

## **Are you attending the Annual Meeting in Seattle?**

**Are you interested in learning how you can tackle a specific local or state legislative issue?**

**Attend our FREE workshop, entitled, “The Nuts and Bolts of Political Action: How to Effect Change at the Local, State and Federal Level”**

**Space is limited – Sign up now!!**

On Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the ACNM Annual Meeting in Seattle, the Government Affairs Committee and ACNM Staff will be hosting a ½ day workshop (from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm) which will provide the basics of local, state, and federal political action for novices and experts alike. This workshop will briefly review how to generate health policy and the 2009 ACNM Legislative Agenda. The focus of the session will be highlighting state and federal legislative issues effecting CNMs/CMs, including direct entry midwifery licensure, prescriptive authority, physician supervision language, and reimbursement equity. Effective techniques for addressing these issues will be reviewed. Participants will break into work groups to discuss strategies for tackling these issues and share their action plan with the group. A guest speaker from a federal or state legislative office will be invited to speak regarding a specific maternal and child health policy issue.

Our suggestion is that chapters consider sending a midwifery student, Chapter Chair, Chapter Legislative Contact or any energetic CNM/CM considering legislative advocacy work. Chapters may want to consider paying for Wednesday night’s hotel expenses, as this workshop is offered prior to the official beginning of the annual meeting on Friday.

Attending this workshop would be a win-win for both the chapter members and the individual CNM/CM, who could then return to the chapter well-informed and ready to teach fellow chapter members strategies for tackling challenging legislative issues at both the local and state level. **And the CNM/CM could get free CEUs!!** If questions, please do not hesitate to email Heather Bradford, CNM, Chair of the ACNM Government Affairs Committee at [hbradford@comcast.net](mailto:hbradford@comcast.net).