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## **AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

### ***San Diego Midwife Selected to Represent West Coast Region***

**SILVER SPRING, MD – Candace Curlee, CNM, MS of San Diego, CA was elected as the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) Regional Representative for Alaska, American Samoa, California, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. As Regional Representative, she will serve as the liaison between the more than 1,000 West Coast members and the organization's Board of Directors.**

For three years, Curlee has worked as a midwife at the Scripps Clinic Mission Valley in San Diego. She provides women's healthcare to all age groups.

As the regional representative, Curlee is committed to involving all West Coast midwives. "My primary goal as Region VI Representative is to engage all nurse-midwives in our Region in the business of ACNM," Curlee says. "I want to be a true representative and therefore will actively seek participation from all nurse-midwives in our region."

During her 27 year career as a nurse-midwife, Curlee has been involved with ACNM and has persistently pursued the expansion of midwifery practice. For 16 of those years, Curlee was an active duty U.S. Naval officer. During her 24 year Navy career, she held many leadership roles in the Navy including five years of service as a specialty advisor for nurse-midwives and women's health nurse practitioners to the Navy Surgeon General. She was also on the executive committee of the medical staff in two hospitals.

Curlee received her bachelor's of science in nursing from the University of Texas in 1972 and her master's of science from the University of Colorado in 1973. She completed a post graduate primary care nurse practitioner program specializing in nurse-midwifery at the University of California, San Diego in 1980. She was certified a nurse-midwife by the American College of Nurse-Midwives in October of 1980.

Curlee will be inducted to her three-year term at the ACNM 53rd Annual Meeting in Boston, May 23-29, 2008.

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With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is the oldest women's health care association in the U.S. ACNM's mission is to promote the health and well-being of women and infants within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. Midwives believe every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations. More information about ACNM can be found at [www.midwife.org](http://www.midwife.org).

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