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## 2016 NBDPN Elected Officers

Happy New Year! The National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) is pleased to announce your officers for 2016.

President	President-Elect	Secretary-Treasurer	Secretary-Treasurer-elect	Member-at-Large
Marlene Anderka, ScD (MA)	Peter Langlois, PhD (TX)	Amy Nance, MPH (UT)	Rachel Rutkowski, MSPH (FL)	Sam Parker, PhD (MA)

We would also like to take this time to thank our current and past officers for the many hours of hard work they have put in to support the NBDPN and its goals.

## Announcements and Updates

### January is Birth Defects Prevention Month

The NBDPN Education and Outreach Committee, along with partners from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics and the Teratology Society, proudly present the 2016 Birth Defects Prevention Month packet with the theme of "Making Healthy Choices to Prevent Birth Defects - Make a **PACT** for Prevention." Find resources to use and share [here](#).

### Folic Acid Awareness Week is January 10-16, 2016!

Educational Materials are available [here](#).

### Thunderclap

Join the #1in33 Thunderclap to raise awareness of National Birth Defects Prevention Month. Thunderclap is a social media tool that allows supporters to sign up in advance to share a unified message at a specific time via their individual Facebook, Twitter, or Tumblr account. The collective action creates a wave of support – or "thunderclap" – across social media. Our Thunderclap will go live on January 20, 2016 at 12PM EST. This unified message encourages people to join the effort to raise awareness about birth defects and make a difference. [Sign up here](#).

### Social Media Toolkit

For more ideas to promote National Birth Defects Prevention Month using your social media networks, click on this [link](#). The toolkit has tons of ideas to raise awareness about [#1in33](#) and [#LivingMyPACT](#).

## Facebook and Feedback

### NBDPN Facebook Site

The NBDPN Facebook site is <https://www.facebook.com/nbdpn>. Be sure to "like" us on Facebook to get the latest NBDPN updates.



### Twitter

Follow us on Twitter ([@NBDPN](#)). Spread the word with [#1in33](#) and [#LivingmyPACT](#).

**Feedback on NBDPN News**

If you have any suggestions or comments about the NBDPN News, especially suggestions for future topic ideas, please e-mail [nbdpn@nbdpn.org](mailto:nbdpn@nbdpn.org).

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