

OUR MISSION: TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION THAT ADVOCATES FOR LACTATION PROFESSIONALS.



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USLCA BOD News



The BOD met for a day and a half at the ILCA conference in July, working on the

foundation building for our organization. BOD members attended key group meetings and had the first USLCA meeting of members for which over 50 USLCA members attended. On September 14, 2006 the USLCA BOD conducted a conference call to review our progress. From member input the BOD has agreed that in 2007 our major focus will be Licensure and Reimbursement issues. The BOD will have another telephone conference call in October to work on goals related to this.

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USLCA News from the ILCA Conference

If you missed Glenda Dickerson's informative USLCA PowerPoint presentation at the ILCA conference you can now download it to view. Just go to <http://www.ilca.org/uslca/index.html> (Note: this presentation is about 14MB in size. It may take some time to download.)

There were over 850 attendees at the 2006 ILCA Conference in Philadelphia. Thank you to all those that came by the USLCA booth to pay their 2006 membership fees, meet the BOD's, and fill out a survey to help determine the issues U.S. IBCLC's are most interested in addressing through their professional organization. Over 200 participated in the survey.

The results of the survey identified these as the top 5 issues U.S. LC's would like to see addressed:

Hospital Staffing
Practice Guidelines
Licensure
Reimbursement
E-Newsletter

We also want to offer a special thank you

New USLCA Executive Director



Welcome Scott Sherwood! In September candidates were interviewed with the participation of the USLCA Board for the position of USLCA Executive Director. The BOD is pleased to announce that Scott Sherwood is the new Executive Director of USLCA. Scott brings to USLCA an educational

background in Marketing and Information Systems.

[read more](#)

USLCA Liaisons

ILCA Liaisons that formerly had a US focus will now represent USCLA:

Breastfeeding Promotion Consortium (BPC) -Marsha Walker

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/Breastfeeding/BPC.HTM>

Joint Commission of Accreditation for Hospital Organizations (JCAHO)-Jam Barger

<http://www.jointcommission.org/>

American Public Health

to Amy Spangler, Marsha Walker, Mary Ann Niefert, and Linda Smith who donated door prizes for survey participants at the USLCA Booth.

Licensure Committee

The Licensure Committee has received many wonderful responses from our request for committee members to introduce themselves and offer information about past experiences that could support our efforts. Our members are in various states across the country. We wanted to highlight the information we are beginning to collect and offer each of you an opportunity to review efforts to date regarding licensure for IBCLCs. [read more](#)

Association (APHA) - Mary Rose Tully
<http://www.apha.org>

United States Breastfeeding Committee (USBC)-Molly Pessl
<http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/>

Affiliate Task Force News

All current Affiliates and volunteers from the ILCA conference have been invited to participate in this task force that will define the organizational chart for USLCA's relationship with the current affiliates. We also hope to encourage the development of new state or regional affiliates. [read more](#)

USLCA Committees

USLCA is for YOU. Your participation on our committees is vital to our success in advocating for the U.S. IBCLC. If you are interested in participating on a committee email us at: uslca@ilca.org. Opportunities exist on Advocacy, Communication, Education, Licensure, Marketing, and Reimbursement. To learn more: [read more](#)

Does the practice of an IBCLC qualify as a Profession?

A profession is an occupation that requires extensive training and the study and mastery of specialized knowledge, and usually has a professional association, ethical code and process of certification or licensing. To learn more: [read more](#)