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Felina Ortiz, CNM, RN, DNP
Midwives of
Color Color
Committee
(MOCC) Chair
and
Representative
to the Board of
Directors



Kendall McCoy, MSN, RN
Student
Representative,
Board of Directors



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Send us your questions!

Use the Zoom Chat.



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What is ACNM?

ACNM is the professional membership organization that represents certified nurse-midwives and certified midwives in the U.S.

Lead organization promoting and supporting midwifery in the U.S.

ACNM is your professional partner throughout your career

About ACNM

Vision: A midwife for every woman

Mission: To support midwives and advance the practice of midwifery, achieving optimal health for all women throughout their lifespan. To accomplish its goals, ACNM aspires to improve expertise in well-woman and gynecologic care, prioritizing optimal pregnancy, physiologic birth, postpartum care, and neonatal care.

ACNM upholds the practice of midwifery by promoting education, research, and advocacy that advances clinical excellence; advocating for the expansion of a diverse midwifery workforce; and lobbying for equitable legislation, regulation, and institutional policies that establish midwifery as the standard of care for women.

ACNM Core Values

- Excellence
- Evidence-Based Care
- Formal Education
- Inclusiveness
- Woman-Centered Care and Respect for Physiologic Processes
- Primary Care
- Partnership
- Advocacy
- Global Outreach



Our Philosophy of Care

We, the midwives of the American College of Nurse-Midwives, affirm the power and strength of women and the importance of their health in the well-being of families, communities and nations. We believe in the basic human rights of all persons, recognizing that women often incur an undue burden of risk when these rights are violated.

Strategic Goals 2015-2020



The National Office



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- **Sharon Ryan, CNM, DNP**, Director of Midwifery Practice, Education, and Global Outreach (MPEGO)
 - **Sadaf Chaudhry MD, MSPH**, Director, Global Operations
 - **Lakesia Pitts**, Grants Manager

ACNM Membership

Date	Total Count	Membership Category						
		Active	Student	Active-Supporting	Active-New Midwife	Active-Advancing	Active-Life (incl 65+ & 55-64)	Associate (non CNMs/CMs)
7/31/2020	6,669	3,176 (47.7%)	1,457 (21.8%)	412 (6.2%)	649 (9.7%)	489 (7.3%)	302 (4.5%)	184 (2.8%)

50% Reduction on National Student Dues (effective August 1, 2020):

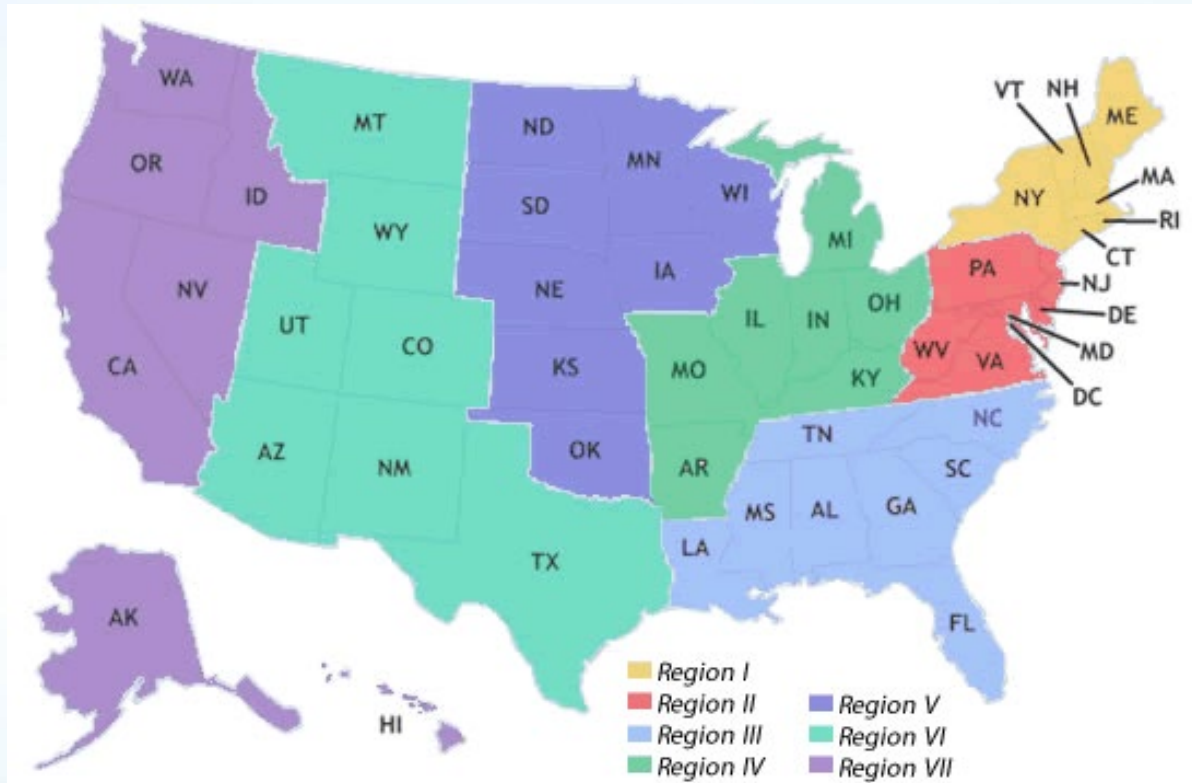
Annual dues: \$70 + Student Affiliate Dues

Active-new Midwife \$214

Active-Advancing \$288

Active \$365

ACNM Affiliates



There are 55 ACNM Affiliates: one for each US state, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Uniformed Health Services and Indian Health Services/Tribal Affiliate.

<https://portal.midwife.org/affiliate-directory>

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Volunteer Structure May 2020 – May 2021

Board of Directors

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Midwife of Color Representative
Student Representative
CEO
Foundation President



Board Committees

- Executive Committee
- Awards Committee
- Finance & Audit Committee
- Board Governance Committee
- Personnel Committee

Divisions & Committees

Volunteer Leadership Council (All Division Chairs)

- Chair: Division of Advocacy and Affiliate Support
- Chair: Division of Advancement of Midwifery
- Chair: Division of Global Engagement
- Chair: Division of Membership & Publications
- Chair: Division of Organizational Capacity
- Chair: Division of Research

Division of Advocacy & Affiliate Support

- Affiliate Development & Support Committee
- Committee of Midwife Advocates for Certified Midwives
- Consumer Engagement Committee
- National Government Affairs Committee
- Political Action Committee
- State Government Affairs Committee

Division of Membership & Publications

- Clinical Standards & Documents Committee
- Diversity & Inclusion Committee
- Membership & Marketing Committee
- Midwives of Color Committee
- Publications Committee
- Students and New Midwives Committee

Division of Organizational Capacity

- Archives Committee
- Bylaws Committee
- Ethics Committee
- Leadership Development Committee

Division of Global Engagement

- Global Education Committee
- Global Networking Committee
- Global Program Planning Committee

Division of Advancement of Midwifery Practice Advancement Subdivision

- Business Committee
- Home & Birth Center Committee
- Professional Liability Committee
- Quality & Safety Committee
- Maternity Care Systems Sub-Committee

Education Advancement Subdivision

- Clinical & Academic Educators Committee
- Committee for Advancement of Midwifery Education
Includes Core Competency Sub-Committee
- Continuing Education Committee
- Program Committee

Division of Research

- Data & Information Management Committee
- Global Health Research Committee
- Research Networking Committee
- Research Dissemination Committee
- Research Survey Committee
- Workforce Committee

Task Forces

- Gender Equity Taskforce
- Inter-professional Education Taskforce
- Ultrasound Education Taskforce
- Bullying in Midwifery Taskforce
- Maternal Mental Health Taskforce
- Midwifery Residency and Fellowship Program Taskforce
- Racism in Midwifery Education Taskforce
- Midwifery Doctoral Level Competencies Taskforce

Caucuses

- Black Midwives Caucus for Reproductive Justice & Birth Equity
- Disaster Preparedness & Response Caucus
- Friends of Midwives of Color Committee & Ethnic Diversity Caucus
- Medical Education Caucus
- Midwifery Business Network Caucus
- Midwifery History Caucus
- Midwives in Support of Life Caucus
- Midwives Teaching Nurses Caucus
- Native American Caucus
- Public Health Caucus
- Reproductive Health & Abortion Caucus
- Midwives for Universal HealthCare Caucus

Other Committees

- Nominating Committee

Diversification & Inclusion

ACNM's Call to Action on Racism

Prejudicial and discriminatory practices and policies remain deeply entrenched in our nation. These structural forces perpetuate racism and race-based disparities in midwifery and contribute to inequities in reproductive health and negative health outcomes for Black, Brown, Indigenous, and people of color. ACNM stands accountable for the pain that has occurred as a result of racism in our history, our midwifery programs, and our organization. ACNM is committed to the work of dismantling structural racism by recognizing and addressing historical and current racism within midwifery education, clinical practice, and institutions including ACNM.

[Learn More](#)

ACNM embraces diversity and inclusion in our profession and organization at every level to meet the needs of a diverse US population and so that all CNMs and CMs feel welcome and able to contribute to the profession.

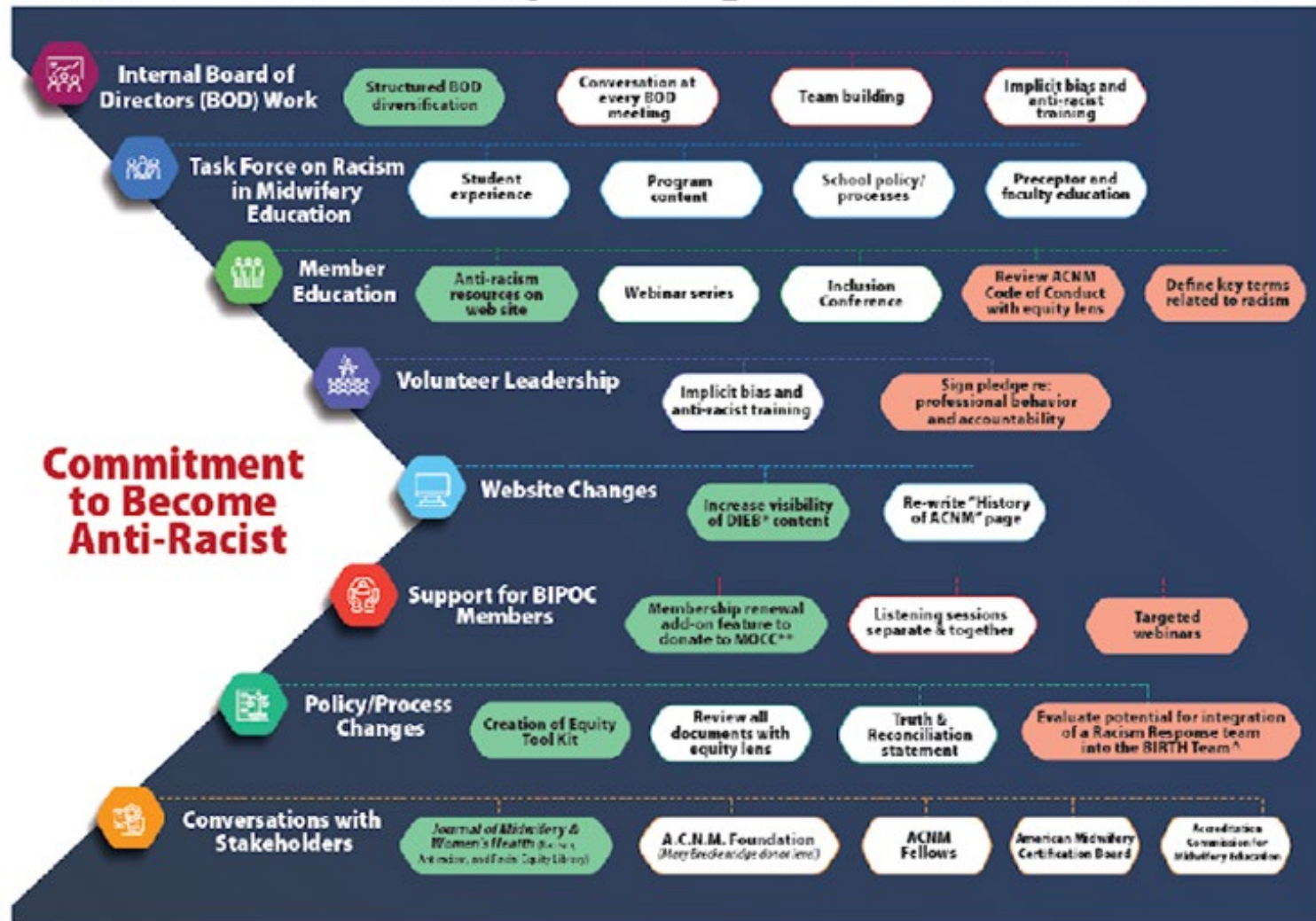
<https://www.midwife.org/diversification-and-inclusion>



Anti-Racism Roadmap for Change

KEY: ■ Completed In process ■ Future Plan

Commitment to Become Anti-Racist



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¹Diversity, equity, inclusion, & belonging ²ACNM Midwives of Color Committee ³ACNM Dis Incident Response Transparency and Healing Team

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The 66th Annual Meeting & Exhibition

takes place in Portland, Oregon, at the Oregon Convention Center (OCC)

May 21-25, 2021



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Student Opportunities at Annual Meeting

- National Board Exam prep
- Resume review
- Student Orientation to Annual Meeting
- Student/New Graduate topic sessions e.g “Survival success in the 1st year of practice ”
- Business meeting
- Heart of Midwifery
- Exhibit Hall
- Educational Sessions on every topic imaginable!
- Dance party after the Awards Ceremony



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Getting Involved: National Opportunities

- Divisions of
 - Advocacy and Affiliate Support
 - Advancement of Midwifery
 - Global Engagement
 - Organizational Capacity
 - Membership and Publications
 - Research



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Getting Involved: National Opportunities

- Midwives of Color Committee
- National Government Affairs Committee -- NGAC and State Government Affairs Committee -- SGAC
- Committee of Midwife Advocates for Certified Midwives - CMAC
...and many more!
- Task Forces: Interprofessional Ed., Gender Equity, Ultrasound Ed., Bullying, Midwifery Scope of Practice, Perinatal Mental Health



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National Caucuses: Networking on Common Interests

- Disaster Preparedness & Response Caucus
- Friends of MOCC & Ethnic Diversity Caucus
- Medical Education Caucus
- Midwifery Business Network Caucus
- Midwifery History Caucus
- Midwives in Support of Life Caucus
- Midwives Teaching Nurses Caucus
- Native American Caucus
- Public Health Caucus
- Reproductive Health & Abortion Caucus
- Universal Healthcare Caucus
- Black Midwives Caucus for Reproductive Justice and Birth Equity

*New caucuses formed as needed



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Student Volunteer Opportunities: GAC and Midwives-PAC

- **Student Legislative Contact (SLC)**
 - One (or more!) from each midwifery program
 - Use ACNM Connect and quarterly conference calls to stay updated on GAC legislative efforts and Midwives-PAC fundraising activities
 - Easy and fun! More info: <http://www.midwife.org/GAC-and-Midwives-PAC-School-Legislative-Contacts>
- **Student Representative to the PAC or GAC (4 positions)**
 - Voting member of GAC or Midwives-PAC
 - Term is annual meeting to annual meeting
 - Applications due May 1st! Must be ACNM member.
 - More info: <http://www.midwife.org/GAC-and-PAC-Student-Representative-Job-Description>
- Annual meeting activities: **Midwives-PAC Rally** and **Lobby Day!**
- Questions? Contact Emily Hart Hayes emilyharthayes@gmail.com



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Getting Involved: National Opportunities

- Student Representative to the Board of Directors
- Liaison to the SANMC



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'Representative' or 'Liaison'?

- In 2007 a new position was created to add a ***student representative*** to the membership of the ACNM Board of Directors (BOD)
 - Position rotates through Midwifery Education Programs in alphabetical order.
 - Each student representative serves on the BOD for 1 year
 - This BOD position is a voting position that provides representation of all midwifery students to the BOD
- Each school selects a ***liaison*** to the SANMC of DMP (a total of 39 liaisons)
 - Liaisons meet regularly via conference call and during the annual meeting
 - Compile the student report for the annual meeting
 - Disseminate ACNM information to classmates (both members and non-members)



What is the Student Report?

- Report from every education program
- Presented at the Annual meeting by SANMC liaisons
- Taken very seriously by the BOD
- See past student reports and ACNM responses at:

<http://www.midwife.org/Students-and-New-Grads>



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ACNM's Web Page for Students

- Past student reports
- Recordings of past webinars
- Contact information for your BOD Student Representative- Kendall McCoy and the SANMC
- Link for Student Volunteer Opportunities file
- Links to other student resources

<http://www.midwife.org/Students-and-New-Grads>



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ACNM's Web Page for New Midwives

- Located at <http://www.midwife.org/New-Grads>
- Provides resources to assist you as you begin your career:
 - Certification preparation
 - Licensing
 - Employment
 - Negotiating a contract
 - Practice resources
 - Networking....and more



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Getting Involved with ACNM: State Level

- Affiliates –
 - Every state has one! Assistance needed w/social media, websites, etc.
 - Affiliates want (and need) active student members
 - Every member of ACNM (national) is a member of a state affiliate based on mailing address
 - Moving to another state after school? Join that state affiliate and start networking now!



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Getting Involved with ACNM: State Level

What can you do? LOTS!

- Student representative on affiliate board
- Host gatherings
- Attend meetings and network
- Volunteer for your affiliate

... Find your passion within ACNM,
and Make ACNM yours!



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Scholarships

- A.C.N.M. Foundation
 - Edith B. Wonnell Scholarship (Due Mar. 1st)
 - Midwives of Color-Watson Scholarship (Due Mar. 1st)
 - Varney Participant (Annual Meeting) (Due Mar. 1st)
 - <http://midwife.org/Foundation-Scholarships-and-Awards>
 - Requires you to be ACNM Member to qualify.
- External Scholarships information on “Financing your Midwifery Education”



ACNM Exam Prep

- There are multiple ways to study for your certification exam, depending on your learning style and preference:
 - “the Kelsey Review book”
Midwifery & Women’s Health Nurse Practitioners Certification Review Guide
 - Updated and revised 2021
 - Review at your own pace with online questions bank
 - ACNM LIVE/Virtual Exam prep Workshop at Annual Meeting
 - Two-day interactive workshop before the AM begins



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Stay informed...

- Join ACNM 😊
- Become a student page for the annual meeting
- ACNM Student and New Midwives Facebook groups
- Student Connect group for updates
- Become your school's student liaison for SANMC
- Email Kendall (your student Representative to the BOD) with questions: kendalljmccoy@gmail.com
- Join other Connect groups to keep up with EBP and clinical advice, the business of midwifery, etc.



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Don't go it alone

- ACNM membership brings you the shared wisdom of midwives who have gone before you
- Access to resources, consultations, support to make your career as a midwife, from start to finish, a positive, rewarding, success.



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Questions?



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