

Minutes for WALC meeting of November 16, 2004  
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Meeting called to order by Carol Cox at 9:32 AM

Host: Waukesha Memorial Hospital, Jennifer McAllister and Paula Pambianco. 27 people attended. Box lunches were provided. Thank you!

### **Educational Content:**

Continuing the report on the ILCA 2004 Conference in Scottsdale, AZ, Joan Buczynski-Radomski summarized talks by Linda Kutner on "The Fussy/Colicky Infant: A Diagnosis of Exclusion" and by JoAnne W. Scott on "From Code to Consultation: IBCLC Ethics in Practice."

Mary Pesik presented on "The AAP and Breastfeeding Legislation: An Update." Mary has assumed a new position working under a CDC Nutrition and Physical Disability Grant focusing on obesity and chronic disease prevention. Because the position of Wisconsin Breastfeeding Coordinator has not yet been filled, Mary is still covering that position as well. A new breastfeeding coordinator will probably be named in the next few months. We had a discussion of the importance and difficulties of getting breastfeeding information into high school health education curriculum. Mary's materials are available on the internet. The article "State Breastfeeding Legislation" can be found at <http://www.usbreastfeeding.org>. Information about "Breastfeeding Promotion in Physicians' Office Practices" can be found at <http://www.aap.org>.

**Business Meeting** attended by 23 people. Called to order by Carol Cox at 12:40 PM.

Some copies of the minutes for Sept 17 had a misprint of Winnie Mading's email address. The correct address is mailto: [wmibclc@earthlink.net](mailto:wmibclc@earthlink.net).

For those who are willing to have their minutes e-mailed: they will be posted on our WALC web site at <http://walc.net>. Handouts will need to be scanned in or emailed to be included. We will try to have a brief email notification when the minutes are posted, reminding members to check the web site. We will work on all this to get out the glitches. We apologize to those who missed Sept minutes because of the new system. Anyone else interested in having their minutes e-mailed please contact either Sandy or Ruth.

**Treasurer's Report: Terri Funk** reported a treasury balance of \$2,942.93. E-mailing the minutes will save a great deal of postage expenses. Reproducing and mailing the minutes for Sept 2003 and Sept 2004 have each cost about \$500, hopefully this will be much less in 2005 when we have the emailing system properly in place.

### **Program Committee: Donna Bisbee.**

The location of the January 21 meeting has been changed. The meeting site will be St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Outpatient Center, Room 5A, 201 N. Mayfair Road, Milwaukee. Contact person is Cindy Dibb, (414) 647-5138. Check the WALC web site for a map and directions. Sue Morrison will report on her upcoming breastfeeding "People to People" trip to South Africa.

### Future meetings:

Thursday & Friday, March 10-11, 2005 – WALC Conference, Appleton

Tuesday, May 17, 2005 WALC Clinical Day, Mauston

Friday, September 16, 2005 – Meriter Hospital, Madison – ILCA Reports

Tuesday, November 15, 2005 – St. Mary's Hospital, Milwaukee

There was discussion on whether we want the Clinical Skills Day to include CERPs. If so, speakers need to provide a bibliography on their topics. This will be discussed further.

**Conference Committee Report: Pat Gima.** The WALC Conference will be held again at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton. The conference price and the hotel room rates will remain the same as last year. The dates are Thursday, March 10 and Friday, March 11.

Speakers are Nancy Wight, MD, IBCLC, a neonatologist from San Diego Children's Hospital, and Marsha Walker, RN, IBCLC, from Weston, MA, Executive Director of the National Alliance of Breastfeeding Advocacy and a Board Member of Baby Friendly USA.

Topics: Breastfeeding the near term infant; Human milk in the NICU and for the pre-term infant; Hypoglycemia in the breastfed infant; The what, when, why and how of supplementation; Effective discharge teaching; and Ethical issues.

**Membership Committee: Sandy Testin** reported 127 members

Copies of Thomas Hale's 2004 book, "Medications and Mothers' Milk" continue to be distributed to WALC members. These are for distribution ERs, clinics, pharmacies, etc. in our local communities. Please report to Carol Cox where your copy was placed.

**Resources: Kris Walleser** Please check the list of resources prior to a meeting and contact Kris if you intend to borrow something. She will bring only what is requested, other materials will not be available. The list of resources is on the WALC web site at <http://walc.net>.

**Election Ballot** for President 2006 and Treasurer 2005

Terri Funk has agreed to run again for Treasurer. We thank Terri for the good job she has done! Cindy Dibbs will run for President Elect. If anyone else is interested in running for one of these offices, please contact Carol Cox.

**Committee on Scholarships for New IBCLCs:** An additional person was needed for this committee. Joan Buczynski-Radomski volunteered to join Winnie Mading and Chris Raasch. Many of us want to encourage a new generation of IBCLC's. There was a lengthy and emotional discussion of whether or not this is an appropriate use of WALC funds.

#### **New Business:**

Membership Renewals: Sandy Testin requested that everyone renew memberships at the same time each year. We decided to make membership renewal in March, to coincide with our annual WALC conference. People can join (or rejoin) WALC at the same time as they send in their conference registration. Sandy handles both of these items. Those who became WALC members at the meeting today paid \$10 for the partial year.

ILCA Conference Application Form: Deferred until the next meeting.

#### Announcements:

Spanish Glossary of Breastfeeding Terms: Cindy Dibbs showed a glossy listing of Spanish words and phrases helpful for LCs. We will order some to be sold at the WALC conference.

Doula Training: Winnie Mading and Alyce Tylicki reported on a doula training for skilled breastfeeding counselors to be held at the home of Ruth Ancheta, ICCE,CD (DONA), 2485 Talbots Lane, Brookfield, WI. Tel: (262)796-1737. The course will cover two weekends: December 4 & 5 and December 18 & 19, 2004. Contact Winnie or Alyce for further information.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 PM.