

## **Spring Newsletter 2021**

### **Western District**

Last week was the State Board Meeting and much information was voted on. I will try to detail for you the items that will be of importance to you at this time. If you have any questions on anything, don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

### **Advocacy Day**

Advocacy Day is coming up on April 14 and will be virtual. You will have to register, and information for joining in on your computer-or listening in by phone will be available when you register.

### **Spring District Meeting**

Our Spring District meeting will also be virtual. It will be held on Thursday, May 20. We will be having call to order, meditation, pledge, roll call, budget proposal, our State Officers will speak, as well as, we will hold an election of officers. I will be leaving the District Chair position and Donna Nelson from Viroqua will be moving up. It will be starting at 9:00, I believe, and only be a morning session. You will have to get a list of people that wish to attend, and their email addresses to me by mid March. I will then turn these in to set up the meeting. Again, you can either attend using your computer, or as a call in, which is information you will receive with your on-line invitation. We will have a practice session the week before to see if anyone is having problems. It may be possible for several to get together on one computer, or even in your hospital. If that is the case, just one email address is needed. There will be handouts as usual for our meeting, and I will send those to the local presidents and ask they make copies and get them to those taking part virtually to our District Meeting.

### **Dues**

Dues will not be collected by the state this year, as it is understood that we were not able to hold our normal fundraising events. Dues were not required last year either, for the same reason. If you did pay your dues in 2020, it will be applied to 2022.

### **Wave**

WAVE Award applications will be received in the next couple of weeks. There has been a couple of changes. One is that they have waved the two year "in place" for any event you wish to nominate. If you have a project that you implemented this past year, you can place it in nomination. The other change is that they have added a new category to the WAVE, that being Public Policy. It will include

programs and activities designed to identify and positively impact health care policies and legislation in our local communities and state.

### **Honor Points**

There were no Honor Points awarded for 2020, with so little opportunity to earn honor points. There are some changes, to earn honor points for 2021. First off, for those taking part in Advocacy Day, you will earn 2 points for one person and 4 points maximum for two or more. For the Spring and Fall District Meetings, you will receive 2 points for one person attending and 4 points maximum for two or more attending. The complete list will be coming your way before the Spring District Meeting.

### **State Convention**

The State Convention will "hopefully" be held face to face at the Madison Marriott October 5-7. The theme will be "Together We Build A Better Future", and more information will be coming later. Our Western District will be hosting the 2022 State Convention at the Chula Vista at the Dells with our theme of "Helping Hands Touching Hearts", as we had when making plans for the 2020 convention that had to be cancelled. We will be calling on all of you again for your help, as you had generously offered this past year.

### **Thank You**

As I mentioned earlier, I will be stepping down from the position of District Chair. I have really enjoyed getting to know and work with all of you. You have been so supportive, and when asked, you have stepped up to help in any way, even in this most unusual year. Thank you and continue to be there for Donna, as you have been for me. She will do a great job and is eager to step into the position. Thank you, and hope to see you at the Spring District virtual meeting and hopefully at Convention! Thank you, also, for everything you do for your hospital and local organization. You contribute so much and know you are appreciated!