

Student Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in volunteering for ACNM as a student? There are many ways for student midwives to volunteer! As a student, you can join any committee or division with an application; the only caveat is that you cannot chair a committee and student members are not voting members (but your voice is important). Another option is to volunteer to be your school's liaison for the year to the Students and New Midwives Section (SANMS). Since the enactment of the Student representative on the Board of Directors, there has been confusion about the difference between student liaisons to SANMS and the student representative to the ACNM Board of Directors (BOD). Each year one midwifery education program gets to send a student to represent all student midwives on the ACNM BOD. So when it is your school's turn to send a student to the ACNM BOD you will have two key leadership opportunities. Here is a chart to help explain the difference between those two leadership opportunities.

National BOD Student Representative	VS.	SANMS Student Liaison
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominated by one school for representation on the Board of Directors 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nomination varies depending on program. In some schools the liaison is chosen by the program director.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The opportunity to select a student as a BOD Representative rotates through schools (in alphabetical order). 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every school sends one liaison for a total of 36!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One student selected from one school to represent all midwifery students on the Board of Directors as a non-voting member 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One student per school to work with the SANMS under the Division of Education
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time: ACNM annual meeting (AM) → next AM 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time: ACNM annual meeting (AM) → next AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goals: To provide the voice on an active student to the BOD, provides communication between students and the BOD, and works closely with the SANMS 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goal: disseminate information to students and assist with collating information to write and present the Student Report for the upcoming year's annual meeting (AM)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time commitment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend quarterly ACNM BOD meetings Attend Annual meetings during tenure Write quarterly report to submit to the BOD Write quarterly quickening posts Update students pages (Facebook, emails, etc.) with ACNM information Other projects as requested 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Time commitment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend Webinars and conference calls throughout the year (about 4-5) Attendance at the AM strongly encouraged to assist with finalizing the Student Report Frequent email communications from SAMNS to pass along information to all your classmates (both ACNM members and non-members)

Interested in networking, but not in a leadership role?

Attend your affiliate meetings. These provide a great opportunity to find a preceptor or get to know other students in the area. Some state affiliates may even have a need for student volunteers. You can participate in or take leadership assisting with projects, fundraisers, lobbying, or planning meetings. All state affiliates have elected officers that make up the state affiliate's executive board. In many states, affiliates offer a position on the executive board for a student. Check with your state affiliate leaders for additional leadership opportunities at the state level.

Be BOLD and get involved.

There are opportunities for all who have the dedication to serve with ACNM!

Ask the BOD Student Representative or SANMS members if you need assistance in finding your niche.

For more information: <http://www.midwife.org/Students-and-New-Grads>