

ADVANCE PROGRAM

AABC 22nd Annual Meeting

September 14-17, 2006

in historic
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

*Turning Point of a Revolution
Victory of Spirit*



American Association of Birth Centers

America's Birth Center Resource

Supporting Birth Centers and the Midwifery Model of Care

Why Valley Forge?

It is no accident that Valley Forge, Pennsylvania was chosen for this convention of the American Association of Birth Centers (formerly the National Association of Childbearing Centers). Historically, Valley Forge represents a struggle against adversity of epic proportions, a struggle which has been designated the turning point in the revolution that would make America a free nation.

The late summer of 1777 saw the war for independence going badly for American troops. Washington was defeated at Brandywine and efforts to defend Philadelphia failed. With his ragtag troops of 5,000 weary, hungry, battered and ill equipped men, he crossed the Delaware River and marched westward seeking refuge for encampment in an easily defensible high point of land east of Mount Joy and Mount Misery and north of the Schuylkill River. There were no battles fought at Valley Forge yet some 2,000 volunteers died that winter in their struggle against the overwhelming odds of a cruel winter; inadequate



Washington's Winter Encampment in Valley Forge

food, shelter and clothing; diseases such as dysentery, pneumonia, typhus and typhoid; and little help from the Congress. With a letter from Ben Franklin, Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben, a former member of the Staff of Frederick the Great, king of Prussia, was willing to assist the struggling Continental Army. Von Steuben's disciplined work with the Army inspired a new confidence in the troops and their ability to succeed in their mission. By Spring much needed new troops, supplies and equipment arrived and the French joined in the struggles. In June 1778 Washington marched away from Valley Forge to take on the British Army on their way to New York. **Valley Forge was by no means the end of the struggle for independence but it is heralded as the turning point of the American Revolution.**

Today, Valley Forge Park is a lush, 3600 acre expanse of rolling hillsides dotted with flowering dogwood trees and a few peaceful reminders of the sacrifices made there. Washington's headquarters has been restored. Examples of the troops log huts have been reconstructed. There are monuments throughout the park to remind visitors of our heritage and diversity including one of the Patriots of African American descent.



Valley Forge National Park today.

There is a visitors center, six miles of multi-use trails and self guided or scheduled tours. **It is a peaceful setting to reflect on where we are with the birth center movement, where we might be going and most important, how we plan to get there.** A meeting in Valley Forge will be by no means the end of the struggle to bring birth centers and the midwifery model of care into the mainstream of American healthcare but it could well herald a new turning point for this mission.

Pre-Convention Workshops

How to Start a Birth Center

Date: September 13-14, 2006 (Wed./Thurs.)

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Wed)
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Thurs)

Fee: \$549 - Non Member
\$499 - AABC Member
\$299 - Full Time Students
One FREE registration to AABC Developing BC Members

This pre-convention workshop is a full two-day conference. The interactive workshop addresses the many issues one needs to consider when exploring the development of a birth center. You will learn first hand from birth center personnel and will tour an accredited birth center.

The workshop will cover the topics: overview of birth centers, operations, the business of birth centers, birth center tour and practicum, continuous quality improvement, start-up, marketing, and next steps and resources.

This workshop will showcase The Birth Center, a nationally accredited and state licensed birth center established in 1979. Pennsylvania's first licensed birth center, it has five CNMs in full-scope practice providing a continuum of care with supportive services such as childbirth education, parenting, infant massage, and yoga classes. The Birth Center continues to grow and in 2005 moved into a new larger facility.

Kitty Ernst, CNM, MPH; Kathryn Schrag, CNM, MSN; Nancy Kirsh, MA, MSS; Peggy Stone, CNM

CABC Workshops

Excellence Through Accreditation

Date: September 14, 2006 (Thursday)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This workshop presented by the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers (CABC) focuses on the flow and time frame of the process, completion of necessary paperwork, the site visit, and how site visitors measure a center's compliance with the AABC Standards for Birth Centers.

CABC Site Visitor Training

Date: September 14, 2006 (Thursday)

Time: 1:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Would you like to become a CABC site visitor? Then this workshop is for you. All aspects of the accreditation process are thoroughly reviewed.

For more information or to register for the CABC workshops please contact the Commission for the Accreditation of Birth Centers at (215) 679-4833.

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Turning Point of a Revolution - Victory of Spirit

Thursday ~ September 14th

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

How to Start A Birth Center

See page 2 for a full description. (Day 2 of 2)

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Excellence Through Accreditation (CABC Workshop)

See page 2 for a full description.

1:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

CABC Site Visitor Training (CABC Workshop)

See page 2 for a full description.

4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Birth Center Directors Network Meeting & Reception

The Birth Center Directors Network is for the clinical and administrative directors of birth centers. Come and explore common issues with an open dialogue in an environment of mutual respect and support. Please register on page 7.

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

OPENING SESSION

Welcome

Children's Parade ~

AABC has a tradition of celebrating the families who have had the courage and confidence to be the real change agents for improving the childbirth and parenting experience. This year we will celebrate with the families from five local birth centers.

Opening Address: Turning Point of a Revolution

Marion McCartney will inspire participants to overcome the adversities they face providing care in a health care system in crisis. She will explore successful health care practices and discuss how participants can apply these models to their own practices. Marion McCartney, CNM, BSN

8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception / Exhibit Hall Opening

Come to the Welcome Reception and visit the exhibitors, meet up with old friends and make new ones.

What past participants say ...

"Very knowledgeable speakers presenting great material. Well organized. Had a great time and will go home motivated and inspired!"

"After a year out of practice, I received good updates on both clinical and administrative topics. It was good to come to the conference!"

Friday ~ September 15th

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall / Committee Meetings

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

General Session: The Impact of Childhood Sexual Abuse on Adult Women & Childbearing Women and Their Caregivers.

Childhood sexual abuse can have a profound impact on survivors during childbearing. In this general session Penny Simkin will discuss behaviors that may be exhibited during pregnancy and childbirth by survivors of sexual abuse, and ways maternity care providers may help survivors during labor. Penny Simkin, PT

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

General Session: Risk Management: Birth Centers in the Court

Room An overview of legal issues affecting providers of care for the birthing mother and her child, especially as they impact litigation against these providers. Nancy Locke, CNM, JD

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

AABC Business Meeting 1.

12:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

Come to the Exhibit Hall for a Networking Lunch and Committee Meetings

2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

AABC Foundation Board Meeting

2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1

CS1: Recovering from a Lawsuit: The Personal and the

Professional It happens to even the very best midwifery providers - a perinatal loss and subsequent litigation. Dealing with poor outcomes in midwifery practice and subsequent litigation is emotionally and professionally devastating. This presentation describes midwives' experiences of both using data collected from qualitative interviews, surveys, and video taped vignettes. Strategies for coping and recovery both personally and professionally will be reviewed. Mamie Guidera, CNM, MSN; William McCool, CNM, PhD

CS2: Electronic Health Records

This concurrent session will provide an overview of electronic health records, considerations when selecting a system, and grant sources for funding. Participants will also hear case studies of implementation in birth center practices. JoAnn Klinedinst, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, PMP; Deborah Bisonette, CNM, MSN

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2

CS3: Preterm Prevention & Post Dates Management Update.

Preterm Prevention Update - Participants will learn how to implement the use of 17-alpha hydroxyprogesterone caproate for those gravid women with prior history of preterm delivery and/or preterm spontaneous rupture of membranes. Eric Carlson, DO, MPH
Post Dates Management Update: Discussion of the multiple risks that postdatism confers on fetus and mother and the methods which can be implemented to prevent pregnancies from becoming post-term. Includes a review of the recommendations on the management of post-term pregnancy. Eric Carlson, DO, MPH

CS4: Expecting the Unexpected ~ Administrative

Employee Dishonesty . It happens more often than you think. This presentation will provide an inside look at employee dishonesty - How it happens; what to do to prevent it, and how to handle the situation once it is exposed. Claudine Bruyns; Elaine Wakeland, CNM, MSN, IBCLC
Billing - Making Sure It's Done and Done Right - How do you know if your biller and office staff are staying on top of billing? This presentation discusses timely filing guidelines and the financial ramifications of missing deadlines; and reviewing and understanding your aging reports. It also asks participants to look in the mirror for a self/practice analysis - are you providing your biller with everything they need in a timely manner to do a good job? Marnie Cabezas-Skorupa, CPM
Employment Law 101 - This presentation will describe types of employment arrangements, employer/employee responsibilities, effective methods of documentation/maintaining personnel files, and hiring/termination guidelines. Includes a case study from a birth center practice. Rebecca Benghiat, Esq. and Kathryn Schrag, CNM, FNP, MS

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

CABC Advanced Site Visitor Training

This workshop is for site visitors to come together, share experiences, discuss problems, and review updated paperwork. Fred Damon, MHSA, CMPE

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FSMFN Reception

Alumni, students and preceptors of the FSMFN and Booth Refresher Program are invited to this reception hosted by the Frontier School of Midwifery & Family Nursing. Please RSVP under Special Events on page 7.

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Just Desserts

AABC Foundation FUNd Raising Party & Auctions

Come after dinner for delicious treats and stay for the entertainment and auctions. Listen and dance to the music of piano man Jim Loftus while bidding on the silent auction items. The evening would not be complete without the live auction led by our resident auctioneer Kitty Ernst. Tickets: \$45 in advance, \$50 at the convention. Reserve your tickets on page 7.

Auction Items: We welcome your donations for the auctions. Some examples of past auction items include gift certificates, jewelry, art, vacations, antiques, and gift baskets. For more information or to pledge your donation contact Kate Bauer at 215-234-8068, katebauer@birthcenters.org

Saturday ~ September 16th

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall / Committee Meetings

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

General Session: Is a Federal Model for You? FQHCs and RHCs

Sometimes it feels like we swim in a bowl of alphabet soup. FQHC, RHC - what do they mean? This general session will describe characteristics of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Centers (RHC). It will discuss why you may wish to work with them and provide models of collaboration or implementation. Martha Cook Carter, CNM; Pamela Byrnes, MS, PhD; and Anita Lenas, CNM, FNP, MSN

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

General Session: Chiropractic Care for Safer Easier Births

This general session will explore causes of dystocia and the relationship of chiropractic care in its prevention. Jeanne Ohm, DC

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

OPEN FORUM

12:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Awards Luncheon

We invite you to join us for the presentation of the AABC Achievement Awards and to honor the birth center pioneers of the local area.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Dessert in the Exhibit Hall

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3

CS5: Compounding Pharmacy - Meeting a Woman's Medication Needs Throughout Her Life.

A compounding pharmacist offers a unique service in the fact that we can individualize and customized medication for patients. From fertility and peri/post natal issues to peri and post menopausal health concerns, healthcare providers have many options for delivering and optimizing medication outcomes. Diane Boomsma, RPh, PharmD, FIACP

CS6: Best Business Practices

Do GYN Services Really Make Money? - Many midwifery practices offer GYN services to diversify their revenue sources. Does this really help your bottom line? Thru a historical review of data collected at The Birth Center, the presenters will examine the financial impact of GYN services. Diana Krantz, MEd, MBA; Nancy Kirsh, MSS, MBA
Everyone Can Negotiate! - Participants will hone their skills through lecture and group discussion, culminating in a short "mock" negotiation. Learn to identify the real issues, assess your stakes, and approach any conflict with confidence. Rebecca Benghiat, Esq.
Productivity Models in Midwifery Practice - This presentation will discuss productivity models that can be used to evaluate midwifery services and the use of these models in the development of an employment contract or business plan. Joan Slager, CNM, MSN

CS7: AABC Uniform Data Set Training

Come learn how to use the new web-based AABC Uniform Data Set. The workshop will include an overview of data collection and a demonstration of the Uniform Data Set, including data entry and how to generate site-specific reports. Kate Bauer, MBA; Susan Stapleton, CNM, MSN

Program Faculty

6:00 p.m..

Birth Center Tour & Dinner

The Birth Center invites you for dinner and a tour.



The staff and friends of The Birth Center invite you to visit their birth center in Bryn Mawr. Founded in 1979, The Birth Center is one of the nation's oldest birth centers. The center continues to grow and in 2005 moved into a new larger facility. Learn more about

the center at www.thebirthcenter.org.

Tickets for the Birth Center Tour & Dinner are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the convention. Includes transportation. Order your tickets on the registration form on page 7. Space is limited ~ don't be disappointed!

Sunday ~ September 17th

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

AABC Business Breakfast Meeting

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

General Session: Investing in the Future of Birth Centers & Midwifery

The Joy of Precepting - Preceptors are very important to student nurse midwives. Learn about the role of the preceptor through the eyes of student midwives. See how you can affect the newest members of our profession by being a preceptor with new techniques to enhance your clinical teaching. Suzan Ulrich, CNM, DrPH

Hiring New Graduates: Risks and Benefits - "Seeking Birth Center Midwife." New graduates are hungry for out-of-hospital experience, but many prefer to hire a midwife with experience. Why not hire a new graduate? This presentation explores the risks and benefits of adding a new graduate to your midwifery practice. Rosanne Gephart, CNM, MSN, IBCLC

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

General Session: Environmental Components Found in Breast Milk: Findings from the MAMA Study.

The US EPA's MAMA Study measured environmental and endogenous components of breast milk at two times during the lactation period of healthy North Carolina women. The levels of several classes of contaminants will be discussed, as well as a comparison to their concentrations in other body fluids from the same women. The exposure routes for these compounds will be introduced, as well as their persistence in the environment. Data from the endogenous components of milk (those end points produced by the woman and secreted into milk) will also be discussed. Suzanne Fenton, PhD

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

CLOSING SESSION: Victory of Spirit

Join AABC's Founding Mothers for an inspirational session on the victory of spirit in pioneering the birth center concept. Kitty Ernst, CNM, MPH; Ruth Lubic, CNM, EdD; Edith Wonnell, CNM, MSN (Sr. Angela Murdaugh is unable to attend).

1:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Joint Board Development Workshop

The Board of Directors of the AABC, AABC Foundation and the CABC will meet for a board development workshop funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Kate Bauer, MBA
American Association of Birth
Centers ~ Perkiomenville, PA

Rebecca Benghiat, Esq.
Friends of the Birth Center
New York, NY

Deborah Bisonette, CNM, MSN
September Hill Birth Ctr at Schuyler
Hospital ~ Montour Falls, NY

Diane Boomsma, PharmD, FIACP
Lancaster, PA

Claudine Bruyns
Natchez Trace Maternity Center
Waynesboro, TN

Pamela Byrnes, PhD
National Association of Community
Health Centers ~ Niantic, CT

Marnie Cabezas-Skorupa, CPM
Midwife's Billing Service, Inc.
Wendell, MA

Eric Carlson, DO, MPH
Maternal Fetal Medicine Group at
Main Line Health ~ Wynnewood, PA

Martha Cook Carter, CNM
Family Care ~ Scott Depot, WV

Fred Damon, MHSA, CMPE
Commission for the Accreditation of
Birth Centers ~ Springtown, PA

Kitty Ernst, CNM, MPH
Frontier School of Midwifery & Family
Nursing ~ Perkiomenville, PA

Suzanne Fenton, PhD
US EPA, Reproductive Toxicology
Division ~ Research Triangle Park, NC

Rosanne Gephart, CNM, IBCLC, MSN
Women's Health & Birth Center
Santa Rosa, CA

Mamie Guidera, CNM, MSN
University of Pennsylvania Health
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Nancy Kirsh, MBA, MSS
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JoAnn Klinedinst, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, PMP
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Nancy Locke, CNM, JD
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Family Health & Birth Center
Washington, DC

Marion McCartney, CNM, BSN
Washington, DC

William McCool, CNM, PhD
University of Pennsylvania School of
Nursing ~ Philadelphia, PA

Jeanne Ohm, DC
International Chiropractic Pediatric
Association ~ Media, PA

Denise Roy, CNM, MSN
Commission for the Accreditation of
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Kathryn Schrag, CNM, MSN
Birth & Women's Health Center
Patagonia, AZ

Penny Simkin, PT
Seattle, WA

Joan Slager, CNM, MSN
Bronson Women's Services
Kalamazoo, MI

Susan Stapleton, CNM, MSN
Reading Birth & Women's Center
Reading, PA

Peggy Stone, CNM
The Birth Center ~ Bryn Mawr, PA

Suzan Ulrich, CNM, DrPH
Frontier School of Midwifery & Family
Nursing ~ Ripley, NY

Elaine Wakeland, CNM, MSN, IBCLC
Natchez Trace Maternity Center
Waynesboro, TN

Edith Wonnell, CNM, MSN
Merritt Island, FL

**SAVE with the Early Bird Discount
Register by July 31st**

Crowne Plaza Valley Forge

The AABC 22nd Annual Meeting will be held at the **Crowne Plaza Valley Forge** located in King of Prussia at 250 Mall Boulevard.

Just 15 miles west of Philadelphia, the hotel is central to a wealth of activities. Follow in Washington's footsteps at Valley Forge National Park or the National Constitution Center. Discover beautiful Longwood Gardens with its 1,050 acres of woodlands, meadows and gardens. Visit world class art museums such as the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Shop til you drop - whether you are looking for a quaint country village, a sophisticated boutique, a farmers market, a factory outlet or a large shopping mall - it's a shopper's paradise.

Room Rates: \$99 single / double

Reservations: Call (610) 265-7500 and mention AABC to receive the conference rate. Reservations must be made by **August 22, 2006** to be guaranteed the group rate.

Make your hotel reservations with the confidence of knowing that you are getting the best rate. AABC makes every effort to ensure that our conference participants receive a low rate. It is important for AABC that you stay at the conference hotel and book your room in AABC's room block. By filling our room block, we can keep conference costs down and continue to offer convention discounts.

Transportation: The hotel is about 20 miles from the Philadelphia International Airport. Tropiano Transportation offers airport shuttle service to the Crowne Plaza. For more information on rates and reservations visit their website at www.tropianotransportation.com.

For more information on the Crowne Plaza Valley Forge including amenities, directions and attractions visit www.crowneplazavalleyforge.com.

Continuing Education Credit

AABC has applied for continuing education approval from the American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) and the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA). Registrants will be notified of the number of CEUs approved.

The pre-convention workshop, "How to Start a Birth Center" is approved as an independent offering by the American College of Nurse-Midwives (16 contact hours or 1.6 CEU) and by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (18 contact hours) an accredited approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Scholarships

The AABC Foundation will award the Lisa Ross Memorial Scholarship for a birth center midwife or a full-time student wanting to work in a birth center to attend the AABC convention for the first time. For more information, please contact Kate Bauer at (215) 234-8068 or by email at katebauer@birthcenters.org.

It's Easy to Register...

BY PHONE

215-234-8068 (9 AM - 5 PM EDT)

BY FAX

215-234-8829

BY MAIL

AABC

3123 Gottschall Road
Perkiomenville, PA 18074

Conference Fees

General registration includes attendance at all sessions (not including pre-convention workshops), breakfasts, lunches, and receptions. Daily registration includes all education sessions and meal functions for that day. We accept payment in the form of check, money order, authorized purchase order or credit card (Visa, MasterCard or American Express)

AABC SuperSaver Discount - Save 20% -

Send more than one person from your group or center and save 20% on the additional registration. See the registration form to take advantage of this savings.

Membership Status - If you are not a member, but would like to take advantage of the member registration rate, you are encouraged to take this opportunity to support AABC in its efforts to make birth center care available to every childbearing family. Please complete and return the membership application on page 8 and the annual dues with your conference registration form.

Full Time Students - Full-time students may join the Association as Associate Members and register at the discounted Associate Member rate.

Transfer/Cancellation Policy

Notice of cancellation of registration for the conference must be received no later than September 11, 2006 in order to be eligible for a refund. A processing fee of \$35 will be deducted from each refund.

Child Care Policy

Out of respect for others, participants must arrange for childcare (including infants) for education sessions at AABC conferences. Infants and children are not permitted in the room during education sessions.

Registration Form

AABC Membership Number: _____ I will vote for my birth center at the Business Meetings
 Name for Badge: _____ Degrees: _____
 Position/Title: _____ Institution: _____
 Address (W, H): _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____ Phone (W, H): _____
 Fax: _____ E-mail: _____ **Special Needs:** Vegetarian Meals other: _____

A. General & Daily Registration

GENERAL REGISTRATION	Early Bird <i>Rec'd by 7/31</i>	Regular <i>Rec'd after 8/1</i>	On-Site <i>Rec'd after 9/1</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> AABC Members	\$375	\$415	\$455
<input type="checkbox"/> AABC Associate Members	\$270	\$300	\$330
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Members	\$475	\$525	\$575
OR			
DAILY REGISTRATION			
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday Night	\$ 35	\$ 40	\$ 45
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday	\$175	\$195	\$210
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	\$175	\$195	\$210
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	\$ 90	\$100	\$110

Save 20% with the SuperSaver Discount:
 Save 20% on additional registrations from the same organization. Please use a separate registration form for each registrant. Make copies of this form as needed. Questions? Call Marie Kunz at the AABC office -tel: (215) 234-8068 or email aabc@birthcenters.org.

Name of first registrant from organization: _____

AABC Super Saver Discount (see right) Deduct 20% - \$ _____
Subtotal A: \$ _____

B. Pre-Convention Workshops

PCI: How to Start a Birth Center

- \$499 - AABC Members
- \$449 - Additional AABC Members from same organization
- Free - Developing Birth Center Member
- \$549 - Non Members
- \$449 - Additional AABC Members from same organization
- \$299 - Full-Time Student - school: _____
- CNEP Student, class # ____ (reg. fee included in school tuition)

Subtotal B: \$ _____

C. Special Events

Birth Center Directors Network Mtg (Thurs, 9/14) _____ x \$20 = \$ _____
 FSMFN Reception (Friday, 9/15) _____ x N/C = \$ _____
 JUST DESSERTS (Friday, 9/15) _____ x \$45 = \$ _____
 AABC Foundation's FUNd Raising Party & Auction
 The Birth Center Tour & Dinner (Sat, 9/16) _____ x \$45 = \$ _____
Subtotal D: \$ _____

D Extra Tickets ~ Do you need extra tickets for a spouse or friend?

Networking Lunch (Friday, 9/15) _____ x \$20 = \$ _____
 Awards Luncheon (Saturday, 9/16) _____ x \$30 = \$ _____
 Business Breakfast Meeting (Sunday, 9/17) _____ x \$15 = \$ _____
Subtotal E: \$ _____

E. Concurrent Sessions

- CONCURRENT SESSIONS 1:** Friday (9/15) 2:15 - 3:45 p.m.
- CS1: Recovering from a Lawsuit: The Personal and Professional
 - CS2: Electronic Health Records
- CONCURRENT SESSIONS 2:** Friday (9/15) 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- CS3: Preterm Prevention and Post Dates Management Update
 - CS4: Expecting the Unexpected Administrative
- CONCURRENT SESSIONS 3:** Saturday (9/16) 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- CS5: Compounding Pharmacy
 - CS6: Best Business Practices
 - CS7: AABC Uniform Data Set Training

TOTAL: A: _____ + B: _____ + C: _____ + D: _____ = \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD

- Check or money order payable to AABC.
- MasterCard / Visa / American Express
 # _____ Exp Date: _____
 Billing Address: _____ Zip: _____

RETURN REGISTRATION TO:

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★ AABC Membership Form ★

I do NOT want to be listed in the Membership Directory

New Member Renewal

Member's Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Telephone (H / W): _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____ Website: _____

If Birth Center or Institution: Contact Person: _____ Degrees: _____ Title: _____

If Individual: Name of Workplace: _____ Degrees: _____ Title: _____

BIRTH CENTER MEMBERS

ESTABLISHED BIRTH CENTER MEMBER

- BCA: Gross receipts < \$100,000 ~ Dues \$400
- BCB: Gross receipts < \$500,000 ~ Dues \$600
- BCC: Gross receipts > \$500,000 ~ Dues \$1200

Benefits: Information Packet, sample Policies and Procedures Manual, Standards, participation in AABC Sisters Center Program, free listing in the AABC Online Birth Center Directory, discounted member rates for AABC events and publications, AABC News, telephone information network, membership directory.

DEVELOPING BIRTH CENTER MEMBER

- First Year Dues \$800
- Renewal Dues \$400

Designed especially for individuals, groups or institutions exploring the establishment of a birth center. Benefits: 1 FREE registration to the Birth Center Workshop, Workshop Manual, Information Packet, sample Policies and Procedures Manual, Standards, participation in AABC Sisters Center Program, discounted member rates for AABC events and publications, AABC News, telephone information network, membership directory. Renewal does not include workshop registration. Renewal dues for a Developing Birth Center Member are \$400.

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

LIFETIME ~ Dues \$2025 (one-time)

For individuals only. Benefits: life membership in the Association, Information Packet, discounted member rates for AABC events and publications, AABC News, membership directory

INSTITUTIONAL ~ Dues \$450

For individuals, institutions, agencies, corporations and/or consulting firms. Benefits: Information Packet, sample Policies and Procedures Manual (on request), discounted member rates for AABC events and publications, AABC News, membership directory.

INDIVIDUAL ~ Dues \$85

For individuals only. Benefits: AABC News, membership directory and discounted member rates for AABC events and publications.

- Birth Center Member Staff & Providers ~ Save 50% on Individual Member Dues (\$42.50)

ASSOCIATE ~ Dues \$40

For full-time students, retirees, birth center clients, and/or health care workers earning less than \$15,000/year. Benefits: AABC News, membership directory and discounted member rates for AABC events and publications.

PAYMENT METHOD

Check or money order payable to **American Association of Birth Centers (AABC)**

Credit Card (MC, VISA or AMEX) # _____ Expiration Date: _____ \$ _____

Billing Address: _____ Zip: _____ Signature: _____

SEND TO: AABC ~ 3123 Gottschall Road ~ Perkiomenville, PA 18074 ~ Tel: (215) 234-8068 ~ Fax: (215) 234-8829 ~ aabc@birthcenters.org



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