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IARP Elections in Progress – Have You Voted?

The 2011 IARP Leadership Election is underway. We have a healthy slate of candidates, all of whom are well qualified to assume a leadership role within IARP. Hundreds of members have already voted and we wish to thank those who have taken the time to vote.

If you haven't voted yet, the process is simple. As in previous years, voting is being done electronically. You should have received an e-mail (and reminder email) with instructions on how to cast your vote. If you did not receive that e-mail please e-mail bruce@tcag.com and a fresh set of instructions will be sent to you.



The polls will close on **Friday April 15** so please take this opportunity to have your say.

IARP Journal Editor Search

IARP is looking for qualified candidates to lead the IARP Journals into the next era. IARP is searching for candidates for two editorial openings:

- Editor of The Journal of Life Care Planning
- Editor of The Rehabilitation Professional Journal

[Click here](#) for position description and application instructions.

Applications are being accepted until **April 1st, 2011**.

Questions? Please contact [Ann Wallace](#) or [Angie Heitzman](#), Journal Search Committee.

And the 2011 Member Survey Says....

Q. *So whatever happened to that IARP Members Needs Survey I filled out at the beginning of the year?*

A. Great question. Two hundred and ninety-five IARP members completed the All Members portion of the 2011 IARP Member Needs Survey. Their collective and individual responses to the survey's questions are encouraging and illuminating.

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Q. Are IARP members satisfied with the association?

A. When rating the association's understanding of their wants, needs and expectations over a third (34.5 percent) gave a grade of "Above average" and 56.8 percent an "Average" rating. About half of the respondents (49.8 percent) said that IARP demonstrated an "Above average" interest in serving their needs.

When they were asked how satisfied they are with the services that IARP provides them, 55.8 percent replied that they were satisfied and 25.6 percent of respondents felt very satisfied.

Eighty-six percent of survey respondents would recommend membership to a professional colleague.

Q. Where do these members find value in their membership?

A. Ninety-three percent agree or strongly agree with the statement that being a member of IARP enables them to stay current with developments in their profession. Similarly, 89.8 percent agree that IARP provides networking opportunities. 92.1 percent affirm that IARP offers relevant educational programs and 84.1 percent agree that their personal growth and credibility are enhanced by membership in the association. Eighty-eight percent are in agreement that the association is helpful in maintaining their professional credentials.

Q. Is membership in IARP becoming a standard in the Rehabilitation Profession?

A. Survey respondents believe it is. Over half (52.7 percent) agree that IARP membership is expected by their peers. Eighteen percent disagree.

Q. What do IARP members think are the top benefits of the association?

A. When members were asked to name the top five benefits of IARP membership, their responses indicate that what IARP Members appreciate the most is the opportunities to interact with other IARP members.

Networking with peers received the highest average grade, followed by the Forensic Conference and CM/DM Conference. IARP's Professional Liability Insurance is important to members as well. The Journal of Life Care Planning and webinars followed closely behind.

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Classes you might be interested in:

HM3010: Standard of Care: Making Sense of 'Practice, Ethical, Legal and Credentialing' Guidelines in Forensic Rehabilitation

NL0206R: Dual Relationships – Exploring the Limits

NL0106R: Models of Disability and Advocacy in Rehab Counseling

HM2003: Brain Injury and Returning to Employment



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Q. Okay, so we know what the IARP members think is important, what services do they actually use?

A. By far the respondents prefer to take advantage IARP's networking opportunities. Seventy-two percent of those who completed the survey say they participate in networking. Education and Professional Development follow. Around one half (49.2 percent) read the monthly Expert's Express newsletter and journals (52.9 percent read RehabPro or Journal of Life Care Planning). A strong share of respondents (43.4 percent) say that they take advantage of Live and On Demand webinars.

Those members that participate in webinars like them. Ninety-six percent of webinar participants rate them as "effective" or "highly effective." A sizeable number of respondents, 28.2 percent, were not aware that webinars are available on demand. Nearly all of the respondents (93.7 percent) are aware that they can get CEUs through webinars. Interestingly, 65 percent of the respondents did not take advantage of the CEU's offered in each issue of RehabPro.

Respondents utilize rehabpro.org as well. Eighty two percent described the IARP website as "effective" or "very effective." Sixty two percent visit the website every month or more often. One fifth of respondents report utilizing the site on a bi-weekly or weekly basis.

When it comes to one major IARP benefit, 41.4 percent of the survey respondents say they get Professional Liability Insurance through IARP.

The responses confirm something we've known for awhile: the membership is aging.

Under a third of the survey respondents have held IARP membership for a period of 5 years or less. Forty four percent have been IARP members for more than 10 years. More than three quarters hold advanced degrees, with 73.5 percent having their master's degree. Seventy one percent of those who responded to the survey are over 50 years of age. Seventy eight percent of survey respondents have more than 16 years' experience in a rehabilitation-related position.

That's a bummer.

Look at it this way: IARP's membership value the networking and learning opportunities that the association provides. Their eagerness to share the benefits of their experience makes IARP a strong value proposition for entrants into the profession.

Mark Your Calendars

Next OIDAP Quarterly Meeting

May 4 and 5, 2011

Baltimore, Md.

Location and schedule TBA.

Interested in knowing how federal agencies sample the population to derive their occupational data and how this may lend information to the sampling and data collection for the SSA OIS (e.g., use of field analysts to collect data)? Tune in to the next OIDAP quarterly meeting. Although the formal agenda is not yet known, it is expected that there will be presentations from BLS, DOL, O*NET Center and US Census.

More details will be forthcoming once the agenda is publically released.

IARP 2011 Forensic Conference

Paris Hotel

Las Vegas, Nev.

Nov. 3-5, 2011

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IARP Events – Online Webinar Series

This Spring is full of IARP events, both online and in-person across the country with three IARP Online Webinars in April and May.

[Internet Based Forensic Rehabilitation Power Tools for the 21st Century](#)

April 6, 2011

Presenter: Sharon Shou, CRC, LCPC, ABVE/F

[Medical Ethics: The Complex World of Medical Care Delivery](#)

April 27, 2011

Presenter: Nancy Alexander

[Starting or Steering Your Forensic/Expert Witness Practice](#)

May 18, 2011

Presenter: Rosalie Hamilton

IARP Chapter Events

[2011 Florida Bar Workers Compensation Forum](#)

April 11 – 12, 2011 in Orlando, Fla.

[IARP Virginia - Day in the Life of a Rehabilitation Provider](#)

April 13, 2011 in Newport News, Va.

[IARP New England 2011 Spring Conference](#)

April 15, 2011 in Worcester, Mass.

[Professional Rehabilitation Specialists of Georgia 2011 Conference](#)

April 29, 2011 in Atlanta, Ga.

[2011 IARP Carolinas Seminar](#)

May 13, 2011 in Concord, N.C.

[MRA/JPD Spring Training Conference](#)

May 13, 2011 in Lansing, Mich.

[Virginia IARP 2011 Spring Conference](#)

May 19-20 in Glen Allen, Va.

[Wild Wild Rehab – Nebraska Conference](#)

May 20-21 in Omaha, Neb.

IARP CONNECT

Learn, Share, Collaborate



Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

Forensic Discussions:

- Stressful jobs
- Inappropriate use of tests
- Conference ideas

SS-VE Discussions:

- RFP modification
- Interpreting neuro exams
- BPA award info

Life Care Planner Discussions:

- Tyron Elliot

Coffee Talk Discussions:

- Tsunami help



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I am IARP Featured Profile

Meet Sandra Richter, a Case Manager and Forensic Expert with more than 25 years experience.

"I started as a vocational case manager at Crawford. After three years, I went to work for a small company in the same capacity. When the company decided to close the office one year later, I was left with 50 cases, a nurse and no job. I contacted the companies who had referred the cases. They said the cases were mine so I could continue to work them. The nurse came with me and we were in business for ourselves. I have been doing work independently out of my home with an available office to see people since 2001. It is going well and has proven to be the ideal "moving to retirement job".



"My interest in the rehabilitation field was started because of having a son who had cerebral palsy and no good resources available for him. It launched me into volunteering for the local ARC, speaking at a nearby college to students going into special education, and later working at a sheltered workshop."

[Read Sandra's complete profile](#)

[Read all the I am IARP Profiles](#)



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IARP Webinar Series

Internet Based Forensic Rehabilitation Power Tools for the 21st Century

April 6, 2011

9 am Pacific; 10 am Mountain; 11 am Central; 12 pm Eastern

Presenter

Sharon Shou, CRC, LCPC, ABVE/F

2.0 CEUs for: CRC, CDMS, CVE, CLCP

Overview

This presentation demonstrates how to work smarter, not harder, when conducting occupational and labor market research. Participants will be able to exploit the latest interfaces between social media and Web content to maximize forensic rehabilitation research outcomes. Participants will learn to:

- Use advanced Internet search tools in new ways
- Use old tools in new ways to research demand requirements of occupations
- View archived job postings
- Use computer agents as LMS assistants
- Use Internet portal for enhanced LMS efficiency

And much more....

[Read more...](#)

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IARP Webinar Series

Missed one or more of IARP's Webinar Series? No worries. You can still access any of these previous webinars and earn CEUs. IARP's on-demand archive includes:

- SSVE Testimony Regarding Limitations and Transferability -
- Anosognosia: The Impact of Impaired Self Awareness
- Clinical Judgment
- Job Numbers and Labor Market Resources for Occupations
- 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

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