

DONA International
Board of Directors Teleconference
April 10, 2018; 11:00 AM Central
Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

Present: Kathrin Auger, Elena Carrillo, Johanna D’Aleo, Tonya Daniel, Melissa Harley, Sarah Hodin, Yana Katzap-Nackman, Ana Paula Markel, Rina Rios Crane, Ravae Sinclair

Absent: Sherri Wilkerson

Staff Present: Michael Chan, Executive Director, Kristin Dube

3. **Motion:** To approve the March 13, 2018 DONA International BOD Minutes.

Motion APPROVED

4. **Motion:** To approve the March 28, 2018 DONA International BOD Minutes.

Motion APPROVED

5. **Motion:** To approve the creation of an interim continuing education sub-committee.

Motion APPROVED

6. **Motion:** To approve the amended Intercultural Coalition’s mission statement as follows:

The Intercultural Coalition supports the vision of DONA International of “a doula for every person who wants one.” The Coalition seeks to find and create opportunities for our doulas to learn how different identities and cultures impact birth and the postpartum period. It also supports education and programming to bring doulas to under-resourced communities throughout the world, which includes the training of doula trainers and doulas from diverse communities.

Motion APPROVED

7. **Motion:** To approve the following official statement from the Health Disparities Advocacy Sub-committee as amended:

As doulas we want the best for our clients, their families, and their communities. We know that not all people receive the same quality of medical care during pregnancy, labor, and postpartum, and during the course of life more generally. As we become aware of disparities and inequities in healthcare access and quality, as well as in health outcomes, we are moved to action. As a subcommittee, we seek to do the following:

- raise awareness among doulas, our clients, healthcare providers, policy makers, and the general public about disparities and inequities in healthcare

- educate DONA International doulas in effective ways to reduce health disparities and inequities, as well as improve health outcomes among communities currently and historically experiencing discrimination, and

- decrease disparities and inequities among population groups in our countries and our local communities within our scope of practice as doulas.

Motion APPROVED

8. Adjourned at 12:00 PM