Midwifery Association of Washington State

Consumer Executive Officer Values Statement

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In December 2012, the MAWS Board of Directors voted to change the MAWS bylaws to allow the office of Vice President to be filled by either a professional or a consumer member. While other professional organizations may view the presence of a non-professional member as an executive officer in a professional organization as a weakness, the MAWS Board of Directors views this as both an intentional and an innovative way to expand the Midwifery Model of Care beyond clinical practice and into policy and the furtherance of the profession. We view this decision as an important means of furthering communication and collaboration between professional midwives and the consumer base they serve, enabling a clear pathway of communication to the needs of women and their families, and empowering our consumer members to have a voice within our professional organization, and to work arm-in-arm with us in building and improving the work and future of midwifery in our state.

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