



MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION
of LACTATION CONSULTANTS

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President's Newsletter

MALC Board

Our last meeting was held on August 19th. Our main focus was the fall conference. We also explored, "What other events or projects can we offer our members?" We are determined to offer more educational & networking opportunities! Please contact any of us on the board to share your ideas!

USLCA

The quarterly conference call for all Chapters in the U.S. was held on 9/5/19. It was exciting to hear what is happening in our field across the U.S! I informed them we currently have 61 MALC members. We were reminded that there are many free benefits for Chapters to take advantage of, including the print shop, handouts, webinars & free advertising. A Chapter from Wisconsin, WALC, shared that they usually have 350 people attend their annual conference! We shared ideas about how to grow our organization.

Annual Fall Conference

Join Us on November 15, 2019, 7:15-4:00

Registration: Eventbrite.com

We are so excited to announce that Alison Hazelbaker, Ph.D, IBCLC, is our speaker this fall! Dr. Hazelbaker maintains a private practice in Columbus, Ohio. She has been a La Leche League Leader for over 30 years and a practicing lactation consultant for nearly 30 years. She incorporates her special training in Cranio-Sacral Therapy and Lymphatic Drainage Therapy into her lactation practice. She authored the "Assessment Tool for Lingual Frenulum Function" and invented the Hazelbaker(TM) FingerFeeder. She is one of the few lactation consultants who earned a graduate degree in human lactation (Master's.) Dr. Hazelbaker also holds a doctorate in Psychology, specializing in Energetic and Transformational Healing. Dr. Hazelbaker mothered her five children through long-term breastfeeding & is the proud grandmother of two breastfed grandchildren, Aidan & Eva.

Conference Site: VistaTech Center, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Rd, Livonia, MI 48152

Carrie Pawlowski & Elaine Webber are the Conference Co-Chairs for this year's conference. Conference planning takes many emails, phone calls and personal time to make our conference a success. Be sure to thank Carrie & Elaine when you see them in November! L-Cerps and Nursing Contact Hours have been requested.

USLCA

Registration/renewal forms will be available to join USLCA at our fall conference. Please renew or join with MALC as part of our group discounted membership. As a member you will receive the journal, Clinical Lactation, and be eligible to download webinars and participate in conferences at a discounted price.

Michigan IBCLC Licensure

The Michigan Licensure Committee has lost momentum, but recently some IBCLC's on the western side of the state are meeting with State Representatives and trying to get back on track. I would love to have some of our MALC Members be a part of this group. Licensure will help with obtaining insurance reimbursement for care provided by IBCLC's. . Please contact me or another MALC Board Member if you would like to take on a small or large project as part of an Action Group for Licensure.

MALC Board Elections

Board elections are not until December, 2020, but start thinking of volunteering for your turn on the MALC Board. Although we love being on the Board, some of us, have served for quite a few years and would love to see some new faces!

We have an open position for the position of Treasurer. This position will receive mentoring before assuming the position. Maintaining up-to-date financial reports for every board meeting, e-filing non-profit tax reports, collecting membership money, and paying all bills incurred by MALC are the main responsibilities.

MALC Membership

Our membership year runs from 9/1-8/31. This is to make it convenient for you to join or renew your membership at the same time as registering for the fall conference to receive a discounted registration fee. So, reserve & renew!

Hope to see you on November 15th! Please contact me by email with any questions, or if you have ideas you would like to share: huladeb@gmail.com

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