



NBDPN News

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NBDPN 2019 Election Winners

We are thrilled to announce the results of our 2019 Elections!

President-Elect:	Kim Hauser (PA)
Secretary-Treasurer-Elect:	Amanda Elmore (FL)
Member-at-Large:	Julie Johnston (LA)

They assume their positions in January 2020. At that time, Philip Lupo (TX) steps into the role of President, while Mahsa Yazdy (MA) transitions to Immediate Past President. Sarah Henry (MN) fills the office of 2020 Secretary-Treasurer.

The Network is grateful to Jason Salemi (TX), Kim Hauser (PA), and Brennan Martin (VT) for their generous contributions, creativity, and leadership during 2019 in their respective roles as Immediate Past President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Member-at-Large.

The Membership and Elections Committee gives a special thank you to: Sarah Henry, Kim Hauser, Brennan Martin, Mahsa Yazdy, Jennifer Isenburg and Jane Correia, who all made this process a smooth one, successfully transitioning to an online elections process!

NBDPN Resources

2020 Birth Defects Prevention Month

The NBDPN Education and Outreach Committee is excited to present the **National Birth Defects Prevention Month [2020 Digital Toolkit](#)**. The NBDPN works with multiple partners to develop this toolkit, focusing on the theme "Best for You. Best for Baby". We invite you to use the toolkit and share it with your partners in order to design promotions, pick and choose relevant content, and copy or adapt the contents to take advantage of particular news or issues in local communities!

[CDC's Promotional Kit for partners](#), includes sample language and images for the **[Best For You. Best For Baby. Campaign](#)**. The promotional messages and materials provided in this Kit can be used by federal agencies, state/local health departments, organizations, individuals, and other digital ambassadors committed to preventing birth defects and promoting steps women can take to have a healthy pregnancy. More materials are available online, including animated GIFs! You can download [CDC's digital content here](#) or by visiting the [CDC website](#). CDC looks

forward to continuing our collaboration on National Birth Defects Prevention Month!

2020 Folic Acid Awareness Week

During the Month of January NBDPN will also celebrate Folic Acid Awareness Week (January 5-11). Join us in raising awareness about Folic Acid by sharing this year's social media campaign "Folic acid is a healthy habit – when do you take yours?." Visit the NBDPN [website](#) for sample social media resources and images you can use to promote this campaign.

ICD-9 to ICD-10 Transition Guidance Released!

The [ICD-9 to ICD-10 Transition Guidance](#) provides general tips that may be helpful in assessing the effects of the transition to ICD-10-CM on birth defects surveillance data and methods you can use to assess, analyze and evaluate data issues.

2019 NBDPN Annual Report & Data Quality Report

The National Birth Defects Prevention Network's [2019 Annual Report](#) was published in the November issue of Birth Defects Research. The report includes a directory of information for birth defects programs, state-specific data on selected birth defects, and peer-reviewed articles on birth defects surveillance and epidemiology. As part of the Annual Report the NBDPN also collects the Data Quality Assessment Tool. Click here to view the [overall summary results](#) from the 2019 population-based birth defects program self-assessment

NBDPN 2020 Annual Meeting Registration and Events

Call for Poster Abstracts

The deadline to submit an abstract for the NBDPN 2020 Poster Session is **January 10, 2020!** Suggested topics and additional details are on our [website](#). Don't delay, [submit your abstract](#) today!

Poster Judges

The NBDPN is currently seeking judges for the poster session of the 2020 NBDPN Annual Meeting. Judges will review and score posters online prior to the annual meeting, so attendance at the meeting is not required. However, all judges must be current members of NBDPN. If you are interested in being a judge, please fill out the [Poster Judge \(2020\)](#) form to be considered. If you have questions, please reach out to nbdpn@nbdpn.org.

Registration

Have you [registered](#) for the NBDPN 2020 Annual Meeting? Be sure to complete your registration by **February 14, 2020** before the registration fee increases.

Silent Auction, Social Event, and Training

We would love to see you at the annual meeting, and encourage you participate in the special events and in person committee meetings that will be happening there, in addition to the scientific sessions. All the information you need is on the [NBDPN website](#).

Partners Corner

Flu FAQs for Pregnancy

Every flu season, the **National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (**

NIOSH) gets questions from pregnant workers about the flu and flu vaccines. Here are the answers to some of your most [frequently asked questions](#), including getting the flu shot at work and administering flu shots to patients.

Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention

The Teratology Society is now the Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention (SBDPR). While the name and logo have changed, their mission remains the same. Read the [announcement](#).

Connections

Now is a great time to check your contact information and committee interests and make any updates. Under "My Membership Information," click "Member Information" and then "Change Contact/Profile Info." If you need assistance, or want to unsubscribe to the NBDPN newsletter, email us at NBDPN@nbdpn.org.

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