

## **International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE)**

Executive Summary of Board of Director Meeting  
Tuesday, September 8, 2009, Gold Coast, Australia

**The meeting was convened in Gold Coast, Australia by Chair, Ellen McIntyre, IBCLC, Delegate from the Australian Breastfeeding Association.**

**A Record number of candidates took the IBCLC exam in 2009.** A total of 4,017 candidates (initial and recertifying) took the exam, an increase of 21% from 2008.

**Exam changes are planned.** The 2010 exam will have a greater number of image based questions. The number of image-based questions has been increased in order to improve the measurement of clinical competency. Given that image-based questions are less dependent on language, the amount of time given to take the exam will be shortened proportionally. Although these modifications shorten the exam administration time, the scope of knowledge being tested will not change.

**Plans for celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of IBLCE across the world in 2010 continue.** IBLCE is collaborating with ILCA to plan and recognize the anniversary across the world.

**Use of the IBLCE Logo:** At the request of IBCLC's, a task force was created to develop guidelines on the use of the IBLCE logo.

### **New Credentials**

The Community Breastfeeding Counselor (CBC) credential role delineation survey will be completed by October 31. Over 1000 lactation consultants have also completed an opinion survey on the CBC credential. Results will be reported.

### **Certification**

A Pathways task force was created to review eligibility criteria to insure consistency between pathways.

IBLCE continues to support the Approval and Accreditation Review Committee (AARC) for education in human lactation and breastfeeding in collaboration with ILCA.

IBLCE and ILCA are collaborating on revising the clinical competencies for IBCLCs.

### **Ethics and Discipline**

Four cases were reviewed.

### **Commercial Sponsorship**

In compliance with the statement on commercial sponsorship, IBLCE will no longer recognize Ameda as a long term CERP provider after December 31, 2009 and will not accept CERP applications from Ameda after September 30, 2009.

**New Board Directors elected:**

Dietitian: Rachelle Lessen, MS, RD, IBCLC (USA/Israel )

Pediatricians: Elizabeth (Kaili) Stehel, MD, FAAP, IBCLC (USA) and Tomoko Seo, MD, IBCLC (Japan)

**Board Directors selected for a second term:**

Ellen McIntyre: Australian Breastfeeding Association delegate

Marcia Lutostanski: La Leche League delegate

Angela Love Zaranka: Delegate at large

Jeanne Mitchell: Hospital based LC delegate

Wendelmoet Mulder: European delegate

**New Officers elected:**

**Chair:** Ellen McIntyre

**Chair-Elect:** Gail Johnson

**Secretary:** Jeanne Mitchell

**Treasurer:** Marcia Lutostanski

**Next Meeting:**

Board Meeting: March 20, 2010, DoubleTree, Crystal City, Virginia

Board meeting: September 25, 2010, West Palm Beach, Florida

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary, IBLCE