

# AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES STUDENT NEWSLETTER

Hello Students,

Welcome to the **ACNM Student Newsletter**! These quarterly newsletters compile events and student-oriented topics. If you have something you would like to share, suggest a topic, or nominate a student for the Student Corner, please contact the Student Representative to the Board of Directors, Andrew Youmans at [John.Youmans@frontier.edu](mailto:John.Youmans@frontier.edu), or the newsletter editor, Yuliya Labko, MSN, CNM at [ylibko@gmail.com](mailto:ylibko@gmail.com).

## THE ACNM ANNUAL MEETING IS FAST APPROACHING!

**62<sup>nd</sup> ACNM Annual Meeting May 21-25, 2017**  
**Midwives Reaching New Heights**  
**Chicago, IL**  
**Register by April 3, 2017 for Early Bird Pricing**

Highlights:

- Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> ACNM Exam Prep Workshop
- Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Heart of Midwifery

.... and much more <http://annualmeeting.midwife.org/schedule/>

Hotel and Lodging information: <http://annualmeeting.midwife.org/join-us/hotel-travel/>

## MEET FRANK PURCELL, ACNM'S CEO

**Frank Purcell** joined ACNM's National Office Staff as the Chief Executive Officer this past Fall. Frank comes to ACNM from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). To help SANMS try to get to get to know Frank better here is some information he has shared.

*"My background includes 16 years in professional advocacy and association management in advanced practice nursing, 11 years in numerous staff roles for three members of the U.S. House, and completion of the Harvard Kennedy School executive education program on healthcare delivery policy systems."*

*"For fun I read, swim, hike, bike and cook out for my family at our Alexandria, Virginia home - wife Chris, sons Ian (22) and Ryan (21)."*

*"At the national office I call ACNM members from time to time to ask how we're doing. And they tell me, which is great. That and my accessibility on social media - you can find me on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn - help keep me focused on top priorities. By being attentive to members, I hope we can create a future where midwifery is better understood and valued to the benefit of women and newborns, where midwives cannot imagine not being a member of ACNM."*

## NEW ACNM CAUCUS OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENT MIDWIVES INTERESTED IN PUBLIC HEALTH

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, nurse-midwives joined the ranks of public health nurses in the United States to address the nation's increasing maternal and infant mortality rates. From the early days of Mary Breckenridge and her Frontier Nursing Service, nurse-midwives have cared for underserved women in both rural and urban settings. Today, many CNMs/CMs come to the profession with a Master's in Public Health, and Johns Hopkins School of Nursing offers a combined public health nursing/nurse-midwifery degree in collaboration with Shenandoah University. Despite a history steeped in the public health tradition, until recently ACNM did not offer an official venue for public-health oriented midwives to connect.

That changed in May, 2016, when a conversation between myself and a member of our Maryland affiliate, Jeanne Murphy, CNM, resulted in a call for the founding of a new Public Health caucus at the National Meeting. Twenty-five CNMs and student nurse-midwives from across the country met to discuss our passion for public health and our vision for the new caucus, which includes advocacy and education surrounding such varied topics as maternal HIV/AIDS, opioid use disorder, and access to healthcare for all.

I was a student at the time the caucus was founded, and the Standard Rules and Operating Procedures are designed to encourage student involvement. There is a student position built into the leadership structure, and a goal of the caucus is to create mentorship opportunities between students and experienced midwives with similar interests. Membership is open to all ACNM members, and our next meeting will be held at the National Meeting this coming May in Chicago. For more information or to get involved, e-mail me at [sestes15@su.edu](mailto:sestes15@su.edu). Good luck and welcome to the world of midwifery!

- **Stephanie Estes, CNM**

## THE A.C.N.M FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

There are many exciting things about **ACNM's 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting** in Chicago this May. This will be a special year due to the A.C.N.M Foundation's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Foundation has a long tradition of helping students through scholarships and awards. The Foundation also helps support ACNM and its strategic mission.

### Events the Foundation is sponsoring at the Annual Meeting:

- **The 'Foundation'** | 50 Years of Global Impact | Featuring Guest Speaker Charles 'Chic' Dambach, MBA – Nationally Recognized Leader in Nonprofit Governance, 2017 Nobel Peace Prize nominee and author of the 2010 memoir: "Exhaust the Limits: Life and Times of a Global Peacemaker" with an introduction by Lisa Paine, CNM, DrPH, FACNM, CEO, and Jo-Anna L. Rorie, CNM, PhD, FACNM, Mistress of Ceremonies, The A.C.N.M. Foundation, Inc.
- **Foundation Founder's Hall of Fame** | 2-hour event to honor our founders and significant contributors to the Foundation's history, with Guest Moderators, Charles 'Chic' Dambach, MBA and Timothy Johnson, Jr., MD, FACOG, Trustee and 2011 Hellman Awardee. Special Guests will also include founders Ruth and Bill Lubic and Kitty Ernst, as well as Marty Ginsburg's son James Ginsburg, among other historical contributors. Don't miss this historical event with a room full of Foundation Superstars.
- **Presidents' Reception (Invitation Only)** | Recognizing Foundation's founders, high-end donors, and corporate sponsors.

## 50 YEARS OF SERVICE (CONT.)

- **50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash** | The A.C.N.M. Foundation will top off its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Day with a fun-filled Birthday Bash, a fundraiser for meeting attendees of all ages, complete with birthday games, cake, coffee/tea, cash bar, photo booth and live music by Chicago's renowned Michael Walters Trio. Stay for the evening or stop by to show your support and take away a 4×6 photo and digital print of you and your friends at our special 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday photo booth. Don't miss this fantastic celebration, as we dance the night away with PLENTY of birthday party surprises! Student can get discounted tickets to the event at 25 dollars.

## PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2017 SANMS STUDENT REPORT

Every year the Student Liaisons to the Student and New Midwives Section write a report to present to the membership. This report is addressed by the Board of Directors and the National Office Staff. View previous Student Reports and the Board & Staff Responses to familiarize yourself with the process! The SANMS Student Liaisons are busy working on gathering information for the 2017 Student Report. Take time to reach out to your student liaison and express concerns or highlight things ACNM has done that you find beneficial. This is a great chance to have your voice and concerns heard.

## WHAT DOES THE ACNM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE DO?

I often get asked what my responsibilities are as the Student Representative on the ACNM Board of Directors. As the Student Representative, I serve a one-year term on the ACNM Board of Directors. This term ends for me at the Annual Meeting in May of this year. The Student Representative role rotates through the Midwifery Education Programs alphabetically. Dede Horvath, a student at Emory at the time she served, preceded me, a Frontier Student, and I will be succeeded by a student from Georgetown. My primary role on the Board is to provide a student voice at the table during Board discussions. I represent all students, not just the ones from my school. Though the Student Representative does not have a vote in board decisions, the Student Representative is free to voice opinions, and is often asked for their opinion.

In addition to attending board meetings, I have other responsibilities, as do the other Board Members. I liaison with the program committee, SANMS section of the Division of Education, and I serve on the Peer Review and Volunteer Structure Realignment Taskforces. This often involves monthly conference calls for each of the duties and frequent email discussions in between. I also work with Lisa Paine of the A.C.N.M Foundation to create a student-driven initiative for the ACNM Foundation. Furthermore, I serve as a point of contact for students and potential students for a variety of issues and questions. This role is a unique and eye opening experience. ACNM is a complex organization, and this experience has helped me develop a deeper understanding of the organization. I feel very prepared to continue with this organization as a future leader.