



Welcome to WNA's Health Policy and Grass Roots Advocacy Conference – Before we begin...

1. Find and write down who your State Senator and Assembly Representative is by going to <http://legis.wisconsin.gov/> (right side of home page scroll down to "Who are my Legislators". Enter your home address, If a Wisconsin Resident)
2. Fill out the first section of the Evaluation Form



Who is the Wisconsin Nurse Association?

The Wisconsin Nurses Association (WNA) is the premier organization representing the interests of Wisconsin's 90,000 registered nurses. WNA advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing practice, promoting a safe and ethical work environment, bolstering the health and wellness of nurses, and advocating on health care issues that affect nurses and the public. WNA is at the forefront of improving the quality of health care for all.

WNA Government Affairs Work

- WNA Public Policy Council – elected members and FNLA awardees
 - Develop the Public Policy Agenda for the Biennium
 - Describes legislative priorities for nurses and our patients [WNA's 2019-2020 Public Policy Agenda](#)
 - Used when taking positions on legislative proposals
 - Take positions on legislation of interest to WNA that impacts nurses and patients (Actively Support, Support, Oppose, Actively Oppose)
 - Monitor legislation
 - Work on the development of legislation of interest to WNA members

Welcome and Overview of the Day
Linda Gobis, MS, RN, JD
President Wisconsin Nurses Association

WNA : the voice for professional nursing
in the Wisconsin legislature

Michael Jaeb, BSN, RN
WNA Public Policy Council
WNA Future Nurse Leader Awardee

Government Affairs Work

- Data Collection and reporting for use in supporting or opposing legislation
- Meet with law makers to work on legislation or report position
- Inform members of pending legislation that requires legislator contact
 - Webinars
 - Website postings
 - Email blasts
 - "Nurses Voice" Grass roots advocacy action alert platform

Government Affairs Work

- Provide testimony
- Education
- Annual Nurses Day at the Capitol
 - Provides opportunity to meet with legislators on topics important to WNA and other nurses
 - Strategies for influencing policy
- First Fall Policy Conference for undergrad and graduate level nursing students.



Personal thoughts on Nurses
Role in Health Policy