

## WALC BUSINESS MEETING May 19, 2009

Business meeting was called to order at 1350.

January meeting minutes were approved as written.

Kathie's treasurer report. Money market \$7,500. The amount of \$660 in the Scholarship fund will be added to this for improved interest rate. Scholarships will be paid out of the general fund. Checking account balance is at \$11,000.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Committee reports

Programs – Jennifer Johnson Please make suggestions for program ideas or speakers you would like to hear.

Conference report – Pat Gima This year's conference was very successful and attendees were very happy. Next year we will hear Dr. Tieraona Low Dog speak on nutrition and herbal therapies as they relate to breastfeeding mothers, Gill Rapley from the UK on baby-led weaning (self-feeding of solids), Janet Panchula from California talking on cultural aspects influencing lactation management.

Membership – Sandy Testin New WALC directories are ready and will be posted out soon.

Scholarships – Becky Krumwiede Scholarships are available to help with the cost of sitting the IBLCE exam or to help with the cost of an educational program that will lead toward sitting the exam. Two scholarships were awarded this year to exam candidates.

### Association Updates – Winnie

USLCA is requesting a Campaign Coordinator to work with others on publicity campaigns. Please consider volunteering for this interesting and worthwhile role. For more information, contact Becky or Winnie.

## USLCA WEBINARS

- “Making the Breastfeeding Decision: How to Not Make it a Guilt Trip”: USLCA President Glenda Dickerson, RN, MS, IBCLC, will be repeating this webinar on June 27th at 10:00am EDT. Deadline to register is May 30th.
- “When Worlds Collide: How Ethics Differ for IBCLCs, Peer Counselors, Nurses, and Volunteers”: Elizabeth Brooks, JD, IBCLC, will present this “sticky”

issue on Tuesday, July 7th, at 1:00pm EDT (1 E-CERP). Deadline to register is June 22nd.

- “Code of Ethics: Time to practice what you preach?”: Amy Spangler, MN, RN, IBCLC, Thursday August 6, 2009 (1E-CERP) at 1:00EDT.

You can earn 1 CERP for each webinar you attend. Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. Groups of 2-10 can pay \$45, and 10 or more for \$65.

You can find more information about these webinars, including outlines and registration details by going to the website <http://www.uslcaonline.org/edures.html>.

### Political Updates – Anne Altshuler

If anyone wants to read the detailed notes taken during the May 5 hearing on Assembly Bill 57, the "Right to Breastfeed Act," they can email Anne with a request at [dsulman@wisc.edu](mailto:dsulman@wisc.edu).

The next step is a vote by the Assembly Public Health Committee. That committee meets two Tuesdays a month. Meanwhile, the committee is meeting with the legislative counsel to further explore implications of wording.

A "Legislative Update" article on page 18 in the May 2009 issue of "Nursing Matters," a newspaper that goes to all RNs in Wisconsin, is written by Representative Sandy Pasch, the bill's sponsor in the Wisconsin State Assembly. She is a strong advocate for this breastfeeding bill. Forty-three states already have similar legislation. See <http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/breast50.htm> for the laws in other states.

### Partner Program Updates

Josephine in Uganda sent a letter telling us about some of her projects and hopes for the future. Her most pressing need now is for a computer since theirs has died. Winnie proposed a motion to use up to \$1000 for a computer and any balance to be sent to Josephine. Seconded by Sue Morrison and passed by all present. Sue also suggested sending one of Dr Hale's books to Josephine and this was accepted.

Officer position still open for WALC president-elect. This position needs to be filled so that the president-elect will have time to work with Becky and learn about the position.

Call for nominations – **Please nominate someone who you think would make a good president.** Send any and all suggestions to [BeckyLC@new.rr.com](mailto:BeckyLC@new.rr.com).

### NEW BUSINESS

Board position open – Membership Chair. Sandy is our current membership person and she would like to teach someone about this position. This position entails producing and distributing the member directory and taking the registrations for the conference.

Contact Becky or Sandy if you are interested in learning this role.

Educational Opportunities

ILCA Conference - July

LLL of Wisconsin May 29<sup>th</sup> Brookfield.

Survey on nipple shield use – Dr Anne Eglash is planning a study on the use of nipple shields, for breastfeeding specialists and lactation consultants.

**Correction to CERP certificate from January 2009 meeting – The date is incorrectly listed as 2008. If you need a corrected certificate, contact Donna at donnaibclc@wi.rr.com and she will send you one.**

**Next Meeting: Friday, September 11, 2009**

**Riverside Medical Center Waupaca**

**Reports from the ILCA conference**