

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF LACTATION CONSULTANT EXAMINERS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**The Board of Directors of IBLCE held its bi-annual meeting March 3-4, 2007 in Tyson's Corner, Virginia, USA. The following individuals were in attendance:**

**Board Members:**

Roberta Hewat, PhD, RN, IBCLC, Board Chair  
Claibourne I. Dungy, MD, MPH, FAAP, Vice Chair/Chair Elect  
Joan Younger Meek, MD, MS, RD, IBCLC, Secretary  
Angela Love-Zaranka, BA, IBCLC, RLC, Treasurer  
Janet Fyle, MA, RM, RN, Chair, Governance Committee  
Marcia Annamunthodo Allen, RN, BScN, MS(N), IBCLC, RLC  
James Akré, BA, MPIA  
Claire Dalidowitz, MS, MA, RD, CD-N  
Maureen Fjeld, IBCLC, RLC  
Doris Fok BA, (Postgrad) Dip. In Ed., IBCLC  
Marcia Lutostanski, RN, IBCLC  
Egongdu Margaret Onuoha, MS, RD, CDN, IBCLC, RLC, CDE  
Ellen McIntyre, PhD, IBCLC  
Jeanne Mitchell, RN, MSN, IBCLC  
Wendelmoet Mulder-Baalbergen, RN, IBCLC  
Victoria Nichols-Johnson, MD, FACOG, FABM

**Consultants:**

Priscilla Bornmann, Esq., Legal Counsel

**International Directors:**

Ros Escott, IBCLC, Assistant Executive Director for International Operations  
Ilse Bichler, IBCLC, Regional Director, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa  
Anna Utter, IBCLC, Regional Director, North, Central and South America, and Israel  
Karolyn Vaughan, IBCLC, Regional Director, Asia Pacific and Africa

The Board meeting was preceded by committee meetings held on February 27-March 2, 2007. New members to the board include:

Angela Love-Zaranka – Treasurer  
Marcia Lutostanski – La Leche League International Delegate  
Jeanne Mitchell - Hospital-Based Lactation Consultant Representative  
Wendelmoet Mulder-Baalbergen – European Representative  
Ellen McIntyre – Australian Breastfeeding Association Delegate

The Board approved a joint meeting between representatives of the IBLCE Board and the ILCA Board on April 21, 2007, with a facilitator. Agenda items identified were communication between the organizations, clarification of our unique and shared interests and responsibilities, and differentiation between a certification organization (IBLCE) and a membership organization (ILCA).

The Board approved lengthening the terms of service for the IBLCE Exam Development Committee members and Committee Chairs in order to improve the efficiency of the examination development process.

A Breastfeeding Peer Support Certification Committee was established as an ad hoc committee to continue to explore an additional credential and provide feedback to the Board. The need for further clarification and streamlining of the certification pathways was identified and a task force was appointed to provide a report back to the Certification Committee.

The Board approved the requirement that candidates who take the IBLCE certification exam in a language other than English are required to have completed a minimum of 80 documented hours of education in lactation reflecting the IBLCE Blueprint of knowledge and skills in the 3 years immediately preceding the exam, to be effective worldwide no later than the 2010 exam. This is in accordance with the requirement already in effect in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. All exam candidates are recommended to select and participate in a comprehensive education program which addresses all areas of the IBLCE Blueprint of knowledge and skills for IBCLCs.

The IBLCE Scope of Practice was discussed, and it was decided that the scope of practice required clarification of purpose and definition of terms, and a committee was designated for this purpose. Strategies for marketing the IBCLC credential were identified and guidelines for posting materials on the website were discussed. The list of certificants needs to be updated on the website for the Americas region. Board members are to send a photograph and a bio for the website. The fact that the IBCLICK, the communication mechanism between the IBLCE Board and Staff and the certificants, is overdue was noted and established as a priority.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and accepted. An unqualified opinion was received by the auditors, who found internal standards were acceptable. Continued funding of IBLCE's portion of ILEAC was approved. Investment policies will be reviewed in greater detail at the September 2007 meeting.

The MILCC Board reported that the JWS Scholarship endowment fund has now exceeded \$10,000. Appreciation is extended to all donors. Marketing plans and fundraising strategies for MILCC were explored.

The Governance Committee will oversee orientation for new board members. Board members whose terms will end on September 2007 were announced, and provisions will be made for communication with the appropriate individuals for candidates for replacement. Calls for Board positions will be placed on the website.

Plans for recruitment of an Executive Director were discussed and a search committee was formed, as were plans to identify an Interim Executive Director.

Confirmation of Future Board Meeting Dates:

September 15–16, 2007, location to be decided (committee meetings held September 11-14)

March 8-9, 2008, location to be decided

September 27-28, 2008, Baden bei Wien, Austria, Europe

The Board approved holding the September Board and Committee Meetings September 23-28, 2008 in conjunction with the ILCA/VELB Conference in Vienna.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Younger Meek,  
Board Secretary

Roberta Hewat  
Board Chair