

Manswark Home Birth Association,
c/o Jean Kennedy,
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Dear Brenda,

Thank you for your letter. It arrived just in time for our next conference committee meeting.

I was very interested and encouraged to hear of someone actively supporting home birth without having experienced a home-birth personally. I share that situation with you, and sometimes I experience feelings of isolation and inadequacy in my ability in the H.B. area for that reason, so I felt quite heartened by that news. Thank you.

We discussed your letter, and the composition of the panel at some length. Thank you for accepting as a panelist. We would still very much like Joan to be the dancillary midwife on the panel. Bronwyn (from Nelson) can't now be on the panel and we have decided to ask Alison Locke so that we have someone who has actually had a home birth on the panel.

Annette King (M.P. for Horsham) has agreed to be a panelist, so has Murray our GP/H.B. father. We don't feel that having Joan on the panel would be too much participation from her but an important aid to the continuity of the political theme (along with Annette). We think of Joan as our home birth matriarch (we hope this term is accepted as the great compliment to which it is intended) and we feel strongly that she should be on the panel. Can you convince her to reconsider?

We accept and agree with your feelings about initiating rather than organizing the workshop as 'Running a successful H.B. association'. Can we assume this initiation includes facilitating the workshop? We will send out information to all branches informing them that this is to be a sharing workshop, so they can come prepared.

Thank you for your support
Jean Kennedy.