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## **ACNM's Region VI Congratulates Three Midwives that Were Inducted into ACNM Fellowship** *Diana Beck of Oregon, Jane Dyer of Utah and Maureen Shannon of California Named*

**SILVER SPRING, MD**— Diana Beck, CNM, Jane Dyer, CNM, PhD and Maureen Shannon CNM, PhD—all members of ACNM's Region VI—were recently inducted into the Fellowship of the American College of Nurse-Midwives (FACNM) at ACNM's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in June.

**Diana Beck, CNM of Eugene, OR** serves as a senior technical advisor for American College of Nurse-Midwives' Global Outreach Department. Her works have been instrumental in improving maternal and child health services in 17 countries, including Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Indonesia, Malawi and Pakistan. Beck's international leadership efforts are exemplary; her work with the Ghana Midwives Association and the Indonesian Midwives Association helped strengthen both organizations, resulting in a one-million dollar grant and a peer review program that is still used today. In addition, she has co-authored numerous training manuals that address labor management and emergency neonatal care for health care providers, and trained hundreds of midwives and other women's health professionals over the years. She earned her certification in nurse-midwifery at the State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center; she earned her bachelor's of science in nursing at the University of Virginia.

**Jane Dyer, CNM, PhD, MBA, FNP of Salt Lake City, UT** is the director and associate professor (clinical) of the nurse-midwifery and women's health nurse practitioner program at the University of Utah College of Nursing. Under Dyer's leadership, the school's midwifery program is ranked #8 by *U.S. News and World Report*. Her community has also been enriched because of her work with the state's immigrant populations. She earned her bachelor's in nursing at the University of Southern Maine; she completed her studies at the University of Utah, including a doctorate as well as a master's in nurse-midwifery. Dyer earned the 2009 article of the year honor from the *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health* and she has been published in the *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. Dyer has held numerous ACNM leadership roles on both the national and state levels, such as chair for the Bylaws Committee.

**Maureen Shannon, CNM, PhD, FNP, FAAN of San Francisco, CA** is an associate professor and Frances A. Matsuda Chair in women's health at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in Honolulu. Shannon is internationally recognized for her research and clinical works with HIV-infected pregnant women, and was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing Fellowship for her efforts with HIV survivors. She is a member of the National Committee for Quality Assurance's Advisory Panel on Women and Children Measurement and has served on the Health and Human Services Administration's (HRSA) National Perinatal HIV Consultation Hotline. Shannon was the driving force behind the development of the Bay Area Perinatal AIDS Center in San Francisco; the center's care model is widely used in the United States. As a reproductive rights advocate, Shannon helped overturn a California law that prohibited artificial insemination in HIV discordant couples. Her scholarly works are also of note, including the nursing text "Primary Care of Women: A Guide for Midwives and Women's Health Providers" and "Taking Care of Your Child," which has been translated into four languages. Shannon received her bachelor's in nursing at the St. Joseph's School of Nursing (San Francisco, CA); her midwifery certification from the Medical University of South Carolina; and a master's of science and doctorate in nursing from the University of California at San Francisco.

Fellowship in the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) is an honor bestowed upon those midwives whose demonstrated leadership, clinical excellence, outstanding scholarship, and professional achievement have merited special recognition both within and outside the midwifery profession. In light of the vast wealth of expertise and collective wisdom represented within the body of Fellows, its mission is to serve the ACNM in a consultative and advisory capacity.

*NOTE TO PHOTO EDITORS: Photos from the award presentation are available. Please contact Yolanda Landon, ACNM Communications Manager, at (240) 485-1822, or via e-mail at [ylandon@acnm.org](mailto:ylandon@acnm.org).*

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With roots dating to 1929, the American College of Nurse-Midwives is the oldest women's health care association in the U.S. ACNM's mission is to promote the health and well-being of women and newborns within their families and communities through the development and support of the profession of midwifery as practiced by certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives. Midwives believe every individual has the right to safe, satisfying health care with respect for human dignity and cultural variations.

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