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*Washington Chapter*

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OCTOBER 14 – 15, 2011  
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# AGENDA

## Friday, October 14, 2011

- 5:30 – 6:00 pm Registration & Check In
- 6:00 – 7:00 pm Buffet Dinner
- 6:15 – 6:30 pm **Ryan Guppy**, Chapter President-Elect: Welcome & Announcements
- 6:30 – 7:00 pm **Lisa Parker**, Chapter President: International IARP Updates & Benefits of IARP Membership  
**Barbara Bengston** – Employer / Rehab Participant of the Year Awards
- 7:00 – 8:00 pm **John Keister**, Comedian – An Evening with John Keister
- 8:00 – 9:30 pm Networking with friends and colleagues

## Saturday, October 15, 2011

- 7:30 – 8:00 am Check In & Registration  
**Lisa Parker** – Welcome & Announcements
- 8:00 – 9:00 am **Chris Bishop** – Legal Update: Significant BIIA/WA State Supreme Court & WA State Appellate Court Decisions and How to Prepare for Expert Testimony
- 9:00 – 10:00 am **Jennifer James, M.D.** – The Controversy of Narcotics
- 10:00 – 10:30 am Vendor Break
- 10:30 – 11:00 am **Andrew Friedman, M.D.** – Developing Medical Provider Networks for Workers Compensation
- 11:00 am – 12:00 **Eric Smith, M.D.** – Collaboration vs Conflict with Attending Physicians
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm Buffet Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm **AnnaLisa Gellerman & Bill Smith** – Stay-at-Work Program and Structured Settlements
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm **Rich Wilson** – Improving RTW Outcomes and Vocational Services
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm Vendor Break
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm **Craig Bock & Jerry Myron** – Ethical Customer Service: Building Relationships with TPAs, L & I and Attorneys While Completing Objective Assessments with Injured Workers

## SPEAKERS

**Chris Bishop, J.D.** is an attorney who is currently practicing with the firm; Wallace, Klor & Mann, P.C. in Seattle, WA. His area of expertise includes Worker's Compensation, Insurance Defense, and OSHA Defense. He received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Utah in 1998 and a J.D. from Willamette University, College of Law in 2002.

**Jennifer James, M.D.** is in active practice and board certified in the specialty of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, and fellowship trained and Board certified in the subspecialty of Spine Injury. She treats all forms of spine and spinal cord injuries. She completed her training in medicine at the University Of Edinburgh, College Of Medicine, Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

**Andrew Freidman, M.D.** is with the Virginia Mason Medical Center in the following departments: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Spine Clinic and Neuroscience Institute. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School and completed his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at University of Washington Medical Center. Dr. Freidman is Board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, with a subspecialty in Pain Medicine and in Electrodiagnostic Medicine.

**Eric Smith, M.D.** is board certified in Occupational Medicine, a senior FAA examiner, and a Certified Medical Review Officer. He received his medical training at Oregon Health Sciences Center, Deaconess Medical Center in Spokane, and the University of Washington, School of Public Health. He was licensed in Washington State in 1982. He is Board certified in Occupational Health which deals with the relationship between health and work, since 1991.

**AnnaLisa Gellermann, JD** is the Chief of Integrated Claims Services, and the Self Insurance Program Manager for the Department of Labor and Industries. Integrated Claims Services ensures high quality and timely services to support effective claims management. Specific units include Return to Work, Legal Services, Policy and Regulation, and Pension. Prior to joining the Department, she was an Assistant Attorney General. She was counsel to State Fund Claims, Self-Insurance, HSA and OMD. Past president of the Government Law Bar Association, she currently serves on the board of Behavioral Health Resources.

**Bill Smith, CRC** has been with L&I since November, 2010 as a Vocational Services Specialist. He came to the Agency from the private sector arena most recently with Sedgwick CMS. Bill has been a vocational rehabilitation counselor mainly for self insured employers but has done extensive work for the Office of Veterans Affairs. Bill has graduate degrees in Rehabilitation Counseling and Business Administration and is a CRC. Bill is currently the Manager for the Stay at Work program for L&I.

**Rich Wilson, CRC** is Program Manager for Return-to-Work Services for the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. He is responsible for vocational services provided to workers and employers covered under Washington workers' compensation. Rich provided VRC services to a number of client populations over a fifteen year period prior to joining the Department of Labor and Industries in 2000.

**Craig Bock, M.A., CRC** holds a Masters Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling. He began his professional career as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in 1997, and formed Bock Consulting in September 2003. Craig is Past President of the Washington State Chapter of IARP. He is a recognized leader in vocational counseling and consulting, expert testimony and forensic analyses, damage calculations, life coaching, mentoring, and speaking.

**Jerry Myron, CDMS** is a VRC with Bock Consulting. He holds two B.A. degrees in Sociology and Social Work. Jerry has 23 years of experience as a Vocational Consultant with 15 years in the private sector and 8 years with the Department of Labor and Industries. With the Department, Jerry worked three years with the Self Insured Section and performed vocational adjudication for Self Insured claims.

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