



# The Experts' Express

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#### About The Experts' Express

The Experts' Express is a member-only monthly e-newsletter, keeping you informed about IARP issues and upcoming events. Each month different sections and chapters are highlighted. You will be provided with the latest news, details on member benefits, and information you will need to stay tuned in to what IARP is doing to give you the most for your membership.

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### From the Helm: IARP President Report

#### IARP President Report

*Neil Bennett*  
President

We have picked ourselves up, dusted ourselves off, and are hard at work! We were actually hard at work before this became an historical quip. And, as John notes in his treasurer's report, the IARP Board of Directors, at the recommendation of the finance committee has voted to fund last and this year's contributions to the reserve fund. At the top of the list as to why this is good news is that *this money is already in the bank!*

This makes IARP a much more financially secure association, worthy of your membership and pride. Your board has worked very diligently to batten down the hatches and set the trysail, and we are now seeing the sun rise in the East. We are now contemplating how to refine our course – we recognize that some adjustments as to how we approach our mission sStatement are necessary to provide the benefits we know our members deserve. We are all in agreement that we don't just want to 'get back to

where we were before', but that we want to make IARP a better place; we see the opportunity to set the stage for the future.

All of this makes IARP a very exciting place right now, especially with the current call for nominations for ELECTIONS! There are some very important roles that need to be filled. John has established the legacy of the secretary/treasurer position, with the important role of Chair of the finance committee. The Case Management Section Board Representative position is open, as is the IALCP Section Board Representative position. These positions are important to the future involvement and development of these sections in IARP's desire to increase our International role. There are also Disability Management and Forensic Section board positions, an At Large Board Representative position, and Standard Compliance Review Board positions open to be filled.

Now is the time to take the leap - become involved. Help make IARP a better place for all of us

### Behind the Calculator: IARP Treasurer's Report

#### IARP Treasurer's Report

*Jon Meltzer*  
Treasurer

I am pleased to report that the austere budget we put together for this fiscal year (July 1 to June 30) has resulted in a significant financial turn around for the association. Our membership revenue has been better than expected, due largely to the implementation of a corporate discount program and a dues increase that took effect January 2008. We also have continued to be very diligent about how we spend your money, and have kept expenses below budget.

One of our financial goals when we changed management companies was to build up reserves so that we have a three to six month cushion in operating expenses in the bank. The finance commit-

tee and board of directors adopted a plan starting with the 2007-08 budget to put \$25,000 per year into reserves for four years, as a starting point. Given our losses last fiscal year, we were not able to fund reserves. With our financial turn around this fiscal year, not only will we be able to fund this year's and last year's reserves, but the board has also begun to take action toward reinstating funding for key member services that had been from of the budget. You will likely see a continued gradual loosening of the purse strings if our finances continue to track as positively as they have for the first half of this fiscal year.

We value your membership and want to thank you for standing by us as we attempted to right the ship (I had to use a boat metaphor for Neil Bennett).

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### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**IARP 2009  
Forensic Conference**  
October 29 - October 31, 2009  
Doubletree Hotel, Memphis TN

## **Chapter Highlights**

### **IARP Texas Chapter**

#### **Two New Members Join Board**

*Tom Selman*  
President, Texas Chapter

Texas Chapter President Tom Selman has announced two new appointments to the Board of Directors of the Texas Chapter; both new appointees come from the Greater Houston-Galveston area, it will be the first time in several years that the Houston area has been represented by a full contingent on the board. The two new appointees, who will serve until the next TARPPS election, will join Cornelius Gorman, Ph. D. as the Greater Houston-Galveston area representatives.

**Donna Finkbeiner, B.S., R.N.** is a resident of Houston where she is engaged in an independent private practice in life care planning and medical cost projections. She has been involved in this aspect of the rehabilitation profession for the past three years. Prior to that she involved as a supervising nurse in home health and as an admissions liaison nurse for a rehabilitation facility.

Ms Finkbeiner received her bachelor's degree in nursing from Lake Superior State University in Michigan and also attended the nursing program at Conestoga College, Ontario, Canada. She completed her Life Care Planning Certification with Kaplan College in Florida.

Tom Selman stated that Ms. Finkbeiner was selected to fill the board vacancy because she was interested, enthusiastic, and willing to work. He also said that her life care planning certification and work experience were other factors. This is a growing area in Texas and greater representation for it was needed on the TARPPS Board.

**Edward H. Shwery, Ph. D.** was selected to fill the board vacancy because he, too, was interested, enthusiastic, willing to work, and already had a close working relationship with one of the Houston area board members – Dr. Cornelius Gorman. Dr. Shwery earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Wisconsin State University and his Ph. D. in clinical psychology from Texas Tech University. He did his doctoral internship in the department of psychiatry at Ohio State University Hospitals. He is currently in private practice in psychology and case management in Metairie, Louisiana, where he relocated following the destruction of the physical premises for his practice in Galveston, Texas, by Hurricane Ike. It will be months before he is able to determine if re-establishing his practice in Galveston will be possible. Dr. Shwery brings almost 40 years experience in the healthcare, rehabilitation, university education, and psychological professions to the TARPPS Board. Dr. Shwery is an

author, well regarded speaker, and researcher.

### **IARP Texas Chapter**

#### **Texas Association of Rehabilitation Professionals and Providers of Services**

#### **WINTER ALL-DAY SEMINAR SURVIVING THE STORMS**

Friday, February 20, 2009

Collin College

Spring Creek Campus Conference Center  
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### **IARP Florida Chapter**

#### **Fundraiser and Raffle Announcement**

Please go to [www.IARP-Florida.org](http://www.IARP-Florida.org) and click on the "International" button in the right upper corner. You will see that the odds of winning a week in a condo in Florida are **VERY** good!!!! No individuals are yet listed on the page. Others have been listed on the "Condo" page and the "Software" page. The International raffle is likely to be extended to March 1st.

The Florida IARP membership has an opportunity this coming spring to positively impact the anticipated changes to the Florida Worker's Comp law. This will be our first opportunity in six years to have an impact, and likely our last for years to come. IARP Florida has been represented by a lobbyist for the past seven years, at a great deal of cost to our membership. We believe our investment in his services has been very helpful, and we have enjoyed success in other regulatory and bureaucratic areas. In fact, had it not been for his representation in 2003 (his first year fully representing us), the 2003 worker's comp changes would likely have been far worse to our membership than they were. We have worked hard over the past six years to successfully improve our standing with the legislators.

IARP Florida is in the midst of a fund-raising campaign, one that must be completed by February 1, 2009 in order to be effective. We have set our objective at \$10-\$15K. We are asking for support from our membership and our corporate partners.

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## Section Focus

### IARP Forensic Section

#### An Invitation to Serve

*Ann Wallace*

Forensic Board Past Chair

**WE WANT YOU!** The 2008-2009 Forensic Section Board is seeking nominations for the 2009-2010 Board for three positions: chair-elect, co-chair and member-at-large. Current Forensic Board Members were asked to share with you how they came to serve on the IARP Forensic Board.

**Kathy Mundy:** My story is fairly short and simple. I had become a member of what was NARPPS back in 1987 – I let my membership lapse for possibly a two year period of time (97– 99). It was after I launched my own company that I realized how valuable this organization was to me. When I was in corporate management, I found I had too many obligations to become involved, as I was a working manager. I have since found that the forensic section was the best organization for meeting my needs. I find the list serve invaluable; thus, I felt it was my turn to step up to the plate in some form of leadership. As we merge into the “grey” areas of our lives, I think all of us feel a need to mentor and lead those coming up to take over the reins. We certainly welcome that. I always sign my e-mails “from down on the border,” but there is some underlying meaning; I am quite isolated from qualified rehabilitation counselors. This is a very good place to share and brain storm when up against difficult cases. One can always take, but must give in return!

**Dale A. Thomas:** Lisa Clapp said she had spoken with people who thought I'd be a good chair-elect. Would I "run"? In retrospect I bet the people that she spoke to amounted to her hubby. She probably said, "I know a sucker who might agree to being the forensic board chair-elect. What do you think?" And he probably said, "I think he'd be a good chair-elect."

I've been surprised over how much I enjoy talking with and e-mailing the other four board members. Being a sole practitioner often allows for limited contact with colleagues on a regular basis. However, I feel as though I have gotten to know the members of the board almost like they worked in the same office with me. We've been able to share problem solving tasks for the board, as well as share personal experiences. The benefit of being on the board far outweighs any cost on my part.

**Bob Paré:** For me, it was because of the forensic listserv that I became part of the forensic board. After having followed and participated in the listserv for some time, I was initially asked to run for the forensic board. That first “toe into the waters” was not a successful one for me, as another person also ran for the same position, and won. Without resorting to cliché, there still was a part of me that wanted to “give back” to the forensic section, nonetheless. The listserv had been very instrumental not only in learning from others, but also in coming to know better my own modus operandi in thinking through the what, when and how of how I evolve as a VRC and expert witness. In 2006, there came a subsequent call from Brian Preston, in which he asked me to consider being named to the board to fill in an unexpired term of a position being vacated early by another who moved on to section representative. In 2007, I again ran for and began to serve my own 2-year term as co-chair on the IARP board of directors. And the rest is living history for me...

As I recognize that the end line is in sight for me in a few months, my thoughts are ones of thanks for having had a great time and opportunity to “self-actualize” as a Goldstein and Maslow- influenced type. There has been work and effort, no doubt. And there have been humor, support, decision-making, politicking, camaraderie, input and influence opportunities. Most powerfully, there has been opportunity to listen and learn from good and serving people who also rotate in and off of the forensic section board. There is also a national perspective of similarities and differences- that influence me locally, and that I could not have found elsewhere. I am reinforced in believing: we receive in proportion to what we give to others. I hope that I have served the section as well as it has served me.

**Angela Heitzman:** I started going to the forensic conferences in the 1990s, back when there were maybe 30 of us there. I met Steve Shedlin, Trudy Koslow, Ann Neulicht, John Meltzer, Sandy Wells, Sarah Moore, Brian Preston, Mary Barros Bailey, and Randall Thomas. They were all active with the association and clearly enjoyed their involvement. I have always believed that when you benefit from something you need to give back to it. So, after the second or third time John Meltzer asked me to consider the forensic board, I jumped in and have never looked back. The people I have dealt with on the forensic board, the IARP board of directors and various committees have been a joy to get to know and to work with. Life as a solo practitioner is no longer lonely. I have a virtual office spread throughout the US, thanks to my involvement and of course the fabulous listserv.

**Lisa Clapp:** For the 2007 Forensic Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona, I thought it'd be a great idea to organize a trail ride. After a wonderful horseback ride into the sunset and great meal, I had reconnected with several IARP members with whom I had been disconnected for several years. At the conference I was introduced to the then forensic conference and board chair person, Steve Shedlin. He in turn introduced me to the then chair-elect Ann Wallace. Steve, in passing conversation, suggested I would be a great candidate for the 2008 chair-elect! I was flattered and suggested I might be interested. After that it is quite a blur. I know my name was the only name that appeared on the ballot, and therefore, felt confident I had been slotted for the challenge. In retrospect, I am very glad Steve and Ann felt I would be the right candidate for the calling. I have met so many wonderful peers and feel reconnected to an entire network of professionals who have enhanced my personal and professional life. Though it may seem daunting, the task has been one that I will never forget. I have been surrounded by other professionals who share the desire to enhance and promote our profession through the IARP Forensic Section, and to have been an integral part of this has been truly an honor and a tremendous professional and personal growing experience.

**Ann Wallace:** At the forensic conferences in Las Vegas for several years and in San Antonio, I looked at name tags to match faces with listserv names, and found many familiar people. There were folks with whom to enjoy the conference, to share a room or ride to the airport, to staff a case with, and to team up with to study for a credential (CLCP). Some were volunteering their time to help with registration or hand out CEU forms or introduce a speaker and I thought, well I should help too. Starting as a volunteer on the conference planning committee is one way to start participating, as I did. Later, I ran for the board and helped organize conferences, which is really rewarding. Next I hope to finish an article for the journal.

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## Express Job Bank Highlights

### Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Rehabilitation Team Associates, a leading provider of vocational rehabilitation and medical case management services in Michigan, is accepting applications for the position of vocational rehabilitation counselor. The position can be based out of Lansing, Jackson, Ann Arbor, or Detroit area. Job duties include vocational assessments, case management, job placement activities, and vocational counseling. Experience with workers' compensation, auto no-fault, and LTD case management with 1-2 years experience is highly desirable. Requirements include a master's degree in a counseling field. CRC/LPC preferred.

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### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **IARP Journals Now Available in Printed Format**

The International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals will now offer both the RehabPro and the Journal of Life Care Planning in a printed format. Members will now be offered the option of receiving their sections journal in a printed format in addition to the regular electronic version.

If you are interested in receiving a printed version of one or both of the IARP journals, please go to the IARP website, [www.rehabpro.org](http://www.rehabpro.org), log in and click on Members-Only. Download the form by clicking on "Special Printed Journals Order Form." Or, log in and click on this link: <https://www.rehabpro.org/my-iarp/Journals%20PRINTED%20format%20order%20Form.doc>.

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Once you get involved, you continue to grow professionally, as well as in your volunteer roles. Yes it takes time. Just stay up later. You can do this.

**HOW ABOUT YOU?**

Are you satisfied with how the present forensic section board responds to listserv issues and would you be willing to be a responder as a board member? What can the section members do to foster and help train upcoming experts? How can the forensic section help the large SSVE group with continuing education and representation regarding the issue of fees? What does the section survey say about conference sites? These are examples of issues you discuss on the board. Can you commit two hours a month for forensic board and conference calls?

Once elected, the chair-elect serves one year on the section board in this capacity, then assumes the chair position. The chair serves one year in this capacity, then moves into the past chair position for a third and concluding year. The duties of the chair-elect are to assist the section chair (Dale Thomas) in all areas of administration of the section in preparation for assuming leadership of the section. It is an OJT for serving as conference program chair in 2010.

Once elected, the co-chair serves one year on the section board in this capacity, and then moves into the past co-chair for a second and concluding year. The co-chair assists the section chair, assumes duties of the section chair in case of absence, records the minutes and may serve on standing committees.

The member-at-large will serve a two-year term, to be elected in odd years, and perform duties as determined by the section chair or section board. It is a new position in 2009. The present board proposed adding another member to the board to help represent the IARP Forensic Section on IARP committees such as education, finance, and membership.

Interested? Election forms are on the web site. And the current board members invite you to call or e-mail any of us to volunteer to get involved with IARP as a forensic section member on a committee or to help with a project or conference. Take action now! **MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE!**

**Forensic Section Survey Results**

Forensic Section Board

In October the IARP board surveyed the membership. In addition to a general membership survey, surveys were sent to each section member to identify levels of satisfaction and involvement with IARP. There were 176 forensic section members who completed the forensic sSection survey. The results are discussed below.

Services Provided

Over one-third survey respondents rated workers compensation vocational expert work as their primary role, while 33% rated Social Security vocational expert work as primary; 31.6% rated personal injury vocational expert work as primary. A total of 13.2% rated life care planning as their primary role. As for secondary roles, 24.2% rated workers compensation vocational expert work as secondary, whereas 21.6% rated case management as secondary.

Forensic Conference

Over 70% of the respondents have attended the IARP forensic section conference, 40.2% responded that they had attended five or more times. Of those who haven't attended the conference, time was noted as a major barrier (50.9%), location was second in 42.9%, and cost came in at 40.2%.

Life Care Planning

Of the respondents 26.3% reported that they are also members of IALCP. A quarter of the respondents have attended the Life Care Planning Symposium, 8.7% had done so frequently.

Forensic Listserv

Nearly 70% of survey respondents reported they are members of the forensic listserv. The majority of listserv members rarely (38.8%) or only occasionally (32.6%) participate in the listserv. 16.3% indicated that they participate frequently, while 12.4% indicate they never participate.

Of the listserv members, 72.9% are either satisfied (51.2%) or very satisfied (21.7%) with the listserv. 14.7% indicated they feel indifferent, while 10.9% reported the listserv needs improvements. 1.6% of respondents were unhappy with the listserv. Nearly 60% of respondents would like to have the listserv archived for future reference.

Membership Benefits

The top five member benefits reported by forensic section members included: the forensic conference (69.4%), the forensic listserv (65.6%), the membership directory (51.9%), networking opportunities (37.5%), and the IARP web site (36.9%).

Forensic Section Improvements

There were a wide variety of ideas for ways to improve the section. Most of these ideas were represented by only one or two individuals. Examples of these ideas include: keeping the listserv professional, improving the web site, reaching out to younger members, decreasing conference costs, implementing a listserv archive, instituting a bookstore on the web site, conducting webinars, and encouraging members to publish.

Recommended Changes to the Listserv

The number one request was instituting a listserv archive. Several people requested that the number of personal posts and off-topic posts be either eliminated or decreased. A number of individuals would like increased monitoring of the list. Several felt that the listserv is too much like a clique.

Conference Improvements/Enticing Conference Attendance

Of those responding to these questions, the number one enticement/improvement for the forensic conference would be decreasing cost, with second being location. Program is the third consideration in bringing individuals to the conference. Overwhelmingly, members wish to avoid the Halloween weekend.

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**Welcome New IARP Members**

We would like to congratulate all of the below listed individuals for becoming members of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals. Welcome aboard! And thank you to those that referred them. Great job!

*Neil Bennett,*  
President, IARP

**New Member:**

Marissa Leaf  
Joanna Vasquez  
Julia Duscha  
Jennifer Engel  
Brenda Finley  
Jerry Pruette  
Alison Crews  
Tom Reavis  
Mary Lou James  
Theresa Hopkins  
Anne Hirsh  
C. Greg Cates  
Stacie Nunez  
Susan Caston  
Michael Ness

**Referred by:**

Emma Vasquez  
Emma Vasquez  
Jerry Pruette  
Jerry Pruette

**NEW FELLOW**

*Rebecca Busch*

The latest IARP member to join the ranks of the IALCP Section Fellow program is Rebecca Busch of Westmont, Illinois, where she is CEO and president of Medical Business Associates. The fellows program was launched by the International Academy of Life Care Planners before it became a section of the association several years ago. Ms. Busch is the fourteenth person to have earned the fellow designation.

Ms. Busch is a first generation American from Cuba whose native language is Spanish. Serving others is a credo of her family. Driven by a thirst for education, she earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing followed by a master’s degree in business administration from Lewis University and subsequently a master’s certificate in case management from DePaul University in Chicago.



While in school she became a patient advocate for the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago. She has continued her involvement in professional societies throughout her career. Her certifications and honors are legion. She has over one hundred publications and presentations. She testifies as an expert in health care reimbursement, internal controls, life care expense analysis, patient care documentation and respective damages. Rebecca plans to continue her many volunteer activities and will serve as a peer reviewer for the IALCP Section Fellows Program.

In commenting on her career, Ms. Busch recently spoke of the late Patti McCollum, who was a visionary in case management and life care planning. She said, “Patti was an awesome mentor for me in the early stages of my career. She was always there to offer advice and direction. What a warm and genuine person she was”.

More information on the fellows program can be found at [www.rehabpro.org/ialcp/ialcp-fellows](http://www.rehabpro.org/ialcp/ialcp-fellows).

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**HOWEVER**, we are also offering something in return!! We have some very generous IARP Florida members who have donated a handful of valuable items for use in our raffle. We extend the opportunity to participate in this raffle to the international IARP membership. It is our immodest attempt to lure additional dollars to our legislative campaign!!!

We have a valuable (\$3995.00 value) case management and billing system being raffled, and three condos for raffle (one week each).

**Software Raffle: (\$150.00 raffle ticket)**

This software program is being raffled as an individual item, with raffle tickets selling for \$150.00 each. We estimate that the odds of winning this software program are very good, but the trade-off is absolutely incredible!! And, the support for the IARP Florida legislative fund is "priceless"!

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Make your contribution and buy your raffle ticket via MasterCard or VISA.

Be sure to let JoAnn know which raffle ticket you are purchasing!!

The purchasers of these raffle tickets will be tracked on the [www.IARP-Florida.org](http://www.IARP-Florida.org) web site, on a separate page entitled "Software Raffle". Name and number of software raffle tickets will be tracked. Drawing will be held February 2, 2009.

**Condo Raffle #1: (\$100.00 raffle ticket)**

1) [www.vacationrentals.com](http://www.vacationrentals.com) property ID no. 1574; One week at "Charming Loft Townhome Surrounded with Luxury" in Crystal River, Florida - valued between \$695.00 and \$795.00 - depends on the time of the year, e.g., July and August are higher because of scalloping season and very much in demand at that time!

**Condo Raffle #2: (\$100.00 raffle ticket)**

2) [www.vacationrentals.com](http://www.vacationrentals.com) property ID no. 15792; One week at "Rustic, Real Florida Townhouse" in Crystal River, Florida - valued between \$495.00 and \$599.00 - depending on the time of year - same as above!

**Condo Raffle #3: (\$100.00 raffle ticket)**

3) [www.vacationrentals.com](http://www.vacationrentals.com) property ID no. 4792. One week at "Seaside Cottage" in Indian Shores Beach, Florida valued between \$795.00 and \$995.00 - depending on the time of year.

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- 1) Property 1 and 2 above are available after April 1, 2009;
  - 2) Property 3 above is available after June 30, 2009 but it is already reserved/booked from August 1-9, 2009.
  - 3) The availability of these properties are subject to change on a daily basis as they are advertised as vacation properties on the website and every day new inquiries and/or reservation requests are made thus changing the availability dates.
  - 4) The winner of the raffle should also be informed that a \$500.00 security damage deposit is required, which is refundable upon departure, providing there is no damage to the property.

Terms as published on the web site apply. The raffle ticket is good for one year... i.e., the winner has up to one year to make a reservation. January, February and March 2010 are not available.

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**Forensic conference costs, location, program, and time**

Of the 47 people responding to the cost question, 27 indicated that the cost of the conference is too much, while 20 indicated the cost is acceptable. Overwhelmingly, cost of the hotel was the most significant factor. In regard to location, nine individuals felt the locations have been fine, while five reported the locations were good and 15 felt the locations were unacceptable. The conference programs were found to be acceptable as was time of the year (with the exception of Halloween weekend). Respondents recommended 86 locations for future conferences. The top 10 locations, in order of votes received include: Chicago, Las Vegas, New Orleans, Boston, New York City, Atlanta, San Francisco, San Diego, Denver, and Seattle.

The forensic board and the forensic conference planning committee will utilize the survey information to improve services and improve the forensic conference. We appreciate the time taken by those who participated in the survey and welcome comments from any member. If you do have comments regarding this survey, feel free to contact any one of the forensic board members: Lisa Clapp, chair; Kathy Mundy, co-chair; Dale Thomas, chair-elect; Ann Wallace, past chair; Bob Pare, past co-chair; and Angela Heitzman, forensic section representative to the IARP board. Our contact information is located on the web site.



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## Member's Corner

### The IARP Web Site

#### *Your Resource Center*

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- ◆ An article excerpted from the publication NARRPS Journal 10 (3) 1995 entitled "The Forensic Vocational Expert's Approach to Wage Loss Analysis". To view this article log in, go to the Members-Only section, and then click on the link for the Document Library or log in and click here <http://www.rehabpro.org/my-iarp/document-library/WageLossAnalysisBoydToppino.pdf>.
- ◆ An article excerpted from the publication NARRPS Journal 6 (1) 1998. To view this article log in, go to the Members-Only section, and then click on the link for the Document Library or log in and click here <https://www.rehabpro.org/my-iarp/document-library/Evolving%20KnowledgeJan.Feb1998.pdf>.
- ◆ Webinar opportunity: Increasing Efficiency through Office Technology – How to Move into the Twenty-First Century. For more information go to [www.rehabpro.org](http://www.rehabpro.org) and click on "Events."

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