Medicare legislation; beginning discussion and coordination of proactive legislative agenda items among and from the Divisions (a meeting was held with the Policy Advocacy Chair of the Division of Women's Health); together with the national office Professional Services Staff, the committee developed and initiated *The Advocate*. This monthly newsletter is a key to communicating ongoing political activity by the College.

Current projects include: developing a subcommittee to work on mechanisms to educate, motivate and activate the grass roots during the years between meetings in D.C.; restructure grass roots efforts with the guidance of national office staff.

Future projects include: assisting with the development of information packets on credentialing for third party payers and promoting direct access to midwifery care; assisting with a state-by-state analysis of the laws/regulations that need to be changed to improve the practice environment for CNMs/CMs and assist in the development of strategies to make these changes; evaluating legislation regarding reimbursement and pursue remedies to avoid further erosion at the policy level for midwives to receive adequate reimbursement; pursuing local, state, and national tort remedies that will reduce professional liability premiums.

International Health

During the Annual Meeting, the International Health Committee supported a pre-conference workshop titled "Preparing for International Consultancies and Travel," several roundtables focusing on international health issues, a booth in the exhibit hall, as well as a number of presentations at the research forums. The committee also hosted an open reception for all ACNM members to discuss international work as a response to the large turnout at the 2005 meeting. The committee is engaged with assisting the revisions to the ACNM Life-Saving Skills manuals.

MIDWIVES-PAC

This has been a good year for the MIDWIVES-PAC. We are pleased with the support the ACNM membership has given to the PAC. Our total income from telephone solicitation was \$76,668 in this, an off-election year. This compares very favorably with the \$78,354 we collected last year during a Presidential election. The other good news was that of the 1525 pledges we received, 97 came from midwifery students and 747 pledges came from first time midwife donors. Previous donors continue to support the PAC in large numbers and our average donation was \$65.00.

We were able to make sixteen donations of \$2000 each prior to the November elections to members of the House and Senate who have supported our issues and who are in a position to influence votes on our issues. We have hosted receptions for several of our supporters and gave another \$4000 dollars post-election to key individuals.

Due to the work of our members on the local level, and in Washington, DC, our issues and our work are becoming known to more and more legislators. State Senators and Representatives have visited prenatal clinics and birth centers and observed midwives at work. Some are learning first hand, through their birth experiences or the experiences of their staff. For those of you who have hosted Congressmen and Senators, thank-you from all of us, and to the rest please consider doing the same. First hand knowledge of how midwives practice is our best selling point.

Midwives of Color

The 2005 Annual Meeting fund raiser was a success, adding nearly \$4000 to the endowed scholarship from the art auction and raffle. More than 80 midwives and friends turned out for an outstanding evening of socializing and re-connecting. A fund raiser is planned for the 2006 Annual Meeting.

The committees first annual newsletter was well-received; our goal is to increase visibility within the membership and communication. Working in conjunction with the A.C.N.M. Foundation, the committee is proud to announce the re-named Midwives of Color-Watson Scholarship. Presently the scholarship fund is more than \$100,000 and the committee awarded two scholarships in 2005. Dominique Dubois, SNM from the Oregon Health and Science University and Wendy McQueen, SNM from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey were the recipients.

Nominating

The Nominating Committee solicits candidates for the Board of Directors and conducts elections, in accordance with the ACNM bylaws. In

2004, the bylaws allowed for a change to on line elections. The committee continues to work with the staff and evaluating the impact of electronic balloting. The committee is currently reviewing a procedure for replacement of a member who was unable to complete a term.

Program

The Program Committee plans and coordinates the program and assists at the business sessions for the Annual Meeting of the College. Last year, the committee reviewed evaluations from the Washington, DC 50th anniversary Annual Meeting and evaluated the abstract submissions for the 51st Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. We reevaluated the length of education offerings and will institute 60 minute sessions in 2006, and began recruitment of program committee members from each of the regions. Our 2006 plans include completion of our revised procedures and the initiation of planning for the 2007 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Student

The Student Committee is the liaison committee between Student Members and the College. The committee also organizes at the Annual Meeting and formally addresses the College with the Students' Annual Report. In 2005 the Committee saw increased organization with contact being made before and after the Annual Meeting with Program Directors and Student Representatives. The Committee received excellent input from students attending the Annual Meeting and midwifery students Jennifer Read, SNM, University of New Mexico, and Hilary Prager, SNM, Columbia, delivered an inspiring report. A private e-discussion group was tested in the fall but not well utilized by members. The Committee has pushed forward with its mission to facilitate communication between students and the College and to give students a contact point for issues and questions.

Uniformed Services Committee

Established in 2004, the Uniformed Services Committee (USC) recruits and retains members of all commissioned corps (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Public Health Service) to ACNM, provides representation for the needs of midwives working in federal facilities to the College, and increases awareness among the ACNM membership of the unique issues concerning uniformed services members. The USC primary focus in 2005 was membership expansion through information campaigns. Members communicate through both the eMidwife discussion list and individual e-mail.

Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health

Volume 50 of the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* (JMWH) contained 576 print pages and 75 electronic-only pages. Two CEU issues on Genetics in Clinical Practice (50.3) and Liability/Risk Management in Midwifery Practice (50.6) were published. A special theme issue: "50 years of Nurse-Midwifery/Midwifery (50.2)" was published to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of ACNM. JMWH received 209 submissions and peer reviewed 156 manuscripts. The acceptance rate was 35 percent. The annualized number of downloads of the "Share With Women" column from the JMWH/ACNM Web site in 2005 was 13,750. "Share With Women" comprises 10 of the top 20 downloads from www.midwife.org.

A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc.



The A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated in 1967, whose mission is to promote excellence in health care for women, infants and families worldwide through the support of midwifery. The A.C.N.M. Foundation achieves its mission by funding a wide range of programs and projects with cash and non-cash donations from a variety of sources, including individuals, foundations, corporations, small-businesses, estates and trusts. The Foundation collaborates closely with and complements the goals of the ACNM by supporting activities focused on midwifery education, research, practice and leadership, thereby supporting the provision of high quality maternal, newborn, and well-woman health services. The Foundation successfully accomplished its mission in 2005 by seeking funding and making awards in the following programmatic areas:

Leadership - The Foundation's domestic and international leadership endeavors highlight the value midwives bring to the lives of so many around the globe. Funding from the Charles Engelhard Foundation, combined with funds from the Service Director's Network, enabled eight midwives to attend the Midwifery Business Institute and the Service Director's Network Meeting. Engelhard funding also made it possible for the Foundation to support the ACNM Board of Directors and Board of Governors Leadership Conference. International midwifery leadership was enhanced with the selection of the first president of the Afghan Midwives Association for the Bonnie Westenberg Pedersen International Midwife Award, and through an anonymous donation to the Pedersen Fund that will be used to broaden the Foundation's future international midwifery leadership activities.

Education - The Foundation continued its long history of support for midwifery education by making six basic midwifery education scholarships, including one from donations in memory of Margaret Edmundson, CNM, and two from our largest education endowment – the Midwives of Color-Watson Scholarship Fund. Two student midwives received invaluable mentorship during their attendance at the ACNM Annual Meeting as Varney Participants, and 23 midwifery faculty from around the country were recognized for their excellence in teaching and mentoring. The Foundation also supported research-related expenses for an outstanding midwife enrolled in doctoral education, for the tenth consecutive year, this year in support of dissertation research about the reproductive health care experiences of women with Down Syndrome.

Research - The Foundation continued funding a variety of research projects and research-related activities, including a new evidence-based midwifery care award. The first Hazel Corbin/Maternity Center Association Grant for Evidence-based Midwifery Care, funded by the Maternity

Center Association in recognition of the historical contributions of the Foundation's first president, Hazel Corbin, RN, will support an innovative research project entitled: *Great Expectations: Understanding and Influencing Women's Views of Birth*. Other Foundation funded research included two awards honoring long-time midwifery advocate, W. Newton Long, MD – one to support an examination of the cost-effectiveness of midwifery care in birthing centers and hospitals, and another to defray costs related to a midwife's scientific presentation at a triennial international midwifery meeting.

Special Initiatives - Another generous three-year award was made in 2005 by the Charles Engelhard Foundation to further expand the A.C.N.M. Foundation Leadership Program, which will result in continued Leadership Development Awards and Leadership Fellowships, as well as the launch of two new endeavors: The Foundation Board Leadership Initiative and the Women with Chronic Disease and Disability Initiative. Activities related to the Board Leadership Initiative have already begun, including information and education sessions with experts in the fields of fund-raising and development, management, leadership and marketing, all designed to enhance the organizational and fund raising skills of the Foundation board and staff. Plans are ongoing for the second initiative, which will contribute to the development of midwives as leaders in the care for women, families and children with chronic disease and disability.

Recognition - The A.C.N.M. Foundation's most prestigious recognition – the Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award – has been given annually since 2002 to pioneers in midwifery for their innovative, often heroic, contributions to the profession. On the occasion of ACNM's 50th Anniversary, and in honor of ACNM and ACNM Foundation Past-President, Dorothea M. Lang for whom the award is named, three Pioneer Awards were given– one each in the areas of Education, Practice and Research. Additionally, the Therese Dondero Memorial Lecture was presented by Mary Brucker, CNM, DNSc, FACNM, once again honoring the remarkable midwifery leadership of the late Therese Dondero. Other special recognitions were made in 2005, including a Special Donor Recognition Award to Sally Engelhard Pingree, President of the Charles Engelhard Foundation from whom two major leadership grants have been received in the past few years. The Foundation also gave a special recognition award to former A.C.N.M. Foundation Trustee, Timothy R.B. Johnson, MD, and ACNM staff member Angela "Angel" Stubbs, both in acknowledgment of their enduring support of the Foundation.

A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc. Financial Information as of December 31, 2005

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| Total Assets | \$680,824 | Total Expenses | \$202,895 |
| Total Current Liabilities | \$19,767 | Increase in Net Assets | \$9,541 |
| Total Net Assets | \$661,057 | Net Assets | \$651,516 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$680,824 | – Beginning of Year | |
| Total Revenue | \$212,436 | Net Assets | \$661,057 |
| | | – End of Year | |

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AWARDS FOR 2005

LEADERSHIP:

Bonnie

Westenberg Pedersen

International Midwife

Award

Pashtoon Azfar, Afghanistan

A.C.N.M. Foundation Leadership Development Award

Debra Glass, CNM, RN

Elissa Lane Miller, CNM, PhD

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Evelyn Simmons, CNM

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Laura Migliaccio, CNM, MSN

Denise Henning, CNM

Wendy Dotson, CNM

Margaret Brandquist, CNM

Leadership Development Conference Award

American College of Nurse-
Midwives

RESEARCH:

Hazel Corbin/Maternity Center Association Grant For Evidence-Based Midwifery Care

Holly Powell Kennedy, CNM, PhD,
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Debbie Jessup, CNM, PhDc,
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EDUCATION:

Varney Participants

Julie Paul, SNM

Dana Volstorff, SNM

Basic Midwifery Education Scholarships:

TUMS Calcium For Life

Scholarship

Katharine Aldrich, SNM

Midwives of Color-Watson

Scholarship

Dominique DuBois, SNM

Wendy McQueen, SNM

Edith B. Wonnell, CNM

Scholarship

Patricia M. Reddy, SNM

Margaret Edmundson Memorial

Scholarship

Melissa Ann Robinson, SNM

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Scholarship*

Julie Paul, SNM

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RECOGNITION:

Dorothea M. Lang Pioneer Award

Pioneer in Practice: Charlotte (Pixie)

Phoebe Cram Elsberry, CNM,
MSN, FACNM

Pioneer in Research: Leah Albers,

CNM, DrPH, FACNM

Pioneer in Education: Ruth Coates

Beeman, CNM, MPH, FACNM

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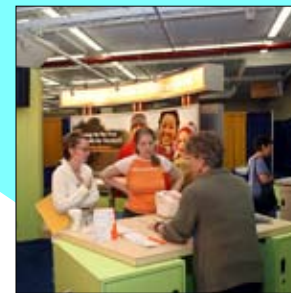
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ACNM Liaisons



These nurse-midwives have served as official representatives of the American College of Nurse-Midwives during 2005-2006. We gratefully acknowledge their contributions on behalf of our profession.

Leah Albers, CNM – Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, RTI-UNC Evidence-based Practice Center – expert peer reviewer

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Diane Boyer, CNM - for the Division of Accreditation and Margie Beal, CNM – Alliance for Nursing Accreditation

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Deanne Williams, CNM – Council Delegate to the International Confederation of Midwives; Steering Group for the International Conference on the Regulation of Nursing and Midwifery; White Ribbon Alliance Emergency Preparedness Working Group

The following individual was nominated to serve by ACNM:

Dorothea Lang, CNM – Representative for ACNM and the International Confederation of Midwives to the United Nations

The Division of Women's Health Policy and Leadership is interested in hearing from members willing to serve as liaisons or aware of new opportunities for ACNM to establish relationships with other organizations.

New/Revised Position Statements:

- Principles for Licensing and Regulating Midwives and other MCH Professionals
- Explanatory Statements for revised Code of Ethics
- Mandatory Degree Requirements for Entry into Midwifery Practice
- Home Birth
- Elective Primary Cesarean Section
- Quality Management in Midwifery Care

Retired Position Statements:

- Joint Risk Management Committee
- Ad Hoc Committee on Competition and Health Care

ACNM Treasurers' Report

Claire Westdahl, CNM, MPH, FACNM, Treasurer

- The ACNM Financial Advisory Board (FAB) is composed of the Treasurer, Executive Director, ACNM Department Directors, Past Treasurer (Kathleen Martin), two Board of Directors (BOD) representatives (Barbara Fildes and Elaine Mielcarski) and an appointed ACNM member (Tanya Tanner). The FAB meets at least twice annually to confer and advise the BOD on all budget preparation and financial matters.
- The College received a favorable financial audit for the year 2005. Our current asset to liability ratio of 2.5:1 is an indicator of a financially healthy organization. Our deficit for the year is \$81,635.
- Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc was our investor firm and advisor in 2005. In February, 2006 the investment advisory businesses of Legg Mason were consolidated into those of the Smith Barney division of Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. The investments will continue to remain in managed mutual funds and our investment advisor is the same. The unrealized gain on investments is \$172,035.
- In terms of operations, total revenue was about the same as last year. However, dues revenue was down by approximately 1%. Global Outreach expenses increased by 23% and revenue by 21%, Annual Meeting expenses increased by 22% while revenue increased by 16%.
- A key factor positively affecting the financial statements is derived from the members of the Division and Committees. Members who serve on committees and task groups continue to work many hours without compensation.
- The FAB presented the BOD with a balanced budget for 2006. Included in the budget for 2006 is support for restructuring activities funded from income on reserves. ACNM will continue to provide a high level of service to our members and consumers. We are financially sound to continue to pursue our mission.

FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2005

CURRENT ASSETS

| | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | 841,325 |
| Investments | 3,219,270 |
| Accounts receivable | 233,605 |
| Prepaid expenses | 77,725 |
| Inventory | 47,510 |
| Total Current Assets | 4,419,435 |

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

| | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Equipment | 210,054 |
| Furniture | 128,265 |
| Less, accumulated depreciation | (230,137) |
| Property and Equipment, Net | 108,182 |

OTHER ASSETS

\$22,292

TOTAL ASSETS

\$4,549,909

CURRENT LIABILITIES

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Accounts payable | 59,791 |
| Accrued salaries and benefits | 122,610 |
| Deferred membership dues | 1,143,368 |
| Other deferred revenue | 406,645 |

Total Current Liabilities

\$1,732,414

OTHER LIABILITIES

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Deferred rent expense | \$183,626 |
|-----------------------|-----------|

TOTAL LIABILITIES

\$1,916,040

NET ASSETS, UNRESTRICTED

\$2,633,869

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

\$4,549,909

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES DECEMBER 31, 2005

OPERATING REVENUE

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Membership Dues | 1,632,184 |
| Global Outreach International Programs | 645,823 |
| Meetings and exhibits | 858,776 |
| Publications | 294,607 |
| Advertising and Royalties | 156,064 |
| Product sales | 160,870 |
| Contributions and sponsorship | 130,085 |
| Division of Accreditation | 81,256 |
| Continuing Competency Assessment | 73,511 |
| Continuing Education Division | 7,350 |
| Subscriptions | 37,540 |
| Interest | 16,516 |
| Other | 31,739 |

Total Operating Revenue

\$4,126,321

OPERATING EXPENSES

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Member services | 902,096 |
| Professional services | 919,496 |
| Global Outreach | 715,292 |
| Meetings | 1,045,943 |
| Publications | 616,318 |
| Divisions and committees | 140,204 |

Total Operating Expenses

\$4,339,349

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS

\$(213,028)

OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Organizational Relationship Expenses (40,642)

Gain on Investments

172,035

TOTAL CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

\$(81,635)

NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR

\$2,715,504

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR

\$2,633,869

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