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## President's Message

As of today, I believe we are headed for summer!!! It has been a long hard winter for most of us, and my hope is that everyone has stayed warm and is healthy.

WALPN had a successful Annual Conference April 29th-29th, 2019 at the Wintergreen Hotel, Wisconsin Dells. Our attendance doubled from last year, student PNs, Educators, and many non-members were inspired by this event. BIG thank you to Dave Healthcare, who co-sponsored our "Meet and Greet" and provided the Speaker Joey Pettis, who was fabulous.

WALPN has been working hard to inform EVERY LPN and Practical Nurse school about their professional organization, the national Association of LPN/the Wisconsin Association of LPNs. We have a Facebook page, have been sending out emails to over 3,000 LPNs in Wisconsin (there are over 12,000 LPNs in Wisconsin). How great would it be if every LPN/PN Student would join their professional organization? I believe it would speak to the legislature, your employer and the public, that LPNs ARE IMPORTANT. I urge you to visit the NALPN website, [nalpn.org](http://nalpn.org) and the WALPN website [walpn.org](http://walpn.org). Also, each level of our organization has a Facebook page, the National Association of LPNs, and the Wisconsin Association of LPNs.

There are over 1.2 million LPNs in the United States, and I give thanks to every for LPNs dedicated work and, who stands up, joins their professional organization, so we march on the ever-changing healthcare needs not only in Wisconsin, but the entire United States of America. Please contact me with any concerns, questions, or request to serve your organization.

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## Upcoming Events

Sept. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Articles for Capnotes sent to <a href="mailto:walpnorg@gmail.com">walpnorg@gmail.com</a>
Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	NALPN 70 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference @ Scarlet Pearl Hotel Biloxi, Mississippi, visit <a href="http://www.nalpn.org">www.nalpn.org</a> for more information.
Oct. 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2019	Capnotes to be sent out.
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	WALPN Exec. Comm. Mtg. 6pm @ Wintergreen Hotel Wisconsin Dells. Discounted room rates apply.
Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	WALPN Exec. Board Mtg. 9am, @ Wintergreen Hotel Wisconsin Dells
Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Articles for Capnotes sent to <a href="mailto:walpnorg@gmail.com">walpnorg@gmail.com</a>
Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2020	Capnotes to be sent out.
Apr. 26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> 2020	70 <sup>th</sup> Annual WALPN Conference @ Wintergreen Hotel Wisconsin Dells, WI. More Information to Follow

\*\*\*Any Member of WALPN is welcome to attend the WALPN Board of Directors Mtg. w/voice, but no vote\*\*\*

\*\*\* REMEMBER TO START SAVING HOTEL HEALTH SUPPLIES/TOILETRIES FROM HOTEL & BRING TO THE 2020 WALPN CONFERENCE. \*\*\*

## \*We Want to Hear From You...

Here is your opportunity to tell us about you, what you are doing for LPNs, and what part of the community are you benefitting! Submit an article, photo with caption, or story for consideration into the next edition of Capnotes. This publication is for you...let's use your story to inspire us all.

*Submissions must be received by September 25th, 2019.. Submit to [walpnorg@gmail.com](mailto:walpnorg@gmail.com) for consideration.*

## State News

1. Carolyn Kaiser is given a BIG thank you from WALPN for her hard, never ending work on this year's conference. Without her dedication and hours of work, The WALPN would not have been this successful. THANK YOU!!!

2. WALPN has restructured our State do better serve the LPNs in Wisconsin. Our WALPN Executive Committee will be: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The WALPN Executive Board will be: the entire WALPN Executive Committee, plus two Directors. We will no longer have local divisions.

3. Requesting any LPN consider sitting on the State Board of Nursing. ANY LPN interested should contact them by visiting the website <http://evers.wi.gov/apply-to-serve>.

4. WALPN Resolutions voted on at this year's conference supports: Utilization of Licensed Practical Nurses, and Certified Nursing Assistant Pay Act. You can view them on the WALPN website, [walpnorg@gmail.com](mailto:walpnorg@gmail.com)

5. WALPN has a Facebook page, this has generated 19 non-members LPNs to attend this year's conference.

## National News

1. NALPN is hosting a Bahama Cruise to include the Gerontology Certification. Register at <http://ezzytime.com/registration-page.html>, then click under NALPN.

2. NALPN 70th Annual conference Oct. 3rd-5th, 2019 at the Scarlett Pear Hotel D'Iberville, Mississippi (near Biloxi) 39540 phone 228-392-1889 Cost is \$400 for members.

a.) CEUs "Advances in Pulmonary Medicine", "Skill Swagger" (Breath Sounds/Heart sounds/Wound care)," Opioids Care & Management" By Vitas Healthcare, Keynote Speaker, Missy Moore on Oct. 5th.

b.) Meet & Greet Sponsored by NEW York State (New State Chapter) & Lambada Psi Nu (New LPN Sorority)

3. Kevin Scorsone in our new NALPN Contact person: [nalpn@caphill.com](mailto:nalpn@caphill.com)

4. National Certification need to be renewed every 2 years, by attending a certification at a NALPN Conference, (no need to take another test), then send in your renewal fee.

5. JoAnn Shaw is mentoring 3 new LPNs: Wendy Meadows Tennessee, Latisha Clinton Maryland, and Tameka Nicholson-Weaver Pennsylvania.

**IF YOU RECEIVE YOUR NALPN MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL, PLEASE NOTE, THE AMOUNT ONLIN IS \$150 WHICH INCLUDES NALPN/WALPN MEMBERSHIP, IN ADDITION, YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE LAMBADA PSI NU SORORITY.**

If you do NOT want to join the sorority, just write on the application form you only want NALPN/WALPN membership @ this time, send in your usual amount of \$100. This issue will soon be corrected; however, it may not be done until the October conference. Contact Myself or Carolyn Kaiser w/any questions.

## Legislative News

WALPN looks and evaluates how legislation affects Licensed Practical Nurse practice and utilization in Wisconsin.

At the April conference two of the resolutions passed spoke to the LPN in today's world.

Resolution #1: referred to how different facilities utilize the LPN. It is unfortunate that at times, the administrators are not current in LPN practice. It is imperative that Licensed Practical Nurses have a voice in the workplace that the team work with the Board of Nursing, look at the Statues, and collaborate with other stakeholders.

Resolution #2: speaks to supporting a living wage for Nursing Assistants. It also speaks that initial training for nursing assistants be left at 120 hours with 32 hours of clinical before they 'go to the floor' alone. Licensed Nursing is well aware that nursing assistance practice under 'their' delegation, therefore competent nursing assistants is vital for both the people who they are for and for the staff that work with.

Copies of both resolutions are on the WALPN website. Copies of both of these resolutions were sent to the Governor and all members of the Senate/ Assembly as voted by delegation. Keep that line of communication open with your representative. Educate them on the role of the LPN's and nursing assistants.

Medicaid Expansion is another important issue. Sometimes what hits the high lights, makes it difficult to figure out the truth. Please go to the Department of Health Services (dhs.wi.gov) website. When on the home page, look to the right and click on budget section. Once the state of WI shows up, click on 'your' County. How would your County be helped if 'we' got our money back? This is not a red or blue issue, it is an issue of value, and do we value access to behavioral health? Preventing childhood lead poisoning? Improve access for dental care? Increase funding for family care, IRIS, and nursing homes?

The above is just a small snapshot of what is on the legislative calendar. Look at your legislators website, when is his/ her next town hall? Find out, then attend and bring an issue/ answer with you.

Do you have an issue you are looking for an answer for? You can call or e-mail. If a senator Sen (Last Name) @ legis.wi.gov or if a Rep. then Rep (Last Name) @legis.wi.gov). Remember you are an expert on some issues, let your light shine. Educate, educate, educate...

WALPN Legislative Committee

## Membership News

National Association of Licensed Practical Nurses (NALPN) has updated their website. Please take a look! (www.nalpn.org)

Membership options, active, retired, affiliate, etc. are all very easy to 'walk through' and sign up at. For those who prefer to 'run off' and mail to NALPN that is a clear option.

It is essential to share your e-mail with WALPN and NALPN. All newsletters from NALPN and WALPN are distributed via e-mail. We want you to be informed; so make sure the office 'is in the know.'

Thanks to Juli Karr, LPN from Rock River Division who enlightened us on private duty nursing in Wisconsin at our conference

Membership is *us*. It is each of us talking, texting, asking questions, networking, and attending continuing education.

It is our joint strength that brings the voice of the LPN to health care field. We each bring a different but jelled skill set that works together for the betterment of health care. It is together that we empower and grow! We welcome you to join us.

Carolyn Kaiser, Membership Chair

## Educational Opportunity

Making Education Possible is hosting a FREE webinar August 8th, 2019 click onto this link to attend:

<https://collegeaccelerationsumit.org/cas-2019-event>.

## Revisions

The revisions committee led the discussion of proposed bylaw changes. Proposed bylaw changes were sent out 90 days prior the conference, which allowed people to have time to review, ask questions, and then have good discussion. As we have become more 'state' oriented, we are moving from divisions to central state identity.

WALPN Revisions Committee

## Finance

FINANCE COMMITTEE/CHINESE RAFFLES!!!!!!  
It was a busy time during the one-day annual conference. Tickets were sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 or 12 for \$10.00 on the raffles.

The 50/50 raffle tickets were \$1.00 per ticket. The 50/50 was not part of the Chinese raffle.  
Snacks sold for \$1.00 each. These were donated by Bonnie Schindler, Chippewa Valley; Jewelry donated by Monica Gornicke, WRV.

Raffle items were donated by Chippewa Valley Division, Mary Tess Barber, Milwaukee Division; Cider Mill Antiques-Bill Dietsche; JoAnn Shaw, President; Bonnie Schindler, Chippewa Valley; Mary and Mary Beth Morris, Chippewa Valley.

Winners of the raffles were: Mary Beth Morris x2, JoAnn Shaw x2, Joey Pettis, Speaker; Connie Kastad, Mary Tess Barber, Nikki Bulgrin, Deb Jones, Nicole Maiwald.  
50/50 Raffle was won by June Bahr.

Monetary donations were also received.  
Thank you for your continued support!!!!

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**

WALPN/NALPN needs to know when you have a change in address, phone number or email. **IF YOU HAVE AN EMAIL, PLEASE BE SURE WALPN KNOWS**, this is the quickest and most cost-effective way to communicate, **AND WE ASSURE YOU WE DO NOT GIVE YOUR EMAILS OUT TO ANYONE.** We want you to receive all correspondence on upcoming issues which are important to each of you, however if we do not have this information, we cannot get this valuable information to you in a timely manner.

Thank You, WALPN Staff

## **Congratulations New Officers**

On behalf of the Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurses, I wish to extend congratulations to our newly elected officers: Sue Gillett (Altoona) WALPN Secretary to fill the next year seat, on the Executive Committee, March Spencer (Kiel), two-year term as Director on the WALPN Executive Board, and Mary Jo Brixus (Neenah) as Director for one year on the Executive Board.

The Nominations Committee was also elected: Bonnie Schindler (Chairperson), Mary Morris, and Annette Hooker. Thank you for serving your organization.

## **WALPN Executive Committee 2018-2019**

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WALPN committees will be forming over the next few months, if there is a committee you would like to serve on, please contact JoAnn Shaw 920-901-0988 or [jslpn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jslpn@sbcglobal.net).

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WALPN FINANCE COMMITTEE

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