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Dear Members of the NFI,

Success is knowing that your contribution is what helps the collective. (Adrian Grenier, American Actor)

Our international membership is engaged in many ways to bring NIDCAP to newborns and their families including:

- direct care, support, mentorship and education
- theoretical/ scientific contributions and dissemination
- NFI organization contributions.

All are important ways to advance our vision for *“a global society in which all hospitalized newborns and their families receive care and assessment in the evidence-based NIDCAP model.”*

To disseminate and continue to evolve NIDCAP as a care model and training program, we will best be served by drawing from our collective strength ~ our people. Implementation and growth of NIDCAP, is guided by the NFI, primarily a volunteer organization with a board and a very small staff/consultant team. Our board members lead and oversee committees, sub-committees, councils and task forces. These efforts and activities are listed in the [NFI Organization Chart](#).

Key ways to become involved in supporting the NFI are to join one or more of the various work efforts:

- *Established committees*
Suggestions: Joining Science & NIDCAP and/or Advancement (fundraising)
- *Freelance opportunities*
Suggestions: Writing NIDCAP-related blogs (and/or overseeing submissions) and *Developmental Observer* articles; translating training materials into different languages, contributing photo and video examples of NIDCAP care for the development of educational materials
- *Board of Directors participation*
Suggestion: Serving on the NFI Board of Directors. This is the time of year when our organization seeks to balance continuity with new contributions--- through our NFI Board of Directors election. Our NFI Board is made up of elected (NIDCAP Professionals, NIDCAP Training Center team members, family representatives) and appointed members (key professionals). The Nominations and Elections Sub-committee is calling for nominations (by September 30th) for the upcoming elections to be held at the annual Membership Meeting on October 22nd. The call from Nominations identified skills and interests that the board is seeking including “finance and fundraising, training, program development, public relations as well as membership support.” If you or someone you know may be a strong candidate for the NFI Board of Directors, please let the Nominating Committee know.

Please contact us with your interest, availability and ideas to support the NFI.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The NFI Annual Membership Meeting will be held Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Chateau Lacombe in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

We would greatly appreciate your ideas on topics of interest to be included in the upcoming membership meeting. This is the primary face to face meeting of the membership at large and the board to share your ideas and goals for your organization. Your contributions shape the NFI now and assure its future.

UPDATES:

- We invite you to submit photographs of NIDCAP care in your unit for our Annual NFI WPD poster representing **NIDCAP Care Around the World**. If you would like us to re-use the photo from last year please let us know ([NFI's WPD 2016 Poster](#)). Please be sure you have permission for the photograph(s) you send to be shared on our website, social media, newsletter and related NFI educational sites. Please send your photograph(s) by **Friday, September 8th** to shareyourstory@nidcap.org.
- NFI Regional One Day Conferences, "NIDCAP Care within Newborn Intensive Care Nurseries", will be held on the US West Coast: September 11, Seattle, WA; September 13, Oakland, CA; and September 16, Los Angeles, CA. Nursing, OT, and SLP credits will be offered. Registration is now open. For details please visit the [NFI Regional One Day Conferences: West Coast](#) page.
- The by invitation [28th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting](#) will be held October 21-24, 2017 in Edmonton, Alberta Canada. Email questions to NIDCAPEdmonton@ahs.ca

NEWS:

- *Dr. Marshall H. Klaus*, pioneer in parent/newborn relationships and emotional and physical support for mothers around childbirth, passed away on August 15th. Dr. Klaus and his colleague Dr. Kennell were instrumental in informing and inspiring the field of early infancy, parenting, obstetrics and NIDCAP. For more information, please see: <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/25/health/marshall-klaus-dead-studied-emotional-bonding-with-newborns.html>

Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news written to me personally and/or to the whole board, are welcome.

Yours in support of the NFI,

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