

Domiciliary Midwives Society of New Zealand.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

May 1989.

1988/89 has not been a terribly onerous year apart from a flurry of conscience-ridden activity at the beginning and end of the year and one minor flutter in the middle! As I read through the minutes of our last meeting, I'm very aware of the things I haven't done but aware of the few things I have actually achieved as well. O well, there's always this year to catch up !!

The newsletter has come out a couple of times plus another posting with the submission to Peter Dunn, under-secretary for Health and the MIDIRS index. It is somewhat difficult producing the newsletter in a vacuum but I know from peoples comments that it is appreciated - I wish I had more time and enough discipline to get it out regularly.

Correspondence:-

- Incoming - Copy Domiciliary Standards Review Committee Mission Statement and accompanying memo to Ann Warner
- letter from Judi Strid notifying fund set up for Feliz Barnett's legal costs.
 - copy Northland area Health Board circular re guidelines for G.P. and domiciliary obstetrics.
 - copy breastfeeding booklet in preparation by Department of Health and letter asking for comments.
 - copy 1st draft NZNA Midwifery Policy Statement.
 - copy Auckland Home Birth Association's submission re "Unshackling the Hospitals".
 - letter from Feliz Barnett re her situation.
 - Working Party reports from NZ College of Midwives.
 - Copy letter from Ann Warner advising DM fee increases to Kelly Grovehills.
 - letter Gisborne Home Birth Group
 - copy submission to Peter Dunn on our behalf from Allison Livingstone.
 - copy submission to Auckland Area Health Board from Auckland DMs.
 - copy Joan Donley's letters re appointment Wendy Savage
 - letter from Department of Health asking our participation on working group to look at safe options for "low risk" childbirth.
 - letter from Chris Hannah, Dunedin re domiciliary issues there.

- letter Allison Livingstone re Negotiation and Kelly Grovehills' continued employment
- invitation to cocktail party to celebrate formal opening of NZCOM.
- letter Joan Donley re conference
- copy minutes of AGM Midwives Section NZNA.
- copies letters from Nursing Council and Auckland Area Health Board Obstetric Standards Review Committee re establishment of Domiciliary Midwives Standards Review Committee in Auckland.
- many and various letters and papers and phone calls from DMs all over New Zealand - some answered, some not.
- reply David Caygill re contracts.

Outgoing

- letter to Department of Health commenting at length on breastfeeding booklet.
- comments on midwifery Policy Statement.
- phone call to Feliz Barnett
- comments on Working Party reports of NZCOM
- letter to Minister of Health re DMs contracts and Area Health Boards
- letter to Department of Health re working group.
- reply to Chris Hannah
- reply Allison Livingstone
- letter to PPHN Whangarei approving Feliz Barnett as DM on DM Standards Review Committee.
- letter NZCOM re use of name & letter authorising same.

Apologies to all for letters I never got around to answering and photocopying yet to be done for people. I have also received a copy of the Northland Area Health Boards draft contract for DOMINO care - this is confidential at present - could end up being a prototype for independent midwifery practice in hospitals.

I have been kept informed of the NZ College of Midwives establishment and attended the inaugural AGM and cocktail party on your behalf. I suggest that we pass a resolution at this DMS meeting to affiliate to the College.

I organised the design and purchase of a 'Common Seal' and we now have to elect a 'President' so that we can use it on the odd occasion that we need to produce an official document.

I can't think of anything else I've done so I hope I've covered all DMS activities for the past 12 months. I'm happy to continue until next year unless anyone else is burning to take the secretary's job over. I may have an

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extended holiday in 1990 in which case someone needs to think about taking on the job for that year. I think I will have done my dash by then.

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Proposed Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Domiciliary Midwives Society Incorporated
May 12th, 1989.

Minutes Annual Meeting 1988

Matters arising

Correspondence out

- election of President

Financial report

- decisions re:

1. Negotiating Fund

2. Legal Defense Fund

Agenda

(Items may be added at the meeting)

Negotiation

Subscription rate

Affiliation to NZ College of Midwives

Use of homeopathy in midwifery - anyone want to do
a workshop?

"When to interfere with 42 weeks + gestation"

Christchurch's Independent Midwives Practice

DM Standards Review Committees

Statistics forms - due in when? Additions?

DMs/Area Health Boards

Lay midwifery

Legislative changes re autonomy

Midwives Reports

This order of meeting is not fixed nor is it inflexible.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIVES SOCIETY INCORPORATED.

Financial Statement as at 12th May, 1989.

31/3/88	Opening balance		\$ 778.13
Incoming:-			
	Subscriptions	\$565.00	
	Interest	<u>\$ 37.07</u>	
		<u>\$602.07</u>	
			<u>\$ 1,380.20</u>
Outgoing:-			
	Conference costs	\$100.00	
	Stationery	\$ 40.15	
	Postage	\$ 18.00	
	MIDIRS sub	\$159.00	
	Negotiation	\$300.00	
	Cheque book	<u>\$ 1.50</u>	
		<u>\$618.65</u>	
31/3/89	Closing balance		<u>\$ 761.55</u>

Additional transactions to 12th May, 1989.

Incoming:-			
	Subscriptions	\$ 30.00	
	Negotiating fund	\$200.00	
	Legal fund	<u>\$1297.46</u>	
		<u>\$1527.46</u>	
			<u>\$ 2280.01</u>
Outgoing:-			
	Booklet	\$ 5.00	
	Stamps	\$ 34.00	
	Stationery	\$ 46.80	
	Common Seal & stamp pad	\$ 50.70	
	1989 conference	<u>\$ 22.00</u>	
		<u>\$165.50</u>	
			<u>\$ 2114.51</u>