

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF LACTATION CONSULTANT EXAMINERS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

September 15-16, 2007

Doubletree, Crystal City, Virginia, USA

The Board of Directors of IBLCE held its bi-annual meeting September 15-16, 2007 in Crystal City, Virginia, USA.

The following individuals were in attendance:

Board Members:

(RH) Roberta Hewat, PhD, RN, IBCLC, Board Chair
(CID) Claibourne I. Dungy, MD, MPH, FAAP, Vice Chair/Chair Elect
(JYM) Joan Younger Meek, MD, MS, RD, FAAP, FABM, IBCLC, Secretary
(ALZ) Angela Love-Zaranka, BA, IBCLC, RLC, Treasurer
(JF) Janet Fyle, MA, RM, RN, Chair, Governance Committee (present via teleconference)
(MA) Marcia Annamunthodo Allen, RN, BScN, MS(N), IBCLC, RLC
(JA) James Akre, BA, MPIA
(CD) Claire Dalidowitz, MS, MA, RD, CD-N
(MF) Maureen Fjeld, IBCLC, RLC
(DF) Doris Fok BA, (Postgrad) Dip. In Ed., IBCLC
(ML) Marcia Lutostanski, RN, IBCLC
(EO) Egondou Margaret Onuoha, MS, RD, CDN, IBCLC, RLC, CDE
(EM) Ellen McIntyre, OAM, PhD, IBCLC
(JM) Jeanne Mitchell, RN, MSN, IBCLC
(WMB) Wendelmoet Mulder-Baalbergen, RN, IBCLC
(VNJ) Victoria Nichols-Johnson, MD, FACOG, FABM

Consultants:

(PB) Priscilla Bornmann, Esq., Legal Counsel

Staff:

(AA) Amanda Axline, Finance and HR Assistant
(IB) Ilse Bichler, Regional Director, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa
(DM) Donna Moore, CERPs/Recertification Administrator
(AU) Anna Utter, Regional Director, North, Central, and South America and Israel
(KV) Karolyn Vaughan, Regional Director, Asia Pacific and Africa

The meeting was preceded by committee meetings held on September 12-14, 2007.

An update was provided on the search underway for an Executive Director. JB Cordaro was acknowledged for his term as the interim Executive Director during this process.

The Board approved the motion that IBLCE will not accept pre-exam education hours or award CERPs for sessions conducted by individuals whose certificate has been suspended or revoked by IBLCE during the period of suspension or revocation. This policy will be published on the website and through the IBCLICK. In addition, issues involving the misuse of the IBCLC credential and/or trademark infringement by an IBLCE exam candidate shall be handled by the Ethics and Discipline Committee, the IBLCE Board of Directors, and Legal Counsel. Further revisions in the IBLCE Scope of Practice, to include incorporation of the Code of Ethics, are underway.

It was decided that IBLCE will begin the process of developing, implementing, and evaluating a breastfeeding support credential, to include appropriate funding with annual financial and programmatic review to determine long-term feasibility. The following statement was approved for posting on the website: "IBLCE continues the process of developing, implementing, and evaluating a breastfeeding support credential. As part of its vision, IBLCE actively pursues all opportunities to reach out to underserved communities to create a world where breastfeeding is the cultural norm."

A task force was appointed to discuss revision of the certification pathways. Approval was given to the University of California San Diego Lactation Consultant Program Academic Pathway F as a pilot project for 4 years, beginning with the 2007-2008 academic year. The Board indicated agreement with basic components of this program, which included course work being ILEAC accredited and clinical practice hours supervised by IBCLCs in at least three different practice settings. Certification outcomes of these candidates will be tracked and analyzed.

A report on the role delineation study was presented. Study results will be reviewed with the Psychometric Consultant and then posted on the website.

The Treasurer gave the financial report and reviewed the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008.

The MILCC Board Chair gave a report to the IBLCE Board. MILCC reported an increase in scholarship requests in 2007. The new Friends of MILCC pin was shown to the board. The JoAnne W. Scott Scholarship fund has continued to increase to \$18,992. The status of MILCC as a 501C3 of MILCC was confirmed. The MILCC By-Laws were amended to reflect Articles of Incorporation. The Board Silent Auction on September 14 yielded a \$1,000 donation to MILCC. Anne Andrianos will take over management of the MILCC website from Diana West, who has resigned from the MILCC Board. A letter of update will be provided to the family of JoAnne W. Scott on the JWS Scholarship Fund. The process of reviewing and awarding scholarships will be revised. New MILCC Directors for 2007-2008 include: Ellen McIntyre, Claire Dalidowitz, Anne Andrianos, Jim Akre, Roberta Hewat, Marcia Lutostanski, and Janet Fyle. MILCC Directors will conduct election to determine officers.

Current Board pictures are now posted on the website. Updating and archiving of information on the website was discussed. The privacy policy needs to be elaborated for the website. Production of the next IBCLICK was discussed. Consideration for electronic formatting for the IBCLICK will be discussed by the Regional Directors.

Governance Committee presented the Document Retention Policy as proposed by Legal Counsel. This was approved by the Board. It was decided that the Executive Summary will become the report that individual delegates forward to their respective organizations. The same would be true for reporting to other organizations of which IBLCE is a member. An amended IBLCE Statement of Policy Concerning Conflicts of Interest was approved, to be signed as the first order of business at each Board of Directors meeting.

The following delegates and elected members were approved by the Board:

Claibourne Dungy—Delegate of the American Academy of Pediatrics (second 3-year term)
Julie Wood—Delegate of the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine
Mirella Suarez-Trocchi—Delegate of the La Leche League International Medical Associates (has since declined)
James Akre—Elected, Public Member (second 3-year term).
Paula Oliveira—Elected, Peer Educator

The following Officers were elected by secret ballot:

Chair: Claiborne Dungy
Chair-Elect: Ellen McIntyre
Secretary: Claire Dalidowitz
Treasurer: Angela Love-Zaranka

Nominations were solicited for Governance Committee and the following individuals were elected by secret ballot: Janet Fyle (elected as Chair of Governance by committee members), James Akre, Maureen Fjeld, Marcia Lutostanski, and Jeanne Mitchell.

The report of the facilitator for the joint IBLCE/ILCA meeting was provided to the Board and follow-up from the meeting was discussed. This was interrupted however because the meeting ended prematurely due to evacuation of the meeting site to investigate a possible fire.

The following future Board Meetings were confirmed:

March 8-9, 2008 (location to be determined)
Sept 27-28, 2008 (Baden bei Wien, Austria, Europe, in conjunction with VELB)
February 28, 2009 & March 1, 2009 (location to be determined)

Departing Board members Victoria Nichols-Johnson, Egondy Onuoha, and Joan Younger Meek were recognized by the Board. Roberta Hewat was acknowledged for her term of service as the Chair of the Board.

Joan Younger Meek
Board Secretary

Roberta Hewat
Board Chair