

**Midwifery Association of Washington State
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

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Committee involvement is *WELCOME* without board membership! If you are a MAWS member interested in getting involved, please [contact us](#). Below is a list of current MAWS activities, organized by overarching theme, which were created by the MAWS Board in 2012.

MAWS Activities by Overarching Theme

1. Build a Primary Maternity Care System

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4. Strengthen MAWS as an Association

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ANTI-RACISM STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair: Kristin Effland

Mission

The steering committee is dedicated to helping MAWS become an anti-racism organization that is addressing health care disparities and improving outcomes for all women.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

OFFICIAL CALL FOR COMMITTEE CHAIR AND MEMBERS!

Mission

The fundraising committee exists to ensure that MAWS secures adequate funding to pursue its mission.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

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Mission

The conference committee supports two MAWS conferences per year—one that includes the annual general meeting to keep our membership informed about the work of the organization and the second that encourages participation from a larger professional birth community and includes continuing education to support our membership to stay current on standard of care.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Chair: Audrey Levine

Mission

The Legislative Committee exists to ensure that licensed midwives have a seat at the table in all policy discussions related to maternity care in Washington State. On behalf of MAWS, the committee advocates for legislation that benefits the profession, increases access to the midwifery model of care, enhances safety and improves outcomes for childbearing families.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Meghann McNiff

Mission

The nominations committee exists to ensure MAWS maintains efficient, fair and transparent elections processes.

PUBLIC EDUCATION PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (PEPR)

Chair: Kristin Effland

Mission

The PEPR committee exists to:

- Educate the public (especially families) about midwifery care and birth options (especially at birth at home and in freestanding birth centers);
- Educate the public through government agencies;

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- Help our members remain informed and current;
- Build bridges with other health care professionals.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Coordinator: Marge Mansfield

Mission

The QMP committee exists to provide confidential incident review, and oversee member facilitation of protected and state-sanctioned peer review. Both processes are intended to help midwives improve practice and maintain high standards for the midwifery model of care.

REIMBURSEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Taylor Hamil

Mission

The reimbursement committee exists to promote equitable & sustainable reimbursement of licensed midwives and birth centers in Washington State.

RESEARCH/DATA COMMITTEE

Chair: Emily Stephens

Mission

The Research/DATA exists to facilitate the collection and use of quality data and research in the field of midwifery.

1. Indications Document Revision

Lead writer: Elias Kass

2. Position Statement on Primary Maternity Care in WA

Lead writer: Elias Kass

3. Position Statement on Addressing Disparities and Improving Outcomes for All Women in WA

Lead writer: Kristin Effland

4. MAWS Intrapartum Transfer of Care Guidelines

Lead writer: Melissa Hughes

5. Shared Decision-making Position Statement

Lead reviewer: Andrea Henderson

6. Standards for the Practice of Midwifery

Lead reviewer: Taylor Hamil

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CPM+ TASKFORCE

Chair: Kat Barron

Mission

The CPM+ taskforce exists to open doors to licensure through alternative routes and assist the number of qualified applicants awaiting licensure. This taskforce will exist until the process is complete and the CPM+ is an offered route to licensure, this process is expected to take 1 year.

SMOOTH TRANSITIONS PROJECT

Project Coordinator: Melissa Hughes

Mission

To improve hospital transfers in WA state and therefore the improve safety of birth center and home birth.