



NBDPN News

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Announcements

NBDPN 2019 Election Results and Officer Introductions

Thank you to the NBDPN Membership and Elections team and all the candidates for a successful election. Congratulations and a very warm welcome to:

Philip Lupo (TX): President Elect
Sarah Henry (MN): Secretary-Treasurer Elect
Brennan Martin (VT): Member-at-Large

Mahsa Yazdy (MA) steps into the role of President, while Jason Salemi (TX) transitions to Immediate Past President. Kimberlea Hauser (PA) fills the office of 2018 Secretary-Treasurer. A special thank you to Peter Langlois (TX) and Amy Nance (UT) for their excellent work and guidance over the last few years.

API Picks

NBDPN's articles of potential interest - API - gives members a quarterly list of current publications from the peer-reviewed literature focused on birth defects surveillance, etiology, and research. It's a convenient way to stay up-to-date. Find the current list [here](#).

Around the Network

Member Survey

With the start of the new year, NBDPN is reaching out to learn more about our members, your work, and what more NBDPN can do to improve communication and assistance. Please complete the [2019 NBDPN Member Survey](#). The survey should take about 10 minutes to complete.

The survey will be **available through Monday, January 28, 2019**. All questions should be directed to nbdpn@nbdpn.org.

Program Manager Mentoring

The second program manager mentoring call was held **January 9, 2019 at 12:00 PM ET**. Discussion opened with Amy Nance (UT) and Mark Canfield (TX) sharing

information about their state programs. This was followed by time for open discussion among all participants. The following questions were discussed:

- *What is one thing you are doing for Birth Defects Prevention Month 2019?*
- *How are you building data capacity?*
- *What is one way to connect your program more directly with families?*
- *What is one way you have used your data in the media?*

The next call has been scheduled for **April 10, 2019 at 3 PM ET**. Contact Vinita Leedom at leedomvo@dhec.sc.gov to be added to the call list and to send questions for group discussion.

Call for Manuscripts

We know you are working hard. We are sure you have data, analyses, and projects to share. So get ready! The opportunity to submit manuscripts for peer review and potential publication in *Birth Defects Research* will soon be here!

Partners Corner

#Best4YouBest4Baby

January shines a spotlight on recommendations and resources for birth defects prevention. Be a trend setter in 2019. Like and follow NBDPN on social media!

Folic Acid Awareness

Can you #FindFolicAcid in corn masa flour products where you shop? Fortification is voluntary and many staples are not fortified. Join the national scavenger hunt to help raise awareness and find more resources [here](#).

Teratology Society

Announcing the release of the [Teratology Primer, 3rd edition](#), an online, all-electronic, open reference: "The *Primer* was written by scientists who want to share their fascination for the development of complex organisms from a couple of microscopic cells, and for why and how things don't always go right in the process...."

American Academy of Pediatrics

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has added the page *5 Tips to Reduce the Risk of Birth Defects* to their web resources for families at healthychildren.org. The messages echo the five tips developed for Birth Defects Prevention Month 2019. Resources are available in English and Spanish.

Coming Soon

Congenital Heart Week (February 7 - 14) and World Birth Defect Day (March 3) are right around the corner. Stay tuned!

Connections

Keep the News Coming

When was the last time you logged into the Members Section? If you can't remember, it's been too long! Keep your contact information and committee interests up-to-date by reviewing your member's info annually. Under "My Membership Information", click "Member Information" and then "Change Contact/Profile Info". You can update name and address, work information and your membership in NBDPN committees.

If you need assistance, or want to unsubscribe to the NBDPN e-newsletter, email us at NBDPN@nbdpn.org and we'll help you update your member information.

Share Your Story and Give Feedback on NBDPN News

If you have any news to share, comments about the NBDPN News, or suggestions for future topic ideas, please e-mail News@nbdpn.org or nbdpn@nbdpn.org. Tell us how we're doing by taking this [brief survey!](#)

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