

IARP-WI Spring 2012 Newsletter

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IARP-WI is an organization of knowledgeable and experienced medical and vocational rehabilitation professionals committed to providing rehabilitation services to people with disabilities throughout the state of Wisconsin.

Check out the chapter webpage at www.rehabpro.org for more information.

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President's Message

Ahhh, 2012...

As the winter (or what we had of winter here in Wisconsin) winds down, our focus has been on moving forward with development of services and provision of information to our members.

There were very few responses regarding the request for comments on areas of improvement from the last newsletter. While I would like to think this is due to our members' belief that we are doing things *just right*, I also understand that there is room for improvement with each process. Therefore, in this issue you will find information on our chapter's financial and membership status. In addition, this issue will focus on changes to the spring seminar, the popular Member Profile (thank you to Emily Veith), and a focus on the ever present need for volunteers to be a part of our board.

Regarding the latter, my term as president will be up in May of this year. I can honestly say that my overall involvement with the board has been wonderful. I have been able to surround myself with motivated professionals who have all of our best interests in mind. Their ability to pull together to get a job done has been inspirational, and I am honored to be a part of it.

As the torch is passed to Emily Veith, I would encourage all of you to consider running for President Elect or one of the other positions open for the next term. Keep in mind, there are CEU's involved with participation, based upon monthly board meetings and any additional time that is spent helping to organize our regular seminars, etc...

As Emily is President Elect, she will be attending a Chapter Leadership Meeting in New Orleans, LA in March. This is an important way for our chapter to interact and learn from other chapters, and express our thoughts and concerns. Our Wisconsin chapter did help with the cost of the opportunity to participate, paying \$500 toward Emily's airline ticket. IARP headquarters also covered the cost of one night's lodging. We look forward to her report!

As always, our board encourages your feedback. We want to make IARP-Wisconsin an important professional resource for you.

Your President, Dana Beining

Spring Seminar: Destination Madison, WI

Save the Date! The IARP-WI spring seminar is scheduled for **Friday 4/20/12!** This year, we are partnering with the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and the event will be held on campus. Hear from students and faculty about their experience in vocational rehabilitation and share your experience to help enhance their understanding of the private sector. Details to follow... watch for an email update and a seminar brochure to come your way. A special 'thank you' to Professor Dr. David Rosenthal, who helped make this relationship possible. Definitely a win-win!

Member profile: Emily Veith

Your official employer and title: GENEX (formerly Intracorp), Vocational case manager

Tell us a bit about your education...I completed my bachelor's and master's degrees at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in rehabilitation psychology.

What is your current role in the field of private rehabilitation? I wear many hats on any given day. I work a variety of cases as a case manager, vocational counselor, vocational consultant/expert, job placement specialist, ergonomic specialist/job analyst, and Social Security vocational expert.

How did you end up in this field? I grew up dreaming about becoming a vocational rehabilitation professional! Didn't we all? Seriously, I knew I wanted to study psychology but had never heard of rehabilitation psychology (like most of us) until I attended a short informational session on careers in this field with Dr. Ruth Lynch at the UW. She presented along with other professors who talked about careers in other areas of psychology. I met with her afterward and was hooked. As part of my training, I had great mentors at a practicum with John Meltzer and Michele Albers that opened my eyes to the world of private rehab, and here I am!

Where are you from originally? Janesville, Wisconsin

What do you like to do in your free time? Reading, teaching, being outdoors (walking, biking, canoeing, volleyball), putting together jigsaw puzzles, playing trivia, and traveling (fresh off a trip to the Tulum, Mexico area and would highly recommend it!).

Looking at your vocational history, what was your favorite job? How about your least favorite? My least favorite job was as a cashier at Hallmark (Christmas in July, anyone?). My most favorite job, or maybe more accurately, profession, is my current role as a rehabilitation professional. Vocational rehabilitation is challenging, dynamic, frustrating, and rewarding all at the same time. In what other profession do we get to collaborate with such diverse arrays of people and help them find purpose and meaning through, in my opinion, one of the best therapeutic tools out there: work?

Any words of wisdom, work related or non-work related?

I'll finish with a quote by Carl Rogers (humanistic psychologist): "When I look at the world I'm pessimistic, but when I look at people I am optimistic." I'm younger than most who will read this newsletter and am very frustrated with where this world is headed, economically, politically, technologically, interpersonally, etc. And I am especially concerned for those we work with (clients, students) that may not have the wherewithal to see past the larger forces that are acting on all of us. But with each client and student I work with, I realize that it is only individuals who change the world. I am continually inspired by each client or student that I can help guide to educate themselves, better themselves, and fight for a better life and world. Yes, this is a possibly rosy picture of our profession, but I believe this is the role we can play in inspiring others as rehabilitation professionals and it is a role that can help us be optimistic about the future.

Winter Wonderland Fact:

February 4, 1996 showed a record low in Wisconsin of -55 degrees, Fahrenheit, occurring in Couderay. The temperature in Couderay for 2/15/12 was predicted to be 40 degrees Fahrenheit. Almost a 100-degree swing!



January Ice Fishing in Wisconsin

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Nominate and Vote!



We are in need of volunteers for the 2012/2013 term!

Annually, we hold nominations for President Elect, a one-year term. This person will automatically transition to President the following year, and then continue to be active on the board a third year as Past President.

This year, we are also electing a Secretary and Board Member at Large, both two-year terms. Again, hours devoted to your position on the board are eligible for CEUs.

Please give this thoughtful consideration, and nominate a colleague, or step up to nominate yourself! Please send the nomination name, and, if possible, a brief bio of the nominee to dbeining@vcswisconsin.com no later than 3/15/12. If you prefer regular mail, please send the information to:

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Upcoming IARP Event



Waves of Change: Oceans of Opportunity

October 25 - 27, 2012
San Juan, Puerto Rico

IARP is excited to announce the location of our 2012 International Conference: Caribe Hilton is set on 17 acres of exotic gardens, on the beach, close to old San Juan, golf, casinos, shopping, and nightlife.

Special Conference Rate: \$139/night. *More than 50 attendees have already booked rooms*, so don't wait until they are all sold out.

Did you know that they average annual temperature in San Juan is 82 F with constant mild easterly trade winds. The US Weather bureau never recorded temperatures in San Juan below 64 F or higher than 97 F.

(US Citizens - Passports Not Required)

To learn more about presenting or reserving a room, see the IARP website at <http://www.rehabpro.org/events/iarp-2012-international-conference/iarp-2012-international-conference>. Hope to see you all there!



CEU Opportunities

CEU's... those little credits that you need to accumulate to maintain your credentials. Aside from those provided at our regular seminars (to include those ever-valuable ethics credits), here are some opportunities to keep up with those numbers!

Through the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC):

<https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/index.php?eventid=34136&>

Available through IARP:

Understanding the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act: The role of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors in LHWCA Cases

Barbara K. Byers, MA, CRC, CVE, CCM, LPC

Date: February 21, 2012

Time: 7 am Hawaii, 9 am Pacific, 10 am Mountain, 11 am Central, 12 pm Eastern

Credits: 2.0 Applied For: CRC, CVE, CWA, CCAA, CDMS, CCMC, CLCP, MSCC

All IARP Webinars are recorded for On-Demand Viewing. For more information on this and other recorded webinars, go to the IARP website:

<http://www.rehabpro.org/events/webinars>

UW Stout has a current on-line ethics offering, available for either a whole or half day:

The emphasis of this online course is on real ethical dilemmas provided by people working in the field of vocational rehabilitation. Participants share an ethical dilemma and work through it using the relevant content provided in the course and the assistance of other participants. This approach allows participants to learn about other dilemmas faced in the profession and share their experience to help others. Participants also will explore their own values and perceptions of ethics to determine how that affects their ethical behavior.

To accommodate as many people as possible, we offer two options:

~ 5 hour option is for individuals who already have some ethics credits completed and only need a few more.

~ 10 hour option is for individuals who want to complete all of their ethics credits at once. This course fulfills CRCs entire ethics requirement.

Dates: April 12 - May 24, 2012

Location: Online

Price: 5 hours - \$125.00

10 hours - \$250.00

For more information, go to <http://www.uwstout.edu/svri/training.cfm>

CEU's recommended by Board Member Jackie Wille:

<http://www.roymatheson.com/free-webinars>

<http://www.tace5.siu.edu/webcourses/fmCourseList.aspx>

If you know of other upcoming events or CEU opportunities, please let us know! We'd be happy to post them or let the other members know via email blast through IARPCONnect!



Wisconsin Treasurer's/Membership Report

For the year ending December 31, 2011, we carried a cash balance of \$3725 in the Chapter checking account.

Conference revenue (\$3780) and membership dues (\$525) represented the sole sources of income for the Chapter. We netted nearly \$700 on the two conferences, after expenses. The overall net income for the Chapter for the year was \$794.

The Wisconsin Chapter started the year with 30 members, and ended the year with 32 members.

John Meltzer
Treasurer
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