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Division of Membership and Publications

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Meet the Panelists

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ACNM Foundation President

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Co-chair, Students and New Midwives Committee, Division of membership and Marketing

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Co-chair, Students and New Midwives Committee, Division of membership and Marketing

Felina Ortiz, CNM, RN, DNP
Midwives of Color Color Committee (MOCC) Chair and Representative to the Board of Directors

Kendall McCoy, MSN, RN
Student Representative, Board of Directors
Send us your questions!

Use the Zoom Chat.
What is ACNM?

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

Lead organization promoting and supporting midwifery in the U.S.

ACNM is your professional partner throughout your career
About ACNM

**Vision:** A midwife for every woman

**Mission:** To support midwives and advance the practice of midwifery, achieving optimal health for all women throughout their lifespan. To accomplish its goals, ACNM aspires to improve expertise in well-woman and gynecologic care, prioritizing optimal pregnancy, physiologic birth, postpartum care, and neonatal care.

ACNM upholds the practice of midwifery by promoting education, research, and advocacy that advances clinical excellence; advocating for the expansion of a diverse midwifery workforce; and lobbying for equitable legislation, regulation, and institutional policies that establish midwifery as the standard of care for women.
ACNM Core Values

- Excellence
- Evidence-Based Care
- Formal Education
- Inclusiveness
- Woman-Centered Care and Respect for Physiologic Processes
- Primary Care
- Partnership
- Advocacy
- Global Outreach
Our Philosophy of Care

We, the midwives of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, affirm the power and strength of women and the importance of their health in the well-being of families, communities and nations. We believe in the basic human rights of all persons, recognizing that women often incur an undue burden of risk when these rights are violated.
Strategic Goals 2015-2020

MEMBERS
Increase the value of ACNM membership by providing high-quality resources & experiences

ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY
Ensure the availability of resources & expertise to fully support our strategic plan

OUR CORE COMMITMENTS
- Diversification & Inclusion
- Leadership Development
- Research
- Interprofessionalism
- Communications

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT
Partner with global stakeholders to advance the health of women & newborns

AFFILIATE SUPPORT
Support the growth & development of our affiliate organizations

NATIONAL ADVANCEMENT OF MIDWIFERY & WOMEN'S HEALTH
Expand access to midwifery care for all women

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF NURSE-MIDWIVES
With women, for a lifetime®
The National Office
National Office Staff

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  • Sadaf Chaudhry MD, MSPH, Director, Global Operations
  • Lakesia Pitts, Grants Manager
## ACNM Membership

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50% Reduction on National Student Dues (effective August 1, 2020):

**Annual dues: $70 + Student Affiliate Dues**

- Active-new Midwife $214
- Active-Advancing $288
- Active $365
There are 55 ACNM Affiliates: one for each US state, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Uniformed Health Services and Indian Health Services/Tribal Affiliate.

https://portal.midwife.org/affiliate-directory
ACNM embraces diversity and inclusion in our profession and organization at every level to meet the needs of a diverse US population and so that all CNMs and CMs feel welcome and able to contribute to the profession.

https://www.midwife.org/diversification-and-inclusion
YOU ARE ACNM!

Make it Yours!
The 66th Annual Meeting & Exhibition
takes place in Portland, Oregon, at the Oregon Convention Center (OCC)
May 21-25, 2021
Student Opportunities at Annual Meeting

- National Board Exam prep
- Resume review
- Student Orientation to Annual Meeting
- Student/New Graduate topic sessions e.g. “Survival success in the 1st year of practice”
- Business meeting
- Heart of Midwifery
- Exhibit Hall
- Educational Sessions on every topic imaginable!
- Dance party after the Awards Ceremony
Getting Involved: National Opportunities

- Divisions of
  - Advocacy and Affiliate Support
  - Advancement of Midwifery
  - Global Engagement
  - Organizational Capacity
  - Membership and Publications
  - Research
Getting Involved: National Opportunities

● Midwives of Color Committee
● National Government Affairs Committee -- NGAC and State Government Affairs Committee -- SGAC
● Committee of Midwife Advocates for Certified Midwives - CMAC

...and many more!

● Task Forces: Interprofessional Ed., Gender Equity, Ultrasound Ed., Bullying, Midwifery Scope of Practice, Perinatal Mental Health
National Caucuses: Networking on Common Interests

- Disaster Preparedness & Response Caucus
- Friends of MOCC & Ethnic Diversity Caucus
- Medical Education Caucus
- Midwifery Business Network Caucus
- Midwifery History Caucus
- Midwives in Support of Life Caucus
- Midwives Teaching Nurses Caucus
- Native American Caucus
- Public Health Caucus
- Reproductive Health & Abortion Caucus
- Universal Healthcare Caucus
- Black Midwives Caucus for Reproductive Justice and Birth Equity

*New caucuses formed as needed*
Student Volunteer Opportunities:
GAC and Midwives-PAC

• **Student Legislative Contact (SLC)**
  – One (or more!) from each midwifery program
  – Use ACNM Connect 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 Hart Hayes emilyharthayes@gmail.com
Getting Involved: National Opportunities

• Student Representative to the Board of Directors
  • Liaison to the SANMC
‘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)
  – Position rotates through Midwifery Education Programs in alphabetical order.
  – Each student representative serves on the BOD for 1 year
  – This BOD position is a voting position that provides representation of all midwifery students to the BOD

• Each school selects a liaison to the SANMC of DMP (a total of 39 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 SANMC 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
- Recordings of past webinars
- Contact information for your BOD Student Representative- Kendall McCoy and the SANMC
- 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
• Provides resources to assist you as you begin your career:
  – Certification preparation
  – Licensing
  – Employment
  – Negotiating a contract
  – Practice resources
  – Networking….and more
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 (Due Mar. 1\textsuperscript{st})
  – Midwives of Color-Watson Scholarship (Due Mar. 1\textsuperscript{st})
  – Varney Participant (Annual Meeting) (Due Mar. 1\textsuperscript{st})
    – Requires you to be ACNM Member to qualify.

• External Scholarships information on “Financing your Midwifery Education”
ACNM Exam Prep

- There are multiple ways to study for your certification exam, depending on your learning style and preference:
  - “the Kelsey Review book”
    Midwifery & Women’s Health Nurse Practitioners Certification Review Guide
    • Updated and revised 2021
    • Review at your own pace with online questions bank
  - ACNM LIVE/Virtual Exam prep Workshop at Annual Meeting
    • Two-day interactive workshop before the AM begins
Stay informed...

- Join ACNM 😊
- Become a student page for the annual meeting
- ACNM Student and New Midwives Facebook groups
- Student Connect group for updates
- Become your school’s student liaison for SANMC
- Email Kendall (your student Representative to the BOD) with questions: kendalljmccoy@gmail.com
- Join other Connect groups to keep up with EBP and clinical advice, the business of midwifery, etc.
Don’t go it alone

• ACNM membership brings you the shared wisdom of midwives who have gone before you

• Access to resources, consultations, support to make your career as a midwife, from start to finish, a positive, rewarding, success.
Questions?