



October 24, 2016

### **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of Breastfeeding USA was held on October 6, 2016. Thank you to all who attended. The annual meeting experienced the best attendance in the history of Breastfeeding USA. The membership received reports of accomplishments achieved by our Committees and Workgroups which furthered our mission during the last fiscal year. We have included the links to the recording of the meeting along with the beautiful Power Point presentation. Voting members, please sign in to your Breastfeeding USA account to access links to the recording.

Annual Meeting Recording

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=oB2D9NrWC\\_gytMVgoVDdqWndaRjg](https://drive.google.com/open?id=oB2D9NrWC_gytMVgoVDdqWndaRjg)

PowerPoint Presentation

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the creation and presentation of this successful Annual Meeting. Special thanks to Mia Gonzalez, Bonnie Rutkowski and Genevieve Colvin for the superb execution of their concept for a Breastfeeding USA Annual Meeting.

If you want to join our team of volunteers, please complete the Volunteer Information Survey or contact Volunteer Support at [volunteersupport@breastfeedingusa.org](mailto:volunteersupport@breastfeedingusa.org).

### **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the results of this year's election. We welcome back to the Board Ali Kulenkamp, and greet new Board Members Jada Wright Nichols and Kate Nadeau. The new Board members will serve for a three year term 2016-2018. The Board would like thank the Election Committee for another successful election!

We are also happy to greet Tamika Simpson and Ann Dempsey who were appointed to fill vacant seats. Tamika's term will be October 2016-2017 and Ann's term will be October 2016-2018. Thank you, both for accepting this appointment.

With this election, we bid farewell to Board Members Sharon Knorr and Genevieve Colvin. Thank you both for the commitment and energy you shared with our organization. You will be missed!

In compliance with Breastfeeding USA bylaws, the newly elected Board held Officer elections. For the year of October 1 - September 30 Officers will be: Toi Lowe as President, Ginger Gorrell as Vice President, and Carol Delaney will continue as Treasurer. The office of Secretary has not yet been filled, however Rebecca Ruhlen and Ginger Gorrell will continue to serve until elections are held.

### **Funding and Development**

With heartfelt appreciation for her years of service and commitment to our mission, the Board acknowledges the resignation of Patty Jacobs as Funding and Development Chair. Patty is one of Breastfeeding USA's founding members and previously served as President of the Board of Directors. When Patty left the Board Breastfeeding USA was in desperate need of a Funding and Development Chair. Patty stepped from one essential position into another and during her term as Chair oversaw financial growth and enhanced the administration of this vital Committee.

### **Appointments**

#### *Grievance Chair*

The Board would like to announce the appointment of Nikkole Cooper as Grievance Chair. Nikkole has served as member of the Grievance Committee, and we are grateful for her continued commitment.

#### *Communications Chair*

The Board would also like to announce the appointment of Courtney Daylong as Communications Chair. Courtney brings needed communications and administrative experience to this essential position.

#### *Advocacy Chair*

Jennifer Veit has accepted Chair of the new Advocacy Committee. Advocacy has long been a Workgroup in the Communications Committee. Their work, goals and accomplishments have taken them in a direction that leads to autonomy. Thank you, Jenn, for accepting this appointment.

#### *Inclusivity Chair*

Norma Ritter has accepted Chair of the Inclusivity Ad Hoc Committee. Inclusivity was a Workgroup in the Volunteer Services Committee. It was determined that the nature of their work leads to reporting directly to the Board of Directors. The Demographic Survey Ad Hoc Committee completed their task when the Survey was released. All current Survey Committee members have been asked to join the new Committee. A first task will be to assess the survey

data with the goal of making recommendations to ensure internal diversity and equity. Thank you, Norma for accepting this appointment.