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## President's Message

Did spring ever come? I think not! I had to put my heat on again today, that's Wisconsin weather. I hope all of you are keeping warm. One good thought is, my electric bill won't be as high with the cooler weather.

Recently I was to attend the NALPN Board of Directors meeting in the Bahamas and had to cancel due to financial issues. Then about 1 month ago I was having hip pain (so I thought), and it turned out I have a disc problem w/frayed nerves. So, I will be taking care of this business over the next few months. Keep in mind, I am always available to you for any concerns, or questions. So, the moral to this story is I am glad I cancelled my trip, as I wouldn't have been in shape to go to the Bahamas.

I am proud to say that I was asked to give an address to the Graduating Practical Nurses from Bryant Stratton College in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. There were 16 graduating, and it was amazing to see how happy each of them was to receive their pin. This has been my 4<sup>th</sup> time being asked to address graduating PN classes, however this is the first time 2 LPNs (one graduated last year and another has been an LPN for 28 years). Surprisingly neither had heard of the National Association of Licensed Practical Nurses, or the Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurses. I was able to share information on their professional organization and thank them for being an LPN.

It amazes me that every LPN that has graduated isn't aware of their professional organization and the benefits membership will bring. The benefits that I have received are: Networking w/LPNs from across the United States, accesses to NSO (Nurse Service Organization) for Liability insurance, discounts to Annual State and National Conference (which have 3-24 hours of CEUs), discounts to stay @ Disney Swan & Dolphin Resort. Most important is to have a legislative voice in laws that effect YOU, Nationally recognized CEU provider (Certifications in IV Therapy, Gerontology, Mental Health First Aide, and End of Life issues.

If you know an LPN who doesn't know about the NALPN/WALPN, please help spread the word of this great organization which is for the LPN and is run by LPNs. Introduce them to NALPN website, [www.nalpn.org](http://www.nalpn.org) and WALPN website, [www.walpn.org](http://www.walpn.org).

To our devoted members of NALPN/WALPN I thank you!

Sincerely,  
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## Upcoming Events

Oct. 24th-26th, 2018	NALPN Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX @ The Omni Hotel & Resort, early bird registration prior to June 30 <sup>th</sup> is \$300, check <a href="http://www.nalpn.org">www.nalpn.org</a> .
Oct. 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Capnotes to be submitted to State Office
Nov. 2018	WALPN Exec. Mtg. & Board of Directors to be announced via Email/Phone Call
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Capnotes to be sent out, will be sent out later due to NALPN Conference in October.
Jan. 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Capnotes to be submitted to State Office
Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	Capnotes to be sent out
April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	WALPN Exec. Com Mtg @ 5:30pm

	& Board of Directors Mtg. @ 7:30 pm
April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2019	WALPN 69 <sup>th</sup> Annual 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 May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.. Submit to [walpnorg@gmail.com](mailto:walpnorg@gmail.com) for consideration.*

**State News**

Membership in WALPN is growing, we give a special welcome to Kia Franklin, and Theresa Samuelson as Student members, and Ashley Sanchez as a new member of NALPN/WALPN.

Assembly Bill 432 and Senate Bill 341 have failed to pass, keeping CNA educational requirements at 120 hours classroom, and 32 hours clinical.

West Central Division on July 1, 2018 will merge with Chippewa Valley Division.

Wisconsin Center for Nursing is realizing there is a shortage of LPNs in Wisconsin.

Clarification on renewals notices from the NALPN Office. ALL renewals are sent out via the U.S. Postal service. If for some reason you are not receiving them, please contact the NALPN office at 1-800-948-2511.

There are now 7 stand alone schools in Wisconsin for Practical Nurses. WALPN President JoAnn Shaw has contacted all schools to offer her services to speak to students on their scope of practice in Wisconsin and their professional organization NALPN/WALPN.

New Contact person at the National office will be Megan Collier

Congratulations to our new WALPN officers and Committee members: Carolyn Kaiser Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Tess-Barber Vice President, Nominating Committee: Bonnie Schindler Chair, Sharon Buckson, Annette Hooker. Delegates/Alternates to NALPN Annual Conference: Bonnie Schindler, Sharon Buckson, and Mary Tess-Barber

**National News**

Missy Moore NALPN Vice President has stepped down from her position related to her receiving her degree as a Registered Nurse. Let's congratulate her on her accomplishments in education and as a BIG part of NALPN. Due to this vacancy, Tina Johnson from Mississippi has been appointed as Vice President of NALPN. Also, her appointed left a vacancy as NALPN Director, therefore Deshauna Taylor has been appointed to NALPN Director. We welcome these please to our NALPN Board of Directors and wish them the knowledge to help our great organization, NALPN.

NALPN will be partnering with "Making Education Possible" in the coming months. Special offers to NALPN/WALPN members are: Access to FREE education resources, Access to education discounts and discounts to life's everyday needs @ no cost to NALPN. Keep checking on the NALPN website for more information, [www.nalpn.org](http://www.nalpn.org).

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**

If you change your name, address, phone number or email, it is very important that you notify the National and State office of these changes, to better serve you. Thank you.

**WALPN Gives Back!**

WALPN has collected a 55-gallon tote full of toiletries collected from attendees at the 68th Annual WALPN Conference. We thank June Bahr for taking these items to the homeless, and domestic violence shelters. WALPN will continue to collect these items each year. So, if you or your family members are traveling, and staying in a hotel, please ask them to collect these toiletries that are provided for you daily and bring your collected items to next year's Annual Conference. Thank you in advance for your help in this important matter.

**Board of Nursing**

Are you aware that the Wisconsin State Board of Nursing currently has 2 seats available for an LPN from Wisconsin to serve. LPNs NEED TO GET INVOLVED with the department which regulates YOUR license for the safety of people seeking healthcare.

If you have any desire to serve on the Wisconsin State board of Nursing, please go to <http://walker.wi.gov/apply-to-serve>. This is an easy process, and you will find specific information about the length of the term, expectations, and reimbursement of

this position.

The Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurses would be proud to have an Licensed Practical Nurse from Wisconsin STEP UP, and get involved in healthcare issues for Nursing.

Sincerely,  
JoAnn Shaw WALPN President

### **With Heavy Heart**

It is with heavy heart that I am informing you of the passing of our dear friend and fellow LPN, Joanne M. Beyer. I have included her obituary below.

Born int Eternal Life June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the age of 75. Loving sister of Leo Beyer, and Mary (Dave) Marciniak. Proceed in death BY FATHER Louis Beyer, mother, Josephine Beyer (nee Wildenburg). And brother David/ Loving aunt of David, Ann (Paul) Foti, Michael (Brenda) Marchiniak, Christine (Wolfgang) Stueckle, and Joseph Mariciniak. Proud Great aunt to Philip, Kathleen, Katy, Erica, Rayan, Troy, Kendra, and Jacob. Further served by other relatives and friends. **Joanne enjoyed her time as an LPN, first at St. Luke's, South Shore Hospital om (Cudahy) (Formerly Trinity), ending her at Clement Manor Nursing Home. She enjoyed traveling with her fellow LPNs, and friends.** The family would like to give a special THANK YOU for the clving care provided by the staff at Brenwood Park Assisted Living and Heartland Hospice. Visitation Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 4pm-6pm Hartson Funeral Home, Hales Corner, WI. Service at 6pm

With Sympathy,  
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*\*Denotes Chairperson*

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## **Capnotes Educational Corner**

### Nurse Licensure Compact Act

On December 13, 2017 I received this notice, like many other notices, I set it aside for several months, only to come back to it to read it fully. After reading this I felt it was important to LPNs in Wisconsin to know about their license, especially if they are traveling to other states.

### Here is **the NEW Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact (ENLC):**

June 11, 2018 Wisconsin withdraws from the original Nurse Licensure Compact.

June 18, 2018 Wisconsin will be part of the Enhanced Nurse License Compact.

If you actively held a Multi-state license on July 20, 2017, you are automatically grandfathered into the (ENLC). If you held a single state license or your license expired, then you will have a single state license and if you want to go to a different state which has ENLC, you need to through a process for a multi-state license. **If you change your primary address from Wisconsin to another state, you will lose your grandfathering into the ENLC.**

ENLC states include: Arizona, Arkansas, Delaware,

Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. As a reminder, the ENLC is an updated version of the original NLC, which allows Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses to have one multistate license, with ability to practice in person, or via telehealth in both their home state and other ENLC states. One big changes in the ENLC is inclusion of federal and state fingerprint-based criminal background checks. Additional information about the ELNC can be found at <http://www.nursecompact.com/>.

### **News from the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services**