

# International Vasa Previa Foundation, Inc.

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 12 February 2007

### Executive Committee members present:

- Victoria Goldstein, Treasurer / PR Committee Chairperson
- Cindy Paris, Secretary / Membership, Nominating Committee Chairperson

Amy Brown Gaghagen, President was not present but gave her proxy to Cindy Paris prior to the meeting.

Phil Millard, Vice President was not present.

### IVPF Committee chairpersons present:

- None

### Others present:

- None

Meeting began at 5:03 pm GMT (11:03 am CST)

The Executive Committee minutes of 15 January 2007 and the annual meeting minutes of 27 January 2007 were unanimously approved for archival and distribution.

The last IVPF monthly members meeting took place 7 Feb at 1pm CST (6pm GMT). Amy and Cindy hosted. Three members attended. The IVPF database, the March of Dimes, and a local event in Canada were discussed. Mike Krznic mentioned that he will be approaching baby stores asking them if he can place some IVPF brochures. It was also suggested that IVPF come up with a list of small tasks that people can volunteer for to get their feet wet.

The next IVPF monthly members' meeting will take place on Wednesday, 7 March at 7pm CST (1am GMT). Cindy 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
  - The IVPF annual meeting took place on 29 January. Amy Brown Gaghagen, Victoria Goldstein Macadar, Cynthia Balota Paris, Debi Pederson, Daren Samat, Karen Peters, and Meredith Kirby were elected IVPF Directors for calendar year 2007. 2006 IVPF participating members were retained for calendar year 2007. Limits on check writing for IVPF officers was increased to \$3,000.
  - The domain name vasaprevia.com was renewed for 8 years on 18 January for £99.86 (including VAT). Website and email hosting continues to be donated by Britannia in England.
- Treasurer
  - Estimated expense budget for 2007 is approximately \$100,000, making it vital for the IVPF to start applying for grants at an increased pace.
  - USA  
 Donations and interest: \$0  
 Expenses: \$0  
 Total cash on hand: \$32,379.61  
 In-kind donations: \$0.00  
 Thank-you notes sent to donors: 0
  - UK (No report given)  
 Total cash on hand: £ 604.39

#### **Membership:**

- There are 4 pending participating members.
- Upon request from a new email group subscriber, all photos folders in the Vasa\_Previa email group photos section have been marked "VP angel" or "VP miracle". Additional folders for both angels and miracles have been created for individual photos.
- Mike Krznaric volunteered to help with the database.
- This committee continues to respond to numerous requests for vasa previa information.

#### **Public Relations:**

- IVPF has been contacted by Barry Tanner, the Chair of Regulation of The Federation of Antenatal Educators, Suite 228, Office 6, Slington House, Rankine Road, Basingstoke. RG24 8PH Tel: 0870 803 1728 Email [info@fedant.org](mailto:info@fedant.org) regarding a weblink on their website for the IVPF. <http://www.FENDANT.org>
- In response to an article, "Vital Screening" in her Raleigh, NC local paper, Julianna P. Rhodes, R.N. has written a letter to the editor mentioning that if midwives order an ultrasound they should look for vp and has given the IVPF website address. <http://www.newsobserver.com:80/580/story/539404.html>
- Kristy Edwards agreed to contact the March of Dimes about doing a vasa previa campaign. She has some contacts from when Jack was the Tulsa American Airlines March of Dimes kid last year for being a 32 week baby.
- The London Sunday Times is interviewing IVPF members for a series of articles they are running. Daren Samat, Lisa Paine, Laura and Marcello Mongiovi, and Victoria Goldstein have been interviewed as well as several physicians, namely Stewart Campbell MD, and Professor Nicolaides. Contact with Yinka Oyelese MD has also been requested for an interview.

- Community Health Charities has begun their nominations for their Board of Directors and has asked the IVPF if we have any retiring board members, high-level connections with business owners, key corporate leaders or marketing/media people who might be willing to support the IVPF by serving on the Community Health Charities board.

#### Research:

- IVPF has been contacted by a family with type II vasa previa who had it surgically corrected with a new procedure similar to the twin-to-twin surgical correction currently available from Rubén A. Quintero at the Florida Institute for Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy at 13601 Bruce B., Down's Blvd, Suite 250, Tampa, FL 33613. The surgery went very well and they expect to deliver at term.

#### Fundraising:

- **Chiron Grant:** Still pending
- **Community Health Charities (CHC):** Application for CHC has been sent to the CHC. It is being processed. They have requested an additional form this year – a non-discrimination policy and a certificate of good standing from the state of Missouri or Illinois.
- **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! Cindy has the files now and will add it to the website and send out promotional emails, probably this week.
- **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 is 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.
- **Oakvillemoms.com:** Claudia DiVirgilio's sister has a local website for her community called [www.oakvillemoms.com](http://www.oakvillemoms.com) where moms-to-be and new moms exchange information. She's added information on vasa previa there and says she'll make a contribution to the IVPF through her site.

#### Education Committee Report:

- **Fetal Medicine Center in Dubai** is holding a conference **2-3 March 2006**. Dr A Pour Mirza has invited the IVPF to attend at no cost. Unfortunately, there was just not enough time to attend this event.
- **International Woman's Day 2007 Event: 8 March 2007** The Scottish Women's Convention (SWC) has contacted Carol Prentice about IVPF participation in this event. The SWC provides opportunities for women to engage in focused debate about specific issues of concern and to influence policy decisions in Scotland. This event has been approved pending cost information. <http://www.scottishwomensconvention.org/>
- **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.
- **Fetal Medicine Foundation of America (FMFA)** <http://fmfaus.meetingpro.info/>  
(FMFA) 62nd OBGYN Assembly of Southern California: **30-31 March 2007**  
(FMFA) OBGYN Ultrasound Update, Chicago, IL **24-26 Aug 2007**
- **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. Expenses for Natasha's airfare and a rental car has been remitted to her. IVPF materials were shipped to Natasha's sister who lives in Melbourne to avoid her having to bring them on the plane. A table and chairs will need to be rented for the event. IVPF materials in the UK (stands and posters, etc) will be shipped to Natasha in advance. They expect about 600-700 attendees at this event.
- **The BabyTime Show** International Center, Toronto, Canada, **13-15 April 2007**  
<http://www.babytime.ca/exhibitor.htm> Mike and Amanda Krznic are seriously considering attending this local baby show and staffing an IVPF booth at the event. They have a "Resource Section" available to non-profit organizations. It is their intention to hand out the IVPF brochure. <http://www.babytime.ca/exhibitor.htm> Non-profit cost is \$400. Mike will ask Claudia DiVirgilio to see whether she'd like to attend as well.
- **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.
- **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.
- **National Childbirth Trust (NCT) Conference 2007**, Glasgow, UK: <http://events.nct.org.uk/>  
**9-10 June 2007** Cost: £295 + VAT for both days, £225 + VAT for one day. Contact: Paul Elbourn Tel: 020 8832 7313, Cell: 07825 235757 Daren has asked Carol if she would be willing to staff an IVPF booth at this event. 600 delegates are expected to attend.
- **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 abstracts 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.bcog2007.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.
- **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>
- **Dar a Luz:** [www.daraluznetwork.com](http://www.daraluznetwork.com) IVPF pending participating member, Honey Rowland, is an accredited leader with Dar a Luz, an international organization who is doing a conference **11-13 April 2008** and has offered us an opportunity to staff a booth there. The organization stands for Empowered Birth & Beyond and Professional Labor Support. Honey states they may be able to assist you in spreading the word about VP education & support.
- **Grand Rounds:** A hospital in Massachusetts, USA has requested IVPF sponsor a presentation at their facility. The information has been forwarded on to Jenna Steckler who will follow up.
- **IVPF In-Service Presentation Materials:** Lisa Paine has sent Cindy a preliminary presentation draft. Cindy will review and follow up on this.
- Claudia DiVirgilio's story is on [thegriefblog.com](http://thegriefblog.com)
- Nursing professor, Karla Luxner, DNP, RNC, of the Millikin University School of Nursing in Decatur, Illinois, USA contacted Cindy Paris about using her vasa previa placental photos for a lecture about vasa previa she is producing for nursing students. Permission was granted for the use of the photos and IVPF information was forwarded to Karla.
- **Website stories:** Two new personal stories have been added to the IVPF website.

#### Support Committee Report:

- Claudia DiVirgilio's sister has a local website for her community called [www.oakvillemoms.com](http://www.oakvillemoms.com) where moms-to-be and new moms exchange information. She's added information on vasa previa there and says she'll make a contribution to the IVPF through her site. This is a good site to list in the IVPF support section and has been forwarded to the Support Committee Chairpersons.

#### Nominating Committee Report:

- No report given.

#### Old Business:

- **General Liability Insurance:** We never heard back from Bill Phillippe with a bid. Jeannette will follow up with another company regarding general liability coverage.
- **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 Sophie Westwood, Clodagh Feenan, Amanda Honey Rowland, and Sarah Sedlock for participating membership. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:47 pm GMT (11:47 pm CST)

**The next regular IVPF Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday 26 February 2007 at 5:00 pm GMT (11:00 am CST, 12:00 noon EST).**