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Send us your questions!

Use the GoToMeeting question tool
What is ACNM?

• ACNM is the professional membership organization that represents certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives in the U.S.

• With roots dating to 1929, ACNM is one of the oldest women’s health care organizations in the U.S.
Our Vision:

A midwife for every woman
Our mission

Support midwives and advance the practice of midwifery in order to achieve optimal health for women through their lifespan, with expertise in well woman and gynecologic care, promoting optimal pregnancy, physiologic birth, postpartum care, and care of the newborn.
ACNM supports the practice of midwives by promoting education, research, and advocacy that advances clinical excellence, expansion of a diverse midwifery workforce, and equitable legislation, regulation, and institutional policies that establish midwifery as the standard of care for women.
ACNM Affiliate organizations (state, territory, uniformed services, Indian Health/Tribal)
To fulfill our mission & vision, ACNM targets 5 core commitments across 5 strategic domains.

1. **Members**
   Increase the value of ACNM membership by providing high-quality resources & experiences

2. **Affiliate Support**
   Support the growth & development of our affiliate organizations

3. **National Advancement of Midwifery & Women’s Health**
   Expand access to midwifery care for all women

4. **Global Engagement**
   Partner with global stakeholders to advance the health of women & newborns

5. **Organizational Capacity**
   Ensure the availability of resources & expertise to fully support our strategic plan

**OUR CORE COMMITMENTS**
- Diversification & Inclusion
- Leadership Development
- Research
- Interprofessionalism
- Communications
ACNM is the leading organization promoting and supporting midwifery in the U.S. and--along with the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM)--globally

ACNM is your professional partner throughout your career.
ACNM has created new dues categories for students and new midwives to help students continue to take advantage of the benefits of ACNM membership at the start of their careers.

You can pay monthly if you don’t want to pay one lump sum!

Some states (such as North Carolina) also provide reduced affiliate dues rates for students and new midwives:

NC Student: $138 + $40 = $178
NC Active-new Midwife $210 + $100 = $310
NC Active-Advancing $282 + $140 = $422
NC Active- $357 + $175 = $532
YOU ARE ACNM!

Make it Yours!
Your entrée to becoming an active member of your professional organization!

- Student work program = free registration
- First-timer Orientation for all attendees
- Workshops on exam prep, Centering Pregnancy + 100 education sessions
- Student session with the ACNM BOD & Staff
- Student report: written by SANMS liaisons (one from every education program) and read to the membership and Board of Directors

Join us in New Mexico in 2016!

ACNM 61st Annual Meeting & Exhibition
ALBUQUERQUE, NM | ALBUQUERQUE CONVENTION CENTER | MAY 22–26, 2016
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Additional opportunities
Getting Involved: National Opportunities

• Divisions of
  – Education
  – Global Health
  – Research
  – Standards and Practice
Getting Involved: National Opportunities

• Government Affairs Committee
• Midwives-Political Action Committee
• Midwives of Color Committee
  ...and many more committees!
• Short-term taskforces
National Caucuses: Networking on Common Interests

- Disaster Preparedness and Response
- Friends of the Midwives of Color Committee and Ethnic Diversity
- Reproductive Health and Abortion
- Midwives in Support of Life
  *New caucuses formed as needed*
Student Volunteer Opportunities: GAC and Midwives-PAC

• **Student Legislative Contact (SLC)**
  – One (or more!) from each midwifery program
  – Use email listserve and quarterly conference calls to stay updated on GAC legislative efforts and Midwives-PAC fundraising activities

• **Student Representative to the PAC or GAC** (4 positions)
  – Voting member of GAC or Midwives-PAC
  – Term is annual meeting to annual meeting
  – Applications due May 1st! Must be ACNM member.
  – More info: [http://www.midwife.org/GAC-and-PAC-Student-Representative-Job-Description](http://www.midwife.org/GAC-and-PAC-Student-Representative-Job-Description)

• Annual meeting activities: **Midwives-PAC Rally** and **Lobby Day**!

• Questions? Contact Emily Yeast: emilyazy@gmail.com
Getting Involved:
National Opportunities

• Student Representative to the Board of Directors
‘Representative’ or ‘Liaison’?

- In 2007 a new position was created to add a **student representative** to the membership of the ACNM Board of Directors (BOD)
  - A new school from which to select a student representative is chosen each year
  - Each student representative serves on the BOD for 1 year
  - This BOD position is a non-voting position that provides representation of all CNM and CM students on the BOD

- Each school selects a **liaison** to the SANMS of DOE (a total of 38 liaisons)
  - Liaisons meet regularly via conference call and during the annual meeting
  - Compile the student report for the annual meeting
  - Disseminate ACNM information to classmates (both members and non-members)
What is the Student Report?

• Report from every education program
• Presented at the Annual meeting by SANMS liaisons
• Taken very seriously by the BOD
• See past student reports and ACNM responses at:
  http://www.midwife.org/Students-and-New-Grads
ACNM’s Web Page for Students

- Past student reports
- Past webinars
- Contact information for your BOD Student Representative- Dede Horvath
- Link for Student Volunteer Opportunities file
- Links to other student resources

http://www.midwife.org/Students-and-New-Grads
ACNM’s Web Page for New Midwives

• Located at http://www.midwife.org/New-Grads
• Must be a member to access the page
• Provides resources to assist you as you begin your career:
  – Certification preparation
  – Licensing
  – Employment
  – Negotiating a contract
  – Practice resources
  – Networking....and more
New Midwife Opportunities: Continuing Education Reader

- CE section in the Division of Education (DOE)
- Responsible for reading and approving applications submitted by a variety of organizations to ACNM for CE hours
- 1 application/month for most readers
- Paired with experienced readers to learn the process
- Submit CV to chair of CE section: Kate Fouquier at mfouquier@umc.edu
Getting Involved with ACNM: State Level

• Affiliates –
  – Every state has one! Assistance needed w/social media, websites, etc.
  – Affiliates want (and need) active student members
  – Every member of ACNM (national) is a member of a state affiliate based on mailing address
  – Moving to another state after school? Join that state affiliate and start networking now!
Getting Involved with ACNM: State Level

What can you do? LOTS!

• Student representative on affiliate board
• Host gatherings
• Attend meetings and network
• Volunteer for your affiliate

... Find your passion within ACNM, and Make ACNM yours!
Scholarships

• A.C.N.M. Foundation
  – Edith B. Wonnell Scholarship
  – Midwives of Color-Watson Scholarship
  – Basic Midwifery Student Scholarships

• External Scholarships information on “Financing your Midwifery Education”
Stay informed...

- Join ACNM 😊
- ACNM Student Facebook group
- Student e-midwife listserv participation
- Become your school’s student liaison for SANMS
- Email Dede (your student Representative to the BOD) with questions
- Join the new midwives listserv once you have graduated
- Join other listservs to keep up with EBP and clinical advice (clinical listserv) the business of midwifery (business listserv)... etc.
Questions?