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ACNM INDUCTS NEW PRESIDENT, INCOMING OFFICERS

Silver Spring, MD – Lisa Kane Low, CNM, PhD, FACNM, FAAN, is the newly inducted - president of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM). Low and incoming treasurer, Region I Representative and Region III Representative were inducted at the ACNM 61st Annual Meeting & Exhibition in Albuquerque, NM, May 21 – 26, 2016.

“As I take on the role of President of ACNM during these dynamic and exciting transitions within the organization, I look forward to continuing to position our organization as a leader in improving health outcomes through the expansion of the midwifery workforce,” said Low.

Low is Associate Dean for Practice and Professional Graduate Programs, and Associate Professor of Nursing and Women’s Studies at the University of Michigan. She has been active in ACNM for nearly 30 years. Prior to her term as President-elect, she was chair of the Division of Standards and Practice and leads the Healthy Birth Initiative subcommittee tasked with creating BirthTOOLS.org.

Joan Slager, CNM, DNP, CPC, FACNM, was re-elected to a second term serving as treasurer. Slager has been the director of nurse-midwifery at a Michigan hospital for 20 years and a midwife for 25. She has served as the ACNM Treasurer on the BOD for the last 2.5 years, and prior to that was an appointed member on the ACNM Finance and Audit Committee. She was re-elected to a second term serving as Treasurer.

Kathryn Carr, CNM, MSN, was elected Region I Representative which covers Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Carr practices full-scope midwifery in Boston and has been a midwife for 13 years. She has been active in Region I for many years with the Massachusetts Affiliate, including her current position as affiliate president, and on the national scale as chair of the ACNM Government Affairs Committee and longtime member of the Political Action Committee. This is Carr’s first term of office on the ACNM Board of Directors. She replaces Anne Gibeau, who is completing her 3-year term of office.

Jenny Foster, CNM, MPH, PhD, FACNM, was elected Region III Representative for Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Foster is a professor at Emory University in Georgia and has been a midwife for over 30 years. She has held a wide variety of positions and participated in ACNM activities on the local and national scale since the 1990s, and has also served on the editorial board of the

Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health. This is Foster's first term of office on the ACNM Board of Directors. She replaces Michael McCann, who is completing his second 3-year term of office.

Andrew Youmans, RN, CPEN, FAWM, was elected as student representative. Frontier Nursing University midwife student, Youmans currently works as a nurse clinician in the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA. He has experience in emergency nursing and is a Certified Pediatric Emergency Nurse. Youman is very passionate about outdoor activities and has taught Wilderness First Aid for 8 years. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Wilderness Medicine and member of the Wilderness Medical Society.

Nominating Committee Members are

Felina Ortiz, CNM, DNP; Ebony Roebuck, CNM, MS; and Kerri Schuiling, CNM, PhD, NPBC, FACNM, FAAN.

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