**Purpose Statement**: As future nurse midwives we have an exciting career ahead of us serving birthing people and their families. To prepare us for this challenging and rewarding future, school demands a lot of learning and hard work.

Through this student organization we would like to create a network of support for current and future classes of midwives. We intend to provide opportunities to connect and network; a safe place to share experiences; service opportunities focused on birthing people, families, and infants' health; expanded learning opportunities regarding our future career; and a place where we can come together and be able to relax and have fun in what can be a very difficult and stressful program.

**Officer Titles and Duties**:

President: Help to direct the group in initiatives, and ensure the meetings/events are held at least twice a semester

Vice President: Provide support for the president in leading initiatives, and be present in place of president in meetings and events the president is unable to attend.

Treasurer: Manage the finances of the organization. Help to budget for events and fundraise as needed.

**Optional Positions and duties:**

Secretary: Manage communication, including meeting notes and maintain the e-mail roster.

Service Chair: Look for opportunities to volunteer and/or serve our community, profession, or patient base. Communicate service opportunities to the group.

Social Chair: Organize events outside of meetings to help members socialize. This can include, but is not limited to: coordinating snacks for meetings, post exam celebrations, and networking events.

Education Chair: Organize at least one education opportunity per meeting based on member interest. Communicate additional education opportunities to the group.

Wellness Chair: Organize at least one wellness activity per meeting based on member interest. Communicate additional wellness opportunities to the group.

**Non-discrimination Policy**: This organization and its members are prohibited from discriminating against any individual(s) on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other basis.

**Membership**: Membership is open to any Ohio State graduate nursing student in the midwifery or women’s health specialty, faculty of said programs, and undergraduate students interested in the midwifery profession and future coursework. Honorary membership status will be granted to alumni and field professionals who participate in club programming. Voting membership should be defined as limited to currently enrolled Ohio State students in the midwifery or women’s health graduate programs. Others such as faculty, alumni, professionals, etc. are encouraged to become members but as non-voting associate or honorary members.

**Officer Selection and Removal Process**: Officer elections will henceforth be held at the end of spring semester, with the new term beginning summer term of that year and lasting through spring semester of the following year. Officer candidates must be members of the organization. Positions will be voted on, with selection based on majority of votes. Votes will be tabulated by the advisor, and results will be e-mailed to everyone registered as a member of the organization. Removal other than by term completion will be at the discretion of the advisor, with majority vote approval by the organization member. Resignations will also be accepted for any personal reasons, which will lead to an election of a new leader for the remainder of the term. Leadership Positions will at least include:

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Currently there will be no executive or standing committees.

**Selection and removal of members**: Membership is self-selected. As long as members meet the aforementioned criteria they can elect to join this organization. Membership is granted through contacting the secretary and requesting to be added. The member will then receive organization e-mails and be eligible to run for officer positions within the organization.

**Advisor**: Dr. Jenkusky, the Director, Nurse-Midwifery and Women's Health Specialty Tracks has volunteered to be the faculty advisor of this organization. If she is no longer able to fill this role the elected leaders will look for another member of faculty, ideally in the midwifery or women’s health staff to take on this role.

**Meetings of the Organization**: two general meetings of the membership may be required each academic term except for summer.

**Method of Amending Constitution**: Proposals, notice, and voting requirements. Proposed amendments should be in writing, should not be acted upon but read in the general meeting in which they are proposed, should be read again at a specified number of subsequent general meetings and the general meeting in which the votes will be taken. Approval should require at least two-thirds of voting members present.

**Method of Dissolution of Organization**: Should the organization dissolute any remaining funds can either be used for a final social event or be donated to a charity voted upon by any remaining members. Any acquired assets can be donated as appropriate. As an organization we will not incur debts, thus there will be no need to settle any should the organization dissolute.