



# The Experts' Express

## Upcoming Events

International Symposium  
on Life Care Planning  
Orlando, FL  
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

IARP 2010 Forensic  
Conference – Rising to the  
Challenge  
New Orleans, LA  
Nov. 4-6

IARP CM/DM Conference  
– Creating a Culture of  
Care  
Scottsdale, AZ  
Feb. 11-13

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## Message from Executive Director

### President Urges Consolidated Strategic Planning at Late Summer IARP Board Meeting

President Rodney Isom announced that the IARP Board of Directors will complete the association's latest strategic plan by the November board meeting in New Orleans. The plan will integrate the strategic plans that have been developed by each of IARP's five sections. The IARP Executive Committee, consisting of the president, President Elect Steve Shedlin, Secretary/Treasurer Patrick Decoteau, Chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents Dennis Funk, and Executive Director Carl Wangman, will be joined by IARP board members at large Ann Wallace and Lynne Tracy in late September to write the final draft of the plan. Dr. Decoteau will serve as the project manager for the plan.



### IARP Reports Fiscal Year -End Results

Treasurer Decoteau reported net income for the association at fiscal-year end June 30 was \$83,765. Cash and cash equivalents total \$225,000. Following the review of the strategic plan, the treasurer will present the financial implications and recommended budget adjustments to the IARP 2010-2011 budget, which was approved early in July.



### Campaign Kicks Off to Hit Government Relations Fundraising Goal

The SSVE Section will begin an aggressive campaign to collect the \$34,000 in pledges for the government relations counsel program. Amy Vercillo, the section chair, reported the goal is \$100,000. Close to \$10,000 has already been collected. [Please see SSVE section update for complete details.](#)

### Registration Continues to Grow for Upcoming Symposium

Registration for the International Symposium on Life Care Planning remains strong, according to the IALCP section representative to the board, Susan Riddick Grisham. The Symposium has also drawn strong vendor/service provider support. [Click here to see the event's agenda.](#)



Contemporary Challenges  
in Life Care Planning  
2010 International Symposium on Life Care Planning



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## IARP Plans 2012 International Conference

In June of this year the IARP Board of Directors approved a new international meeting to be held in the spring of 2012. Ann Wallace, IARP board member at large, recently summarized the rationale for the conference:

- There are many members who practice in more than one or two section areas and an international meeting will permit them to attend different tracks;
- With over 225 members at large who do not belong to a chapter, an international meeting fills their need to learn and to network; and
- IARP has a tradition of awards, chapter leadership meetings, and annual meeting that can be re-introduced at this international meeting.



The primary purposes of this international conference are:

- Provide another membership benefit and increase member retention
- Offer another reason to join IARP
- Provide members opportunity to explore other practice areas
- Contribute another opportunity to earn CEUs
- Network and mentor with peers
- Develop leadership opportunities within IARP
- Earn a profit for IARP

## Site Selection Underway

The 2012 RFP proposal for a site has been submitted by Marcie McGlynn, IARP meetings manager, to three locations: Dallas, Atlanta, and Chicago. Dates and venues are being considered in April, May, or June. Ann Wallace and Lynne Tracy have been appointed 2012 International Conference chairs. Two representatives from each section and the Council of Chapter Presidents will serve on the planning committee.



Both Lynne and Ann are considering keynote and pre-con speakers with Myers-Briggs training certification. Together with Marcie McGlynn, the co-chairs are reviewing meeting evaluations and member surveys to identify potential speakers and topics. The Health Care Reform Act is likely to be a major theme. Pat Decoteau has suggested approaching Tim Fields for a "special issue" on Health Care Reform Act and its implications for IARP sections/members.

Members are encouraged to contact Ann Wallace at [ann@wallacerehab.com](mailto:ann@wallacerehab.com) or Lynne Tracy at [lynnetracy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lynnetracy@sbcglobal.net) with questions and suggestions for the 2012 International Conference. The CM/DM conference will not be offered in the spring of 2012.



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## Special Task Force Assembled

A special study of IARP chapter financial management procedures has been instituted by a task force of chapter presidents, including Debbie Frost (West Virginia), Wes Jones (Canada), Alan Sokol (Florida), Patrick Decoteau (New England and IARP treasurer) and Carl Wangman. The results of the survey and subsequent recommendations to the IARP Board of Directors and Council of Chapter Presidents will formalize changes to chapter financial management and reporting, according to President Isom.

## Forensic Section Reports Strong Conference Bookings, Healthy Increase in IARP Connect activity

Angie Heitzman, the forensic section representative to the IARP board, offered these highlights:

- Advance bookings at the Astor Crown Plaza Hotel in New Orleans are running 10% ahead of the comparable period last year for the forensic conference in November;
- The number of section members subscribed to the eGroup has risen dramatically and now stands at 224. There were 37 postings on August 26.

## IARP Makes Donation to Gale Gibson Scholarship Fund

The board also approved a request from Jeff Truthan, SkillTran LLC, that IARP donate \$1,000 from the proceeds of the widely attended and highly rated recent webinar "[Job Numbers and Labor Market Resources for Occupations](#)" to the Gale Gibson Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Jeff for his great work on the webinar and for this very thoughtful request.

## Chapter News

### Wisconsin Plans Fall Seminar

The IARP Wisconsin will be holding its 2010 fall seminar on 10/08/2010 at Sentry World in Stevens Point. This interactive seminar will include presentations from physicians and adjusters on current medical and case handling issues in medical and vocational rehabilitation, updated information on labor market trends, and discussion on the use of job analyses and accommodations in returning people to work. Please contact any board member with questions. We look forward to your presence at this stimulating seminar!

IARP Wisconsin is also working with IARP HQ on a new Web site. Stay tuned for more details.

## Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

### Forensic eGroup:

- Hearsay in rehab work
- Household service
- Immigrant work status

### SS-VE eGroup:

- SGA levels by year
- BPA extension

### Coffee Talk eGroup:

- Katrina and IARP Auction
- Why I am not hiring

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## IARP Chapter News (continued from page 3)

### Carolinas Chapter Welcomes New Board, Plans More Events

IARP of the Carolinas Chapter would like to congratulate and welcome the new members of its board. Per the elections, the following individuals constitute the representation for IARP of the Carolinas: president – Nancy Wells, vice president – Carla Marshburn, past president – Jane Rouse, treasurer – Barbara Pollock, secretary – Kathy Thaman, and members at large – Dr. Chad Betters, Cindy Boyd, Jodie Nolf, George Page, and Dr. Nancey Tsai. All of the board members are looking forward to a very productive year and will continue to promote and advocate for the private sector of rehabilitation within the Carolinas.

Additional chapter news includes a successful conference held in Carolina Beach, NC, which offered a significant opportunity for training and networking for the attendees. The next full day conference is tentatively planned for May 2011, and details will be provided as they are solidified. Lastly, the chapter continues to sponsor the North Carolina Workers' Compensation statutes (Rehab Rules) educational programs. A seminar was held in Raleigh on August 19 and one is planned for Charlotte on November 19th.

### Oregon Chapter Prepares for Upcoming Conference

OARP 2010 FALL CONFERENCE  
Holiday Inn Wilsonville  
7:30 AM – 4:00 PM  
Friday, September 10, 2010  
6.5 CEUs applied for including 1.5 Ethics  
CRCC, CDMS, & CCMC  
Register on line by 9/03  
More details at: <http://oarp.org>

Highlights from the up-coming 2010 Fall conference:

- Krishna Balusubramani – Updates in Employment Law: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
- Elaine Gumc – 120 Rules
- Carol Gabrieli – Talking about Diversity. Preparing my Heart and Mind for the Other
- Teresa Pacelli – Do Twice the Work in Half the Time
- Perry Grossman, MD – Recovery Based Treatment of Opiate Dependency: A Win-Win Proposition for Everyone
- Tina Anctil, PhD – Counselor Ethics

Oregon Chapter also presented Linda Hill with the Outstanding Rehabilitation Counselor of the Year Award for 2009.

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## SSVE Section Update

The SSVE section has initiated a fundraising campaign to support hiring a Government Relations Representative. The goal of hiring the government relations representative is to address the inadequate fee schedule paid to Social Security Vocational Experts.

IARP-SSVE met with several government relations firms in Washington D.C. [Akerman Senterfitt](#) was selected as the SSVE Government Relations representative based on their experience in working with the Social Security Administration, the Social Security Subcommittee and their work on Federal Disability Policy. They represent NADR (National Association of Disability Representatives) and assisted them in obtaining their June 2010 fee increase. Louis Enoff a former Social Security Acting Commissioner is a consultant at Akerman Senterfitt.



The proposed budget for the government relations campaign as outlined by Ackerman Senterfitt is \$100,000. The goal of the government relations campaign is to raise awareness of the effect the 1979 rate has on SSA's ability to schedule cases, deal with the backlog of hearings, recruit and retain skilled vocational experts, and ensure that vocational opinions are of the highest quality. The government relations representative will make sure our message is heard by key members of the House Ways and Means, Social Security Subcommittee, Senate Finance and SSA.

IARP-SSVE has developed excellent contacts with the ODAR Commissioner Sklar's Office, the SSA Office of the Inspector General, the Congressional Subcommittee on Social Security, House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees, the Social Security Advisory Board, and the Government Accountability Office; Workforce & Income Security Team but we need a constant presence in Washington if we want to bring our issue to the table. We have certainly raised our visibility and made the cornerstone of our fee campaign the relationship between the ability of SSA to address the mounting backlog and the availability of SSVE being paid a 30-year fee. The key members of Congress and SSA have acknowledged the issue but to get them to act on it we have to provide constant pressure and a professional lobbyist is the key.

A well-structured government relations campaign will have the effect of delivering a sense of national importance and urgency to our issue, inform and persuade key legislators and regulators of the fee issue and obtain support for change.

There are 510 IARP SSVE's if each person gave \$250 (=3 hearings) we would reach our goal of \$100,000. We would hope that all IARP-SSVE's would make this investment in their profession and future income but realize that some will not give and allow other SSVE's to take the lead. We are suggesting all SSVE's donate \$500 (=6 hearings) and we will definitely be able to meet our fundraising goal, engage the lobbyist and secure a fair and appropriate contract.

Donations can be accepted online on the IARP website, by choosing donate to the SSVE Government Affairs Fund at: <http://www.rehabpro.org/sections/ss-ve>

Donations can also be mailed to:  
International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals  
1926 Waukegan Road, Suite 300,  
Glenview, IL 60025-1770  
\*\*note on the check--SSVE Govt. Relations

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Amy Vercillo SCD, LRC, CRC, CDMS  
SSVE Chair





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## I am IARP Featured Profile

Meet Elizabeth Watson, a case manager and forensic expert with more than 20 years experience.

"When I graduated from undergraduate school, a family friend was a rehabilitation counselor and the more I learned about rehabilitation counseling the more interested I became. I started graduate school and have never looked back.



Over my rehabilitation career, I have worked in many settings. In 2004, I started my own company and although there are many challenges to running your own business, I enjoy the freedom that working for myself allows. However, if not for fellow rehabilitation professionals that willingly share their experiences and suggestions, I do not think that I would be as successful in my own practice.

There will always be a need for rehabilitation professionals and there are so many different settings to work in ...and there is always something new to learn."

[Read Elizabeth's complete profile](#)

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## IARP Webinar Series

October 13, 2010

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

### Clinical Judgment

This program addresses the meaning and intent of "clinical judgment" within the context of forensic rehabilitation consulting based on peer-reviewed journal articles regarding this methodology. Ample time will be reserved for questions and comments.

#### Presenters:

- Timothy Field, PhD, President, Elliott and Fitzpatrick, Inc.
- Anthony Choppa, MEd, CRC, CCM, Co-founder, OSC Vocational Systems, Inc.
- Cloie Johnson, MEd, ABVE/D, CCM, OSC Vocational Systems, Inc.

[Click here for complete event details.](#)

Application has been made for 2.0 CEUs from CRCC, CDMS, CVE, CWA, CVE, CLCP, MSCC

## IARP Webinar Series

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- What Works at Work Following TBI
- SSDI Clients' Options for Returning to Competitive Employment
- Adaptive Transportation Safety
- SSA Vocational Experts: The Basics
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