

# International Vasa Previa Foundation, Inc.

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for 3 October 2005

### Executive Committee members present:

- Amy Brown Gaghagen, President
- Debi Pederson, Vice President was not in attendance.
- Cindy Paris, Secretary / Membership, Nominating Committee Chairperson, Acting Education Committee Chairperson
- Victoria Goldstein, Treasurer / PR Committee Chairperson

### IVPF Committee chairpersons present:

- None

Kathy Blades, Support Committee chairperson was not in attendance

Beth Farman-Farmaian, Research Committee chairperson was not in attendance

Jacqueline Mullikin, Fundraising Committee chairperson was not in attendance

### Others present:

- None

Meeting began at 16:07 GMT (10:07 AM CST)

Executive Committee Minutes from 19 September 2005 were unanimously approved for archival and distribution.

The next IVPF Monthly Members Meeting will take place at 7pm CST on Wednesday, 5 Oct 2005. Cindy Paris 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
  - The International Vasa Previa Foundation was present at the 16th Annual World Congress for Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. We were well received, and made many new contacts for future use in vp management guidelines and furthering our goal of education of the condition. Our booth was visited by Basky Thilaganathan, Waldo Sepulveda and Val Catanzarite, members of our Medical

- Advisory Board. I will be entering all the information in reports to the executive committee, with at goal of Friday as a completion date.
- Vice President
    - No report given.
  - Secretary
    - Secretary has the new tables for the database revision (which is not finished). Data is being entered into the tables.
  - Treasurer
    - USA  
Donations and interest: \$ 9,555.00  
Expenses: \$ 194.00  
Total cash on hand: \$ 66,533.15  
In-kind donations: \$ 0.00  
Thank-you notes sent to donors: 307
    - UK  
Donations and interest: £ 0.00  
Expenses: £ 0  
Total cash on hand: £ 839.64  
In-kind donations: £ 0  
Thank-you notes sent to donors: 0

#### **Membership:**

- There are 236 subscribers in the IVPF (newsletter) email group.
- There are 185 subscribers in the Vasa\_Previa email group.
- There are 89 IVPF Participating Members.
- This committee continues to moderate the email groups and responds to email sent directly to the IVPF.

#### **Public Relations:**

- No report given.

#### **Research:**

- No report given.

#### **Fundraising:**

- Walk location pages on the website continue to be updated.
- Cindy and Jeannette Schwartz are meeting 4 October regarding information needed by Lehmann Brothers regarding a grant request that was submitted by Darin Spurgeon for the IVPF. Victoria will draft a project and cost document. Cindy will provide Jeannette with other information she will need to write the grant request.

#### **Education Committee Report:**

- This committee needs a chairperson because performing this function presents a hardship on the current acting chairperson.
- Debi Pederson could not attend ISUOG due to having a ruptured appendix requiring hospitalization and surgery. She has received a credit on her airline ticket which will be sold or used for a future IVPF event.
- Amy Brown Gaghagen represented the IVPF at ISUOG. And will have all reports in by Friday.

She has a list of future conferences she picked up at ISUOG that IVPF should consider sending materials or attend.

- Canadian hospital list for mailing still to be purchased. Info packet will be sent out to USA, UK, and Canadian hospitals as soon as list is complete and printing bids for materials is approved. Victoria and Cindy will seek bids on this project with estimated numbers, as definite numbers are not available at this time for the UK. Currently no numbers are available at all for NL and Australia.
- Friends of Missouri Midwives is planning a Womens' Expo on 29 October in St. Louis, MO. Its a fundraising event and will be filled with sales booths of interest to women. Booth cost is \$20 for non-profit charities. IVPF is registered for this event.
- Carol reported a major Conference in Scotland sponsored by the National Childbirth Trust, The Royal College of Midwives and the Scottish Executive Health Department. This conference has a very wide audience. There will be high profile speakers from midwifery, obstetrics, gynaecology, midwifery education, consultant midwives and also an input from well qualified lay people/parents who also chair maternity services liaison committees. It is aimed at all professionals within midwifery/maternity services, student midwives, voluntary organisations, social care, parent's groups and parents themselves. Topics include Parents as partners in planning services, support and involvement of parents, responding to needs, peer support, changing the model of care etc. Discussion on this event is pending more information from Carol.
- Fetal Medicine Foundation of America is sponsoring an OBGYN Ultrasound meeting in New York - 4-6 November 2005, also in Ft. Lauderdale, FL 1-4 December. Victoria Goldstein-Macadar will be able to staff the event in Florida. She's requested more information from the sponsoring organization. Pending further information, the consensus was that this sounds like a good conference for IVPF to attend.

#### **Support Committee Report:**

- No report given.

#### **Nominating Committee Report:**

- Emails have been sent to committee members regarding arranging a meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

- None.

#### **New Business:**

- There was discussion regarding a suggestion made by an IVPF member to contract someone on a temporary basis to help with certain projects. Suggestion was tabled for the time being.

**The next regular IVPF Executive Committee meeting will take place on Monday 17 October 2005 at 16:00 GMT (10:00 AM CST, 11:00 AM EST) in the IVPF Board Room.**

Meeting Adjourned at 17:35 GMT (11:35 AM CST)