



# The Experts' Express

## Upcoming Events

IARP Texas  
OPIOID Management in  
Workers' Compensation  
July 15

Webinar Series  
Job Numbers and Labor  
Market Resources for  
Occupations  
July 29

International Symposium  
on Life Care Planning  
Orlando  
Sept. 13-14

IARP Illinois  
Vocational Rehabilitation:  
Foundations For The New  
Decade  
Sept. 16

IARP Michigan  
Fall Conference  
Oct. 15

IARP Washington  
Fall Conference  
Oct. 22-23

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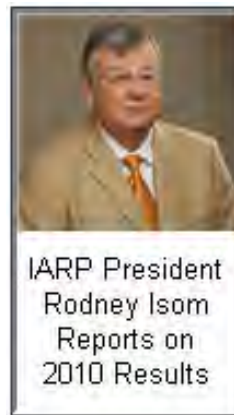
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### IARP Focuses on Growth

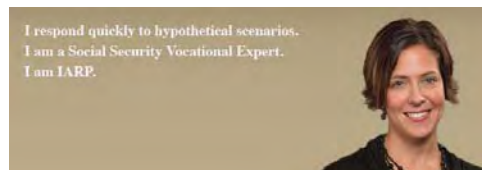
Earlier this month the new 2010-2011 IARP Board of Directors met in Chicago to review semi-annual progress and reflect on our strategic direction. We benefited in our session by having excellent insight from the both the forensic and life care planning sections. These two sections completed their strategic plans and we are integrating their goals and action steps into the overall plan for IARP (Strategic plans from the case management, disability management and SSVE sections are nearing completion). By early fall we expect to have in place a fully integrated plan for the association.



We accomplished many great things on a number of fronts in the last year, but a number of challenges/opportunities remain in the fore. Let's examine positive results from the last fiscal year, which ends June 30.

### MEMBERSHIP GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

- Established a high level and multi-faceted membership recruitment and retention campaign. Key initiatives include:
  - Targeting SSA Vocational Experts in light of the accomplishments of our top-notch section leaders. The SSVE membership growth campaign has already produced more than 25 new members since May 1.
  - Targeting CORE and NCRE educators who might urge students to join the association.
  - Additional students were introduced to the association through the Student Paper Competition.
- Initiated the "I am IARP" campaign designed to emphasis both diversity and unity for IARP members and its sections.



### EVENTS & EDUCATION

- Pioneered a successful Case and Disability Management Conference in Scottsdale in February;
- Took Memphis by storm with another highly-rated and financially-successful forensic conference;
- Doubled the number of webinars, upgraded the delivery platform allowing attendees the option of live AND on-demand viewing

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## OIDAP Liaison Committee Report

The OIDAP held a quarterly meeting in Memphis this month. Day one included a report of the Ad Hoc Committee considering the recruitment and training of job analysts for SSA. They are still in the very early stages of determining their recommendations to SSA regarding professional disciplines and backgrounds, training content, venue, geographic distribution, recruitment methods, certification and cost considerations. There are plans to put out a Request for Proposal in the near future for an outside entity to manage the field job analysts. We will continue to follow this process closely and keep our membership informed.



They are also developing the functional requirements for OIS, and person-side and job analysis instruments. SSA has a Request for Proposal (SSA-RFP-10-1041) out to obtain contractor services to assist with person-side data elements study (case reviews and focus groups) in FY 2011.

OIDAP has recorded four webinars to keep interested parties informed which should be posted soon on their Web site. These include: OID Project and OIDAP General Overview; OIDAP Recommendations/Fact Sheet #1; Why Not the DOT?; and "A Word About...." We will notify you all when these are posted.

Since the last OIDAP quarterly meeting, representatives of SSA and the OIDAP met with BLS to look at their sampling for OES information to gain benefit of BLS' experience and to see if there was any data collected that SSA might be able to use as a test bed. Unfortunately, they found that the way the data was collected was a problem for SSA's purposes. BLS staff suggested that they meet with Census Bureau personnel regarding their raw data as another possible source. They have also had two teleconferences with DOL/ETA staff.

The final report of the NAS (National Academy of Sciences) entitled A Database for a Changing Economy: Review of the Occupational Information Network O\*NET was issued on May 11, 2010. The NAS' findings and recommendations are important to the OIDAP's work as it goes about making recommendations to SSA on an OIS for disability adjudication purposes. The OIDAP will issue a response to the NAS' report in the near future. To download the report for free, go to: <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/12814.html>.

The public comment period for the Sept. 2009 OIDAP report to the Commissioner of Social Security, Content Model and Classification Recommendations for the Social Security Administration Occupational Information System ends June 30, 2010. If you haven't yet taken the opportunity to review the report or its executive summary, we encourage you to download it from the OIDAP Web site (<http://www.ssa.gov/oidap/>). The report can also be obtained in print format or on CD by contacting the panel via e-mail (OIDAP@ssa.gov).

The IARP OIDAP Liaison Committee is in process of preparing commentary to provide to the panel by June 30, 2010. We will make this information available to all IARP members once completed.

--Lynne Tracy



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*Notes from Ann Wallace, IARP Board Member-at-Large*

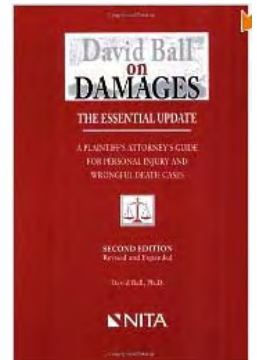
## **Favorite New Technology**

Dropbox! Instead of using e-mail attachments to send files back and forth with my assistant or a flash drive between my computers, I drag and number of files and folders to Dropbox and that is it. I am ready to go. It is a free download program at [dropbox.com](http://dropbox.com). Just be sure to drag with right key and copy. Here is the wikipedia description: The Dropbox client enables users to drop any file into a designated folder that is then synced to the cloud and to any other of the user's computers and devices with the Dropbox client. mobile cloud computing feature called "Anywhere" which allows users to seamlessly access and update files across a number of popular handheld devices such as iPad, BlackBerry, Android etc. While Dropbox functions as a storage service, its focus is on synchronization and sharing. It supports revision history, so files deleted from the Dropbox folder may be recovered from any of the synced computers. Dropbox has been criticized for not supporting private key encryption; being unable to sync files that are in use or locked; being restricted to only one folder; and for automatically signing in.



## **What I Am Reading**

David Ball on Damages, The Essential Update: Second Edition. I like what he writes about the minimalist Life Care Plan.



## **Social Security Judges**

Are you interested in the percentage of cases approved for benefits by the ALJs in your office? Go to [ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov) and put ALJ in the search box. One ALJ in my office, who does not use VE's, pays 99% of his cases. The average percentage is in the 70's.

Send me your notes to share with other members in The Experts' *Express*:  
[annbwallace@aol.com](mailto:annbwallace@aol.com).



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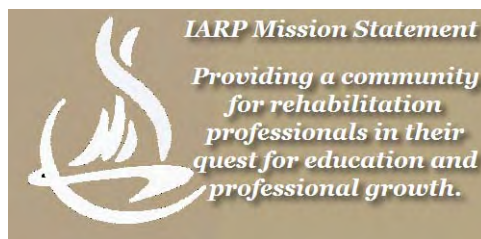
- 🔗 Through our association management company, The Center for Association Growth, (TCAG) we have made a major investment and upgraded technology through TCAG 's OPENAssociations program which covers the following:
  - Membership management system which allows electronic payment of dues for both existing and new IARP members
  - Enhanced Web site and content management system
  - Social networking and document sharing via IARP Connect
  - E-mail management tracking systems via MagnetMail
  - E-learning via vCall
  - Electronic voting via eBallot
- 🔗 Offering chapters the opportunity to incorporate their Web site onto the IARP platform

## ADMINISTRATION

- 🔗 Added three new chapters in Canada, Montana, and Wisconsin;
- 🔗 Established a new section for those vocational experts who have Blanket Purchase Agreements from the U. S. Social Security Administration;
- 🔗 Continuing our program to strengthen our financial base.

When we complete the IARP strategic plan, I will detail all the actions taken to advance our mission.

--Rodney Isom



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**NL0510:** Chronic Sleep Loss and Sleep Disorders  
(8 contact hours)

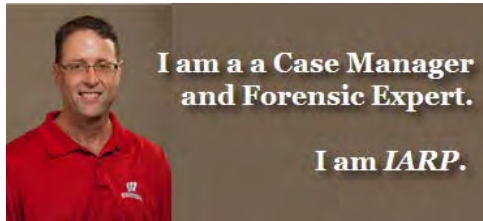




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## I am IARP Featured Profile

Meet John Meltzer, a Case Manager and Forensic Expert with more than 25 years of professional experience.



When I was getting into the field of rehab in the early 1980's, given the political climate at the time, I thought that funding for public VR services was going to be under scrutiny. I made the decision then to pursue work in "insurance" rehab, not knowing then that my practice would later evolve into doing mostly litigation. Then, in the late 1990's, after working for a wannabe national-type rehab company, I was up to my eyeballs with work and realized it mattered not for whom I worked. My referral sources were using me, not my company. It was time to hang out a shingle and go to work for myself. I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity to work for myself while really enjoying what I do.

Read more at [www.RehabPro.org/about-iarp](http://www.RehabPro.org/about-iarp).



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Attend the International Symposium on Life Care Planning Sept. 13-14, 2010, with post-conference sessions scheduled for Sept. 15-16, at Walt Disney World's® Contemporary Hotel in Orlando, Fla.



Featured topics include:

Learning from the patient  
Maintaining Ethics in an Evolving Climate  
Long-Term Comorbidities in Spinal Cord Injury  
Major Burn Injuries: Plastic Surgeon's Role  
Augmentative Communication for Children  
SCI Secondary Complications  
Pain Management: Dollars and Sense  
Behavioral Implications of TBI  
Handling Uncomfortable Trial/Deposition Situations  
Amputation of the Upper and Lower Extremities

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## IARP Webinar Series

July 29

Job Numbers and Labor Market Resources for Occupations

On Demand Archive

What Works at Work Following TBI  
SSDI Clients' Options for Returning to Competitive Employment  
Adaptive Transportation Safety  
SSA Vocational Experts: The Basics  
Neurofunctional Assessment: How to Find out What You Really Need to Know to Plan for Your Clients  
Functional Capacity Evaluation: What Can We Get out of It?

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