

# International Vasa Previa Foundation, Inc.

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 15 January 2007

### Executive Committee members present:

- Amy Brown Gaghagen, President
- Phil Millard, Vice President
- Victoria Goldstein, Treasurer / PR Committee Chairperson
- Cindy Paris, Secretary / Membership, Nominating Committee Chairperson

### IVPF Committee chairpersons present:

- None

### Others present:

- None

Meeting began at 5:04 pm GMT (11:04 am CST)

The Executive Committee minutes of 27 November 2006 were unanimously approved for archival and distribution.

IVPF monthly members' meetings took place 6 Dec at 7pm CST (1am GMT) and 3 Jan at 9am CST (2pm GMT). Cindy hosted the December meeting and Amy hosted the January meeting. Three members attended the December meeting. Nobody attended the January meeting. The next IVPF monthly members meeting will take place 7 Feb at 1pm CST (6pm GMT). Amy will host.

### **Agenda:**

- Officer Reports
- Treasury Reports
- Membership Committee Report
- Public Relations Committee Report
- Research Committee Report
- Fundraising Committee Report
- Education Committee Report
- Support Committee Report
- Nominating Committee Report
- Old Business
- New Business

### **Officer Reports:**

- President
  - No report given.
- Vice President
  - No report given.
- Secretary
  - Annual meeting ballots report: We have received about 30% of the ballots back. Secretary has followed up with reminder emails to those who hadn't yet sent in their ballots.
  - Annual corporate report has been filed with the Secretary of the State of IL, USA as is

- required by USA law.
- Treasurer
  - USA
    - Donations and interest: \$3496.49
    - Expenses: \$5216.93
    - Total cash on hand: \$32,379.61
    - In-kind donations: \$0.00
    - Thank-you notes sent to donors: 9
  - UK (No report given)
    - Total cash on hand: £ 604.39

### Membership:

- There are 116 participating members, and an additional 7 pending members.
- There are 288 IVPF newsletter group subscribers.
- There are 313 Vasa\_Previa email group subscribers.
- This committee continues to moderate and provide maintenance for the IVPF email groups.
- This committee continues to respond to all emails sent to [info@vasaprevia.com](mailto:info@vasaprevia.com) and initial requests for vasa previa information.

### Public Relations:

- No report given.

### Research:

- No report given.

### Fundraising:

- **Chiron Grant:** Still pending
- **Community Health Charities (CHC):** Its time to refile our application for 2007. Forms have been sent to Amy. The CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) is holding an event this month for the speakers. Jeff was invited. A kind of networking/thank you event.
- **The St. Louis Women's Fund** <http://www.soswomensfund.org/> Still pending.
- **Escrip fundraising program:**  
[http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/community\\_stl.jsp](http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/community_stl.jsp)  
[http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/stl\\_coordinators.jsp](http://www.escrip.com/merchants/identity/schnucks/stl_coordinators.jsp) The IVPF has been approved!
- **ClubShop Mall:** <https://www.clubshop.com/cgi-bin/members/MW3253769> The IVPF has been approved!
- **Google Ad Words Grant:** Amy is applying for it.
- **AIUM Grant:** <http://www.aium.org/eer/procedures.asp> Victoria suggests applying for this for the grand rounds program.
- **Community Days:** Amy has applied for more booklets for the Community Days Spring Event and will be attending a local Younkers Community Days meeting today.

### Education Committee Report:

- **Fetal Medicine Foundation of America (FMFA)** <http://fmfaus.meetingpro.info/> (FMFA) OBGYN Ultrasound Update: 30 Nov - 3 Dec in Ft. Lauderdale. Victoria attended in person.

(FMFA) 62nd OBGYN Assembly of Southern California: 30-31 March 2007

(FMFA) OBGYN Ultrasound Update, Chicago, IL 24-26 Aug 2007

- **6th World Congress in Fetal Medicine 2007**, Croatia:  
[http://www.fetalmedicine.com/wcfm\\_intro.htm](http://www.fetalmedicine.com/wcfm_intro.htm) This conference is an annual event with approx 1,500 OBGYNs from around the World. It is nearly as big as ISUOG and is directly relevant as a target conference. Daren & Natalie will attend. Mike Krznic (who speaks Croatian) is willing to attend and staff this event as his own expense. IVPF attendance at this event is pending.
- **Obstetric Ultrasound: Setting the Standard for 2007**  
<http://www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce/>  
<http://www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce/ObstetricUltrasound/default.htm> 16-Feb-07 to 18-Feb-07 Toronto (Toronto Eaton Centre Marriott), ON CANADA (OB - Maternal Fetal Medicine) It is suggested IVPF send materials for this event unless we can get volunteers to staff a booth. Email with info has been sent to this committee in Dec. This 2½ day course will address the most current standards in obstetric ultrasound, emphasizing both the early identification of fetal anomalies and the integration of ultrasound findings into a multidisciplinary model of care. This year, a major focus will be on the rapidly evolving role of ultrasound in prenatal screening. Through lectures, workshops, debates, sessions and panel discussions, participants will be brought up to date on current national and international practice standards. Toronto Marriott Downtown, Eaton Centre, 525 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada Registration: <http://www.mtsinai.on.ca/seminars/ce/forms/OBUltrasound.htm>
- **National Childbirth Trust (NCT) Conference 2007**, Brighton, England:  
<http://events.nct.org.uk/> This is a useful exercise, and it does get to grass roots awareness, in that it is mainly midwives and Lamaze (type) teachers who attend, around 600 - 700 attendees. This event is not approved due to lack of funding.
- **Association of Professors in OB/GYN (APGO-CREOG)** <http://www.apgo.org/home/>  
CREOG is part of ACOG. It is the Council on Resident Education in OB/GYN.  
[http://www.acog.org/departments/dept\\_web.cfm?recno=1](http://www.acog.org/departments/dept_web.cfm?recno=1) March 2007, Salt Lake City, UT, USA. A doctor at the ACOG conference suggested IVPF attend. Amy will write to the contact about an application. Cost is \$1,550 (USD). Victoria asked for discount, but never heard back. She will contact them again. It was suggested that Bryce and Miriam Gerritsen be asked to help staff or even help fund this event with VPF of Utah dollars. Amy will work on this.
- **AIUM Annual Convention and Preconvention Program** March 15-18, 2007 Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York City, New York, USA  
<http://www.aium.org/cmeActivities/events/ann2007/intro.asp> It was decided not to pursue attendance at this event this year due to the budget crunch. IVPF will send materials.
- **Perinatal Society of Australia and New Zealand's (PSANZ) 11th Annual Conference** taking place in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia 1-7 April 2007. <http://psanz.eventplanners.com.au/>  
This event is approved, application has been made, and the event paid for. We have 6 local volunteers for this event already, possibly 7. Natasha Donnelly, who suggested the event, is heading it up. She will contact the local volunteers. Daren and Natalie Samat might be in Australia at the same time as this conference and if able attend will do so. Daren & Natalie will be paying their own airfares and accommodation costs whilst in Melbourne. Natasha will need airfare and a rental car and asked that we ship the materials to a local Melbourne volunteer to avoid her having to bring them on the plane. She will get estimates on the costs of her expenses. We need to get going on the materials aspect of this event due to the time it takes to ship materials. Natasha will be getting a quote for professionally printing brochures and bookmarks locally. She has the files. It was suggested that Daren ship his booth materials (stands and posters, etc) to Natasha (or local Melbourne volunteer) in advance. They expect about 600-700

attendees at this event. This week Amy will ship 300 of the April 2006 reprint, 10 of the May 2004 reprint, 400 brochures, 400 bookmarks, and 600 pens for the event. Natasha (or the Melbourne volunteers) will be asked to copy the abstracts for the 2004 article and the recommendations and the scientific articles list.

- **American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Conference**, San Diego, CA, USA, May 2007: <http://www.acog.org/acm/program/welcome.cfm> IVPF will not be attending this meeting. IVPF is looking into sending literature for delegates.
- **International Confederation of Midwives conference** 1 - 5 June 2008, Glasgow. <http://www.midwives2008.org> ; Royal College of Midwives website at <http://www.rcm.org.uk> This is a huge international event and there has been a call for extracts by January 2007. Carol reports that this event would be a chance to influence and inform the profession and make contacts across the world.
- **31st British Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (BCOG)** Wednesday 04 July - Friday 06 July 2007, London, England, <http://www.bcoc2007.co.uk/> BCOG 2007 Secretariat; 4B, 50 Speirs Wharf; Port Dundas; Glasgow G4 9TB; UK [info@bcog2007.co.uk](mailto:info@bcog2007.co.uk) This event is approved pending cost information and volunteers to staff. Carol Prentice has looked into this event. The deadline for any abstracts is 24 January 2007 (these may also be on video/dvd) and the reduced registration rate ends on 25 April. Full registration will cost £450 up until 25 April and £525 after that. Day registration will cost £19. Accompanying persons registration will cost £105 all inclusive of vat. Accommodation falls into 3 categories and range from £100 per night to £220 per night although rates could no doubt be negotiated. Range of hotels is listed on the Congress website as is the full confirmed programme. Daren Samat believes this to be the very sort of conference we should attend.
- **International Society of Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology (ISUOG) 17th World Congress** Sep 2007 <http://www.isuog2007.com/> Daren Samat, Phil Millard and Amy Brown Gaghagen looking into whether in exchange for a card swipe system ISUOG will admit IVPF free of charge and as sponsors for this event.
- **Grand Rounds:** Cindy sent Jenna the outstanding grand rounds requests.
- **International Woman's Day 2007:** 8 March 2007 Carol Prentice is looking into raising IVPF's profile and awareness of vasa previa at this event. There are, as yet, no clear details of planned events but once they appear she will enquire about putting up displays etc at events. She suggests keeping an eye on the UNIFEM website as they link in with international events in support of this day. (UN DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN)
- **IVPF In-Service Presentation Materials:** Kristy Edwards, Lisa Paine, Jenna Steckler, and Anngye Chapman are actively working on this. Lisa Paine has sent Cindy a preliminary presentation draft. Cindy will review and follow up on this.
- **American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT.org):** They have continuing education credit opportunities. IVPF member Julie Austin has given them our contact information. <http://asrt.org/content/continuingeducation/CEOpportunities/CEOpportunities.aspx> Julie has a friend who works there who suggested "I think "Disorders of the placenta, fetus and neonate: diagnosis and management" would be a worthy DR topic." <http://www.jabfm.org/cgi/content/full/16/6/543>

#### Support Committee Report:

- No report given.

#### Nominating Committee Report:

- No report given.

**Old Business:**

- **Grants:** See the fundraising section.
- **General Liability Insurance:** We never heard back from Bill Phillippe with a bid.
- **Medical Advisory Board:** We haven't received any acceptance letters back. Amy will re-contact the doctors.
- **Card Swipe System for Conferences:** Tabled until a formal proposal can be made to this committee.

**New Business:**

- It was moved and seconded to approve Heather Hilkowitz, Crystal Armetta, Julianna Rhodes, Noemi Garcia Reyes, Jolene Wood, Stephanie Hubbs, and Aviva Kovacs for participating membership. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:38 pm GMT (11:38 pm CST)

**Annual members' meeting will take place on Monday, 27 January 2007 at the home of Debi Pederson in Saskatchewan, Canada at 5pm GMT (11am CST) and concurrently in the IVPF chat room at <http://IVPF.org/chat> All IVPF participating members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.**

**The next regular IVPF Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday February 2007 at 5:00 pm GMT (11:00 am CST, 12:00 noon EST).**