

Wisconsin League for Nursing

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2016

Governing Board and Membership

- Eight Board Members. Four members on Executive Board
- Board members must be members of the WLN
- Monthly meetings
- \$25.00
- 30 (significant drop in past year – have new membership chair to reclaim members and attract new.

Mission/vision

WLN Vision

The Wisconsin League for Nursing will be a leader in the promotion of nursing education to enhance the quality of health and health care in Wisconsin.

WLN Mission

The purpose of the Wisconsin League for Nursing is to support and implement the mission of the National League for Nursing, Inc. to advance quality nursing education to meet the unique needs of diverse populations in an ever changing health care environment at the constituent level.

Strategic Plan Goals

Goal I Leader in Nursing Education: *Enhance the NLN's national and international impact as the recognized leader in nursing education.*

Goal II Commitment to Members: *Build a diverse, sustainable, member-led organization with the capacity to deliver our mission effectively, efficiently, and in accordance with our values.*

Goal III Champion for Nurse Educators: *Be the voice of nurse educators and champion their interests in political, academic, and professional arenas.*

Goal IV Advancement of the Science of Nursing Education: *Promote evidence-based nursing education and the scholarship of teaching.*

Important Action Steps to Support the Strategic Plan Goals

Promote NLN Ambassadors at schools of nursing

Promote attendance at NLN Summit

Bring nationally known NLN leadership to state conferences and meetings.

Develop active membership plan/reduce membership fees/discounts to conferences, workshops, and prep courses.

Board membership in key state/national organizations: WNC, WCN, ANEW, NLN

Collaborate with WCN in key initiatives, support communications relating to nursing and nursing education policy and funding.

Professional Development (Annual fall conference, Certified Nurse Educator prep courses, ACES workshops, scholarship leading to degree or certification in gerontological nursing)

Scholarship funding at all levels of nursing education including LPN, ADN, BSN, MS, PhD, and DNP. (awarded over \$30,000 in 2015).

Scholarship funding leading to certifications and degrees in gerontological nursing via Helen Bader Philanthropies.

Strategy Alignment

Wisconsin issue #1 There is a shortage of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) to meet current and future access and health needs in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Issue #3 There is a need to expand educational capacity to meet the projected demand for 7,500 new graduates annually by 2020, based upon forecasting models from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Office of Economic Advisors. Scholarships for students pursuing nursing education at all levels.

Wisconsin issue # 4 Currently 53.5% of nurses working in Wisconsin have a BSN, or higher degree. Wisconsin will need to increase the educational capacity of BSN completion programs to support seamless academic progression options to meet the goal of 80% BSN by 2020.

Wisconsin issue #5 Currently, 0.6% of Wisconsin nurses hold a doctoral degree in nursing. To assure an adequate faculty supply, along with increasing diversity, Wisconsin will need to double the number of nurses with doctoral degrees by 2020

Scholarships for students pursuing MSN, PhD, and DNP

Scholarship for nurses pursuing certification or degrees in gerontological nursing

Provide annual programs related to nursing education and faculty development in pursuit of the faculty role; recognition of current Certified Nurse Educators

Members participate in WNC, WCN, ANEW

Strategy Alignment

Wisconsin issue #8 :There is a significant need to enhance nursing and other healthcare workforce data collection and workforce planning

- **Collaborate with existing and new state organizations to promote excellence in nursing education and build a strong nursing workforce in Wisconsin**
- **Develop a WLN Position Statement. Encourage all members to attend Nurses Day at the Capital March 3rd, 2016. Solicit “key issues” from members: email survey, website link, paper survey at WLN Fall Conference**
- **Continue affiliation with Wisconsin Center for Nursing by providing a member director every 3 years**
- **Continue membership in Wisconsin Nursing Coalition**

Strategy Alignment

Wisconsin issue #9 :The nursing workforce in Wisconsin does not mirror the diversity in the state population. Currently the RN nursing workforce is only 6.9% male and only 6.4% in racial/ethnic minorities

- **Fall 2015 annual conference focused on workforce diversity/ Barbara Nichols panel and breakout sessions.**
- **Fall 2016 annual conference set for November 4th, Keynote speaker is Julie Willems Van Dyjk, RN, PhD, co-director “County Health Rankings & Roadmaps”, UW Population Health Institute. Will discuss Wisconsin’s state of health and impact on nursing.**

Final Thoughts

The Wisconsin League for Nursing is the only professional nurse organization in the State of Wisconsin with a mission and vision that promotes the health of the population through promotion and support of nurse educators. The WLN remains an essential and vital organization in the landscape of nurses and nurse educators. The WLN is a constituent league of the National League for Nursing, creating linkages with national and global nursing initiatives.