



CAPNOTES

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President's Message

BY JOANN SHAW, WALPN PRESIDENT

Good day to all LPNs from Wisconsin. It is with great pleasure that the LPNs in Wisconsin has growing from over 10,000 to over 13,465. Each year since I have been an LPN (1973), the rumor has been, "they are phasing out LPNs", and today I can say, "THAT'S NOT TRUE!!!". There are many LPN Programs throughout our state, and we need LPNs, now, just as we have over 50 years ago.

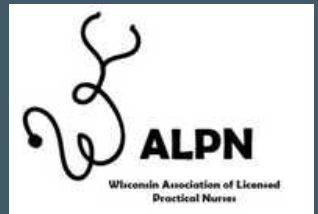
I am proud to represent Wisconsin LPNs, and continue to educate in the LPN program about their professional organization, scope of practice, and to be the best that they can be, for their patients.

I also serve you on the National Association of Licensed Practical/Licensed Vocational Nurses, INC. as Vice President.

This year I have decided to retire my fulltime job at Rivers Bend Health Services in Manitowoc, WI. As I need to take care of myself, so I can be around for my grandchildren. They grow so quickly, and want to be there for them as much as possible.

I will continue to serve my professional organization, as I firmly believe that EVERY LPN/LVN should be a member of NALPN. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me anytime. Share this message to all LPNs you know.

Sincerely,
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Calendar of Events

- March 15 th , 2023 Articles for “The PULSE” emailed to kalistaconsultingllc@gmail.com no later than April 15th 11:59 pm (put The PULSE” in the title)
- April 23 rd , 2023 1pm WALPN Board of Directors meeting @Wintergrren/Clarion
- April 23 rd , 2023 5-7pm Meet & Greet in Hotel Bar/Lounge
- April 24 th , 2023 WALPN 71 st Conference “LPNs Rise to the Health Care Needs”
- April 30 th , 2023 “The PULSE” (NALPN Newsletter emailed to members only)
- May 15 th , 2023 Articles for Capnotes to emailed to WALPN office must be received
- no later than June 15 th , @11:59pm kalistaconsultingllc@gmail.com (put June Capnotes in title)
- June 15 th , 2023 “The PULSE (NALPN newsletter) articles to be emailed to the NALPN office kalistaconstultingllc@gmail.com no later than July 15 th @11:59pm (put July Pulse in title)
- June 30 th , 2023 “Capnotes” (WALPN newsletter) emailed to members only
- July 30 th , 2023 “The PULSE” emailed to members only

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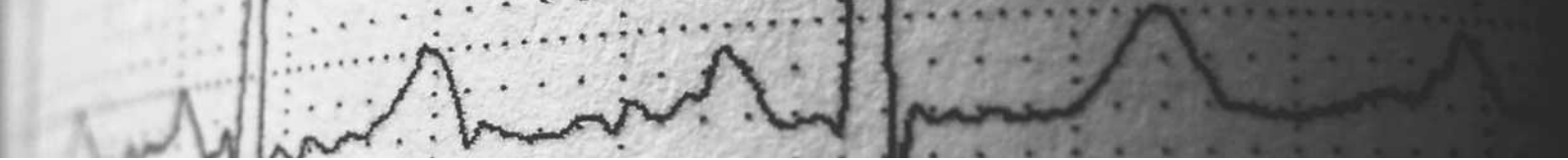
As the WALPN Vice President I was appointed by JoAnn Shaw, WALPN President to the Wisconsin Center for Nursing Board of Directors LPN seat on December 31, 2021. I have served in the LPN seat since January 1, 2022 on the WCN Board of Directors. At the end of 2022 I was nominated to continue serving in this capacity which I graciously accepted.

In October of 2022, I attended the NALPN Annual Conference in San Destin, Florida with JoAnn Shaw (WALPN President) and Debbie Blanik (WALPN Director), which was a successful annual conference that included a Mental Health First Aid Certification. On November 6, 2022, I had been elected by the National Association of Licensed Practical Nurses Board to serve on the NALPN Board of Directors 2022/23 in the position of a Director on the Board, as well as be the Co-Chair for New State Chapters under JoAnn Shaw, the NALPN Vice President and Chair for New State Chapters. Thus far, I have followed up with emails to four new states who have contacted NALPN to start a new state chapter since November.

As the WALPN Vice President I sent out emails to instructors of 46 colleges that have Practical Nursing Programs and then also followed up with phone calls to each of the instructors at the 46 colleges as well as handing out annual conference information to other LPN's that I have been working with at LTC facilities in Northern Wisconsin. I also stopped at Scrubs Boutique and More in Wausau, WI, handed the employee working there our conference information and explained our annual conference to her. I asked if the scrub shop would be interested in being a vendor at the annual conference. The employee there was interested and excited about this opportunity for the shop but stated that she had to give the information to her supervisors who will make the decision. if they want to be a vendor. I did a follow up call with this scrub shop employee today who again sounded very interested but stated that she had not heard back from her supervisor regarding being a vendor at the annual conference. I am optimistic that we will have a great annual WALPN Conference this spring.

Sincerely,

Marcie Nytes, LPN
WALPN Vice President
NALPN Director



WALPN joining with Wisconsin Health Care Association

Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurses (WALPN) continues to strive for quality education, quality standards of care, and quality protection of the patient. To further this mission, we were happy to join the Wisconsin Health Care Association (WHCA) in their grant application to the US Department of Labor to create WisCaregiver Careers CNA to LPN, a scholarship program to help CNAs working in long-term care advance their careers.

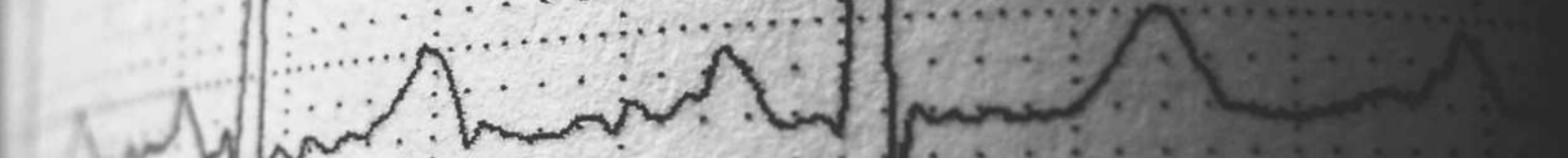
WHCA is a trade group which represents long-term care providers in Wisconsin. They are a non-profit which has administered the state's free CNA training program, WisCaregiver Careers, since 2020. The grant application seeks to expand WisCaregiver Careers to the LPN level for the first time.

WALPN is participating in the grant as the recognized, professional voice of LPNs, to offer guidance in objectives and how they fit into the LPN everyday life. You, our valued members, are the ones who walk the walk and are the experts in all facets of health care, job roles, challenges, and more.

If approved, the grant would provide 115 full-ride Practical Nursing Diploma scholarships which include tuition, books, and fees. The training is spread across four college semesters to help the CNAs fit the training into their work schedules. The program design also features a Supportive Services Fund that the trainees can apply to for help paying reasonable and necessary expenses associated with their education, such a childcare and transportation.

WHCA submitted their grant application on January 19, 2023 and expects the grant award decisions will be made public sometime in February 2023. At our April 2023 conference we are proud to have Kate Battiato, Vice President of Workforce Development at WHCA to be a speaker! Mark your calendar to attend! She is the program administrator of WisCaregiver Careers and the glue that is coordinating the grant process and excellent communication with the partners.

Carolyn Kaiser



State News



WALPN GIVES BACK

Each year we ask attendees to bring as many toiletries they have collected from hotels over the past year. If you have not collected any, please purchase travel size toiletries, and bring to the conference. Our faithful member June Bahr brings these items to Homeless shelters, domestic shelters, and High Schools. Yes, high schools, as there are many children attending who don't have ability to shower and shampoo, at home, so we provide them with these items, to clean up at school. WALPN has been doing this for over 20 years. PLEASE Donate what you can.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

If you have a change in contact information, name, phone number, email, address, please notify our WALPN as soon as possible, so we can keep you in the loop regarding WALPN business.

Thank you,
WALPN Board of Directors:
President JoAnn Shaw
Vice President Marcie Nytes
Secretary Sue Gillett
Treasurer Carolyn Kaiser
Director Debbie Blahnik
Director Bonnie Schindler



If you make a change in your address, phone number or email that you send this change of information to the NALPN office @ nalpnoffice@gmail.com. We want to be able to always send you the latest newsletters for WALPN and NALPN, and current updates.

WALPN CONFERENCE

The Wisconsin Association of Licensed Practical Nurse will be holding its 71 st Annual Conference April 23 rd -24 th , 2023 @ the Wintergreen/Clarion Hotel in Wisconsin Dells, WI. The Theme for this year is “LPNs Rise to the Health Care Needs”. Details for the agenda and registration are on the website, walpn.org.

Register NOW, room rate is discounted for attendees at \$75/night plus tax. Any Person interested may attend, you do not need to be a WALPN. We invite an RNs, CNAs, Med Techs, anyone in health care to attend.



WALPN Elections

We will be holding elections for the following officers at this Conference:

1. President, Treasurer, Director
2. Each office is for a 2-year term

There will be a form for nominations in this issue of Capnotes, we will also take nominations from the floor.

Please step up if you are someone who wants to promote LPNs in Wisconsin.



Nominations for WALPN 2023 ELECTIONS

WALPN Bylaws Article XII serves as notice and direction of electing officers, length of term, process, etc.

At the April 24, 2023 business meeting WALPN membership will be electing President, Treasurer, and one person for the board of directors. These offices are elected on the odd numbered years per bylaws and serve a two-year term.

It is essential for people who ‘walk the walk’ to be part of decision making. One step is getting actively involved in your professional nursing association. Be part of the action today, for a better tomorrow.

Active/ Retired WALPN members of WALPN are eligible to hold office. Please submit the following information: Written consent **MUST BE RECEIVED** in order to serve.

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NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ WI _____ ZIP: _____

Which office would you like to self-nominate for? _____

Background Summary: positions you have held nursing/ community/ volunteer organizations for?

Consent to serve if elected (signature): _____

Date of Signature: ____/____/____

Bonnie Schindler, WALPN Nominations Chair

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Please mail by April 6, 2022 in case you are not able to attend the conference.



The NALPN Board of Directors will be searching for a location for the 72 nd Annual NALPN Conference, which will be held Oct. 15 th -18 th , 2023, so you can make plans now to attend this event. Details on the next page.

The 71 st NALPN Conference was held Oc.t 16 th -19 th , 2022 @ Hotel Effie in Miramar Beach Florida. We had approximately 46 in attendance, small however very enlightening. We all were dazzled by awesome speakers. All attendees, including 7 LPN students, and their instructor, received a MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTAFICATION.

Newly elected officers are:

Vice President: JoAnn Shaw

Secretary: LaToya Johnson

Directors: Bloscena Advent,
Gwendolyn Dunn,
and Marcie Nytes

WALPN Congratulates all of the new officers, and sends them love and support, during their term on the NALPN Board of Directors

Awards Given as follows

NEW CHAPTER STATE FOUNDERS AWARD
Alacia Hightower, Virginia established Oct. 2019
Bloscena Advent, Pennsylvania established Feb. 2020
Lisa Johnson, North Carolina established Jan. 2020
Amy Fontz, Maryland established Oc.t 2021
Gwenette Boyd, Georgia June 2022
Carol Phillips, Florida established June 2022
Mariana Solorio, California established June 2022

LPN of THE YEAR AWARD
Renae Likong, New York

LILLIAN KUSTER AWARD
JoAnn Shaw, Wisconsin

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD
Gwenette Boyd, Georgia

The National Association of Licensed Practical/Licensed Vocational Nurses, INC. congratulates these hard-working LPNs/LVNs.

NALPN 72 nd Annual Conference

Planning is taking place for the 2023 NALPN Conference. This will be held in Buffalo New York, and NALPN is partnering with the New York State Chapter, working with NYALPN President Renee Likong to bring a fabulous event to the M Hotel Buffalo in Buffalo New York, October 11 th -15 th , 2023. Special room rates for attendees. Details will be on the nalpn.org website soon.

ALL hotel reservations must be done no later than Set. 9 th , 2023. (If not done by this date, room rates prices go up)

Conference Registration begins NOW, Early Bird registration from now until 11:59pm July15th, for members only for a saving of \$35.

New York is planning a trip to Niagara Falls, contact Renee Likong New York State President for details: email reneelikong@gmail.com or call 716-370-6389

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