

## Wisconsin League for Nursing

The Communiqué

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## **Membership Update**

Here is the link to register or renew http://www.wisconsinwln.org

Membership Q & A: Q. If I am a member of the NLN, am I automatically a member of my state constituent league? A. No, membership in the WLN is separate from the NLN membership even though they support the same mission.

Q. What is the membership fee and what is it used for?

A. The WLN membership fee is \$25 annually and is used to support the mission of the NLN.

Q. Are the Board members paid? A. No, all board members in the WLN volunteer their time to support the overall mission of the NLN/WLN.

Q. How can I become a Board member?A. Nominations are held annually in January byWLN members. You must first be a member of theWLN to run for a position.

Q. What are the benefits of joining the WLN?

A. Eligibility for leadership in the only organization representing all levels of nursing education. Subscription to the Communique Newsletter designed to keep you current in your professional skills and up to date with healthcare trends and issues. Direct avenue for input into nursing and healthcare for a position.

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Membership Update Continued

WLN currently has 43 current members

Please encourage colleagues to consider membership

The 2018 Fall Conference has been cancelled for this year. Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding the Spring 2019 WLN Conference.

## **Financial Corner**

Treasurer's Report by Maureen T. Greene As of June 2018, WLN has \$51,408.42 with \$45,855.00 available for scholarship, leaving a working balance of \$5553.42. The Deutsche Bank Investment account has a balance of \$54,671.01 demonstrating a \$2932.72 gain!



#### Wisconsin League for Nursing Presidents Report

Welcome to the Wisconsin League for Nursing (WLN)!

The WLN is a recognized affiliate of the National League for Nursing (NLN) and serves to further the mission of the NLN by advancing quality education to meet the unique needs of diverse populations in an ever-changing healthcare environment.

This past June the WLN board met during our annual retreat to welcome our newest board members, plan the Fall 2018 Conference, and revise the strategic plan. Thank you to immediate past president, Suzanne Williamson, for her leadership during her 2016-2018 term. During her presidency and through the work of the Board, the WLN earned the NLN Constituent League Innovations Award, provided continuing education credits (CEU) at the Fall 2017 Conference, launched an inter-coLEAGUE event with the Illinois League for Nursing in 2016 drawing over 100 attendees, and disseminated more than \$63,000 in nursing scholarships.

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- > Director of Marketing and Communication: Trish Flannery
- > Nominations Committee: Emily Herbert, Kris Voigt, and Chris Sima

#### Thank you to our Continuing Board Members:

- Treasurer: Dr. Maureen Greene
  - Secretary: Sheryl Scott
- Programs Committee: Dr. Julie Teeter
- Membership Committee: Cherie Tenfel
- > Scholarship Committee: Dr. Nancy Stuever and Dr. Linda Matheson

Thank you to those leadership team members who have invested their time and talents to serving the WLN including Dr. Susan Mours, Vicki Hulback, and Jacquelyn Griesbach. We appreciate the work you have done to advance the goals of the WLN and mission of the National League for Nursing!

#### **NLN Ambassadors**

A goal of the WLN is to build a diverse, sustainable, member-led organization with the capacity to deliver our mission effectively, efficiently, and in accordance with our values. If you are an ambassador for the National League for Nursing, we would like to connect with you to reach out to faculty and nurse educators who may not be involved with the WLN or NLN and share the benefits. We would further like to honor you on our website! Please send an email to let us know you are serving in this capacity so together, we may promote excellence in nursing education to build a strong and diverse nursing workforce.

#### NLN Education Summit 2018 – Celebrating 125 Years of Leadership in Nursing Education

This year's NLN Education Summit is being held in Chicago, Illinois September 12-14<sup>th</sup>. If you've been to the NLN Education Summit in the past, you know how valuable the networking and educational sessions are. This year you won't want to miss out on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration that will make this year's Summit one to remember. To register, go to <u>http://www.nln.org/calendar/event-details/2018/09/12/default-calendar/nln-education-summit-2018</u> I hope to see you there!

Thank you for all that you do! Whether you're teaching patients, promoting the professional development of nurses,

educating nursing students, or developing research, you are impacting the quality of health in our great state! The Wisconsin League for Nursing is here to support you.

Sincerely yours,

April +. Folgert

April L. Folgert, PhD, RN WLN President



## WLN Spring 2018 Conference Review

This year's Spring event was held at the Inspire Center at Gateway Technical College on April 25, 2018. The Wisconsin League for Nursing again hosted a co-sponsored event with the Illinois League for Nursing. Nurses and nursing students from Illinois and Wisconsin attended the event. The dinner presentation was conducted by Dr. Jane Paige PhD, RN, CNE, CHSE. Her presentation was titled *"Focusing your Energies: Targeting your Faculty Training Needs in Simulation Practices."* Her presentation was insightful and useful to all that attended.

# We would like to acknowledge Gateway Technical College for your generosity in hosting this event!







## Wisconsin League for Nursing

The Wisconsin League for Nursing has scholarship funds available for students enrolled in graduate nursing programs with a gerontology-related focus who live and/or work (or intend to work) in a primarily rural location in the state of Wisconsin. One-time scholarships will be awarded in 2018 in amounts up to \$3500! If you are interested (or know someone who might be interested) in this scholarship, please go to the WLN website at <u>http://www.wisconsinwln.org/scholarships</u> and click on the Bader Gerontology Scholarship Application link. Application for this scholarship must be made online through the WLN website and submitted no later than October 1, 2018. If you have further questions or encounter problems with the website, please contact Dr. Maureen Greene, Bader Scholarship Coordinator, at mtgreene22@gmail.com.

## **Call for Scholarship**

#### The Helen Daniels Bader Scholarship application remains available on our website <u>www.wisconsinwln.org</u>

#### Please share this page with potential prospects!

Helen Daniels Bader Fund (HDBF) supports a grant through WLN's efforts to promote advanced nursing studies, with an emphasis on gerontology in rural areas of Wisconsin. The WLN offers tuition support to individuals who will focus on gerontology as they pursue an advanced practice nursing degree or post-master's certificate of education degree. An additional grant subsidy by the HDBF focuses on adult geriatric certification of registered nurses and advanced practice nurses in the immediate post-graduation period. This unique grant reimburses eligible applicants who do not have financial support from employers to take the certification tests.

### Wisconsin League for Nursing Roster WLN Officers

PRESIDENT (two-year term)	PRESIDENT- ELECT (two-year term)	SECRETARY (three-year term)	TREASURER (three-year term)
2018 - 2020	2018-2020	2017-2020	2016-2019
April Folgert afolgert@gwc.aurora.edu		Sheryl Scott sheryl.scott@wlc.edu	Maureen Greene <u>mtgreene22@gmail.com</u>

## **Board of Directors (three-year term)**

Director: Membership	Director: Programs	Co-Director: Programs	Director: Marketing & Communications
2017-2020	2016-2019	2018-2020	2018-2021
Cherie Tenfel	Julie Teeter	Emily Herbert	Patricia Flannery
tenfelc@gtc.edu	teeterj@gtc.edu	herberte@gtc.edu	pflannery@carthage.edu

### Nominations Committee (April 2018 – April 2019)

Kris Voigt	Christine Sima	Nominations	Open position	Open position
voigtk@!gtc.edu	simac@gtc.edu	Chair		
		Cherie Tenfel		
		tenfelc@gtc.edu		