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AANLCP NEWSLETTER



Welcome to our April Newsletter! We believe in transparency, growth, communication, and the power of a professional community!

Executive Board News

Dear Members,

We are proud to share that our recent AANLCP conference, held March 13–15 in Orlando, Florida, was an outstanding success. It was truly energizing to gather with such a dedicated community of life care planners, all committed to excellence, growth, and supporting those we serve. The collaboration with the AALNC brought together an amazing mix of professionals who seemed to mix together like we have been doing this combined conference forever!



Throughout the conference, the quality of our educational sessions, the depth of discussion, and the connections formed were exceptional. Being together in Orlando provided a wonderful setting for collaboration, learning, and strengthening professional relationships.

We were especially inspired by the spirit of engagement and the willingness of our members to share their expertise and support one another. This is what makes AANLCP such a strong and respected organization. A special thank you to Jennifer Crowley for serving as our Emcee and helping guide the conference with professionalism and energy. Congratulations to our Association Award winners. We proudly recognize the recipients of the Denise Nelson Ambassador Award: Erin O’Connell, Lisa Gay, Jenn Craigmyle, Rebecca Bailey, and Dana Penilton. Your dedication and leadership exemplify the very best of AANLCP.

We also extend our congratulations to Lisa Gay, recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, in recognition of her outstanding contributions and lasting impact on AANLCP. A heartfelt thank you to our conference committee for their exceptional work in planning and executing this event: Amy Stone, Chair; Jessica Urie; Jenn Masse; Jennifer Holt; Ruth Pierce; Becca Diaz; Christie Mitstifer; and Laurie Morgan. Your time, talent, and commitment made this conference possible.

We also extend our appreciation to Monique Gallery, Event Planner, for her expertise and coordination in bringing this event together seamlessly. Thank you to everyone who attended, presented, and contributed to making this event so meaningful. Your involvement continues to move our profession forward.

We look forward to building on this momentum in the months ahead.

Warm regards,
AANLCP Executive Board

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Outreach Committee



The Outreach Committee continues to host the **AANLCP Huddle**—a dynamic, members-only open forum designed to connect, collaborate, and elevate your life care planning practice. Join us every Monday at 3:00 PM EST for an interactive space where you can ask questions, share insights, discuss challenging cases, and learn from colleagues across the field. Whether you're a seasoned professional or newer to life care planning, this is your opportunity to engage in meaningful conversations and stay connected with your peers. Be sure to check your email for the Zoom link and calendar invite—we look forward to seeing you there!

Conference Committee

The AANLCP 2026 Conference, "Advancing Together" was a huge success! Thank you to all who attended and supported this year's event! Join us in Fort Worth, Texas, from March 10–13, 2027, for the AANLCP Annual Conference, where life care planners come to sharpen their expertise, expand their network, and stay ahead in a rapidly evolving medico-legal landscape. This year's event brings together leading experts, practical insights, and meaningful connections designed to elevate your practice and position you for what's next. A limited number of Early Bird Tickets will be available soon. Secure your spot early and be part of the momentum.



Education Committee

Webinar Wednesdays The Second Wednesday of the Month: 10 am PST / 1 pm EST

Webinar Schedule:

- April 8, 2026** Auditing the Algorithm: AI and Mastering the Human-in-the-Loop Approach
- May 13, 2026** Vehicle Modifications
- June 6, 2026** Adaptive Gaming
- July 8, 2026** Wound Care and Hyperbaric treatment

Please remember, if you can't attend the live recording, if you register you will get access to the recording on demand!

The Fall Conference Committee is beginning preparations for this year's virtual conference and are looking for enthusiastic members to join the team. If you're interested in contributing your ideas and lending a hand with conference planning, please let us know.

Please reach out if you'd like to get involved. Contact: education@aanlcp.org or mdalisay.rn@gmail.com

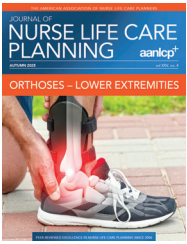


Research Committee

The research is working hard behind the scenes. We are close to publishing the results of the first survey. We continue to meet twice a month.

Mentorship Committee

The mentorship group meets the third Tuesday of every month. Thank you to all of our mentors.



Journal Committee

Upcoming AANLCP Journal Issues

Is there a topic you would like to see covered in the Journal? Would you like to be a part of determining what goes into an issue? We are looking for a few people to join the Journal Committee. If you would like to get involved in the monthly meetings or join the quarterly peer reviews, contact the Journal’s editor, Vanessa, at journal@aanlcp.org.

If you don’t have time, you can always feel free to email ideas on topics and articles you would like to see included to the same email address. Or if you know someone who is interested in submitting an article or know an expert who may be interested in contributing on something in their field, you can send them the Journal’s email address to open a discussion.

If you want to check it out, you are welcome to join our monthly meeting. You can sit in and see what it’s like, contribute ideas, and talk about topics you think could be beneficial in a future issue. We would love to have you. Contact journal@aanlcp.org for an invitation with the link to the meeting.

Issue/Date	Topic	Due To Editor	Out To Reviewers	Due Back From Reviewers
Summer, August 2026	Technological Advances & Costing	June 22, 2026	June 30, 2026	July 8, 2026
Fall, November 2026	Orthoses - Upper Extremities	Sept. 15, 2026	Sept. 22, 2026	Oct. 1, 2026

AANLCP Resources: Find a Life Care Planner



Your AANLCP “Find a Life Care Planner” profile can provide a first impression with referral sources, so keeping it current and strategic is essential. Start by logging into the member portal and reviewing your contact details, geographic coverage, and credentials for accuracy. Clearly outline your services using concise language, so users quickly understand your expertise. Highlight any certifications or unique specialties that differentiate your practice.

Keep in mind that the public directory serves a marketing purpose, while the internal membership directory is more geared toward peer networking. Unlike subcontractor-style listings on other platforms—which often emphasize availability and project scope—your AANLCP profile should reflect your professional brand. As a best practice, set a reminder to review and refresh your profile at least twice per year to ensure it aligns with your current services and business goals.

AANLCP is seeking a current member with marketing and advertising expertise, experience, or an interest in developing these skills to enhance advertising and sponsorship efforts for the Association.

This volunteer role involves direct collaboration with current and potential sponsors, newsletter/journal editors, the outreach committee, conference committees, the board of directors, and Association staff to coordinate marketing across publications, conferences, and our website. The goal is to increase sponsorship income and reduce the financial burden on our members.

This is an excellent opportunity to enhance your resume/CV! If you are interested, please email info@aanlcp.org and include your full contact information, CV or resume, and a short paragraph detailing your marketing/advertising experience.

We are excited to improve and expand our efforts in this area and look forward to hearing from you!

Membership Spotlight:

Shelly Kinney MSN, RN, CNLCP, CCM - President-Elect AANLCP



Hello, I'm Shelly Kinney and I currently serve as president-elect on the AANLCP board of directors. I hold a Master's degree in nursing and reside in Iowa, just across the border from Omaha, Nebraska. For two decades, I have been a certified nurse life care planner and joined AANLCP at the start of my career. Witnessing the Association's remarkable growth and transformation has truly been an honor.

Since 2003, my professional focus has been on rehabilitation, supported by hospital experience in critical care, acute medical rehabilitation, post-acute brain injury rehab, women's health, and case management. After retiring from a combined 21 years in the Air Force and Air Force Reserve, I was fortunate to gain leadership insights from seasoned mentors while practicing those skills in various settings.

AANLCP has offered me numerous chances to develop both as a nurse life care planner and an entrepreneur. Over my years of involvement, I've served on the Journal Committee, peer reviewed articles, spoken at and chaired conferences, contributed to the Scope and Standards of Practice, co-authored chapters in the first Core Curriculum for Nurse Life Care Planning, co-edited its second edition, and am now in my second term on the board. These experiences have enabled

me to observe and influence our Association's progress while supporting our foundational nursing values. Along the way, I've built meaningful professional bonds and friendships with life care planners across the nation and learned from outstanding colleagues in our field.

My goals in this role are:

- Keep championing a strong, nursing-focused approach to life care planning.
- Encourage growth by learning from previous challenges and revisiting initiatives that may have been set aside during leadership changes.
- Create more opportunities for members to share and benefit from their diverse expertise.
- Enhance collaboration with organizations in nursing, case management, and life care planning.
- Raise our profile among healthcare stakeholders so they better recognize the value of working with us.
- Remain attentive to our members and embrace new perspectives.

Please give me a call or send an email if you have a special interest in my goals or ideas to share. I would love to hear them!

Your Executive Board

THANK YOU! We are excited to share information, give you updates about the association, and stay connected. If you have feedback, comments, ideas or something you would like to share, please reach out to info@aanlcp.org.

Best wishes, **Your Executive Board**



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