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### **American Midwifery Certification Board Announces New Members of Board of Directors**

LINTHICUM, MD - The American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) is pleased to announce the newly elected members of the Board of Directors. These members will begin their terms on January 1, 2018.

**President-Elect: Linda Hunter, EdD, CNM, FACNM** has been a CNM since 1995 and has previously been a member of the Continuing Maintenance Program (CMP) Committee from January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2012, and the Chair of the CMP Committee and member of the AMCB Board of Directors from January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2017. She is currently a Clinical Assistant Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and in clinical practice on the nurse-midwifery faculty at Women & Infants Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. Hunter is also a Contributing Editor for the Clinical Rounds section in the Journal of Midwifery and Women's Health and is committed to advancing the knowledge of midwives through a variety of scholarship activities.

**Treasurer: CDR Amy Wootten, CNM, WHNP, CNS** is a Commander in the United States Navy and has been a CNM since 2005 and the Vice Chair of the Examination Committee from January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2018.

**Secretary: Erin McMahon, EdD, CNM, RN, MSN** has been a CNM since 1999 and a member of the CMP Committee from January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018 and acted as the Interim Secretary from January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017 finishing another Board member's term.

**CMP Committee Chair: Jan Kriebs, CNM, MSN, FACNM** has been a CNM since 1983 and a member of the CMP Committee from January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017

**Credentials, Administration & Reporting (CAR) Committee Chair: Elizabeth Pickett, CM, LM, MS** has been a CM since 2013 and has been the CAR Committee Chair from January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017. She was also a member of the Research Committee from November 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018.

**Professional Liaison: Rick Garcia, PhD, RN, CCM, FAAOHN** is currently the Director of Nursing Education at the American Association of Colleges of Nursing

The AMCB is the national certifying body for Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNMs\*) and Certified Midwives (CMs\*). With over 12,000 active certificants, the mission of the organization is “To protect and serve the public by establishing and maintaining the certification standard for individuals educated in the profession of midwifery”. State licensure provides the legal basis for practice. Most states require AMCB certification for licensure, and most institutions require AMCB certification to grant practice privileges. The certification function is a critical aspect of professional quality assurance in midwifery.

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