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AANLCP NEWSLETTER

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

Executive Board News

A Season of Momentum — and What Comes Next

Dear AANLCP Members,

As we move into the summer months, I find myself reflecting on just how much this association has accomplished — and how energized I am about where we are headed. For those who joined us in Orlando this past March for Advancing Together, you already know what a milestone that event was. Partnering with our colleagues at AALNC for the first time in a joint conference was more than a scheduling achievement — it was a statement about the future of collaboration and teamwork. The sessions were exceptional, the energy in the room was palpable, and the conversations that happened in the hallways and at the networking receptions were every bit as valuable as the formal programming. I am proud to say that we left Orlando stronger, more connected, and more unified than ever. On a personal note, I want to say that the breadth of talent in this organization continues to inspire me. As a nurse who has spent more than 30 years in patient care, healthcare administration, and now life care planning and expert consultation, I understand the unique value each of us brings to the legal and clinical spaces where we work. Our members are not simply consultants — we are the bridge between complex medical realities and the legal system's need for clarity and accountability. That work matters. It matters to injured individuals and their families, and it matters to the integrity of the judicial process.

Looking Ahead to the Second Half of 2026 The Executive Board is focused on several priorities as we move forward: Standards of Practice. The updated Scope and Standards review presented at the Annual Member Meeting reflects our commitment to keeping our practice grounded in evidence and professional rigor. We are grateful to the Scope and Standards Committee and Advisory group for their intentful and diligent work on assuring the work we do is a match with current needs and changes within our industry.

Membership Benefits. We are so appreciative of your constant support of AANLCP and truly believe in offering you as members a comprehensive menu of membership benefits. To that end, I would like to thank Jill Smith for her continued work on researching opportunities for AANLCP to work with others to extend the offering of these membership benefits. Jill has been working hard to identify a replacement option for PMIC as a costing resource for our members. We are finding that this is a daunting task, as we have identified two important factors in this: 1. PMIC was really providing us a good product at a really good price point; 2. Most, if not all, of the other costing resource options are much more expensive than what we were paying for PMIC. Rest assured, we are committed to finding a replacement for PMIC, but to be brutally honest and transparent, getting another resource that could be offered for members at no additional cost looks highly unlikely. We will, however, keep you updated as this progresses and always look for ways to augment your membership to AANLCP.



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The 2027 Conference — Fort Worth, Texas. Mark your calendars now. The Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel will be our home March 10–13, 2027. The Conference Committee is already at work, and speaker proposals are being developed. If you have a topic you would like to see addressed — or if you are interested in presenting — please reach out to the conference committee.

Finally, I want to acknowledge something that rarely gets said loudly enough: this association runs on the dedication of volunteers. Board members, committee chairs, committee

members, journal reviewers, and countless others give their time and expertise because they believe in our cause. If you are not yet engaged, I encourage you to step forward. There is a place for you here. It is an honor to serve as your President. Thank you for the trust you place in this organization — and in each other. Here's wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer months.

With gratitude,
Craig Felty, RN, BSN, MBA, FACHE, FIG LCP-C, FIG MCP-C

Outreach Committee

The AANLCP Outreach Committee is pleased to invite members to our ongoing Monday Community Connection Meetings.

These informal, members-only forum discussions provide a welcoming space for education, collaboration, and community-building among nurse life care planners and related professionals. Participants are encouraged to share ideas, ask questions, discuss challenges, and connect with colleagues from across the profession.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Monday, June 22, 2026 • Monday, June 29, 2026

Time: Every Monday at 3:00 PM EST

Format: Online video meeting (informal open forum)

Purpose: Education • Collaboration • Community

We look forward to seeing you each Monday and continuing to strengthen our professional community through meaningful conversation and connection. Email us at outreach@aanlcp.org.



Education Committee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

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

1 CEU • Attend live or watch on demand

Save the Date: Virtual Fall Conference!!!

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

7 am to 1 pm PST / 10 am to 4 pm EST

5 CEUs • 1 speed networking event and unlimited learning • Attend live or watch on demand

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

Conference Committee

SPRING CONFERENCE:

SAVE THE DATE! Join us from March 10–13, 2027, in the vibrant, culture-rich city of Fort Worth, Texas, as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary. This landmark event is more than just a conference; it's a milestone celebration of the dedication, clinical expertise, and legal precision that our members bring to the healthcare and medico-legal landscapes.

Located at the Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel, you'll find yourself positioned perfectly where modern Texas energy meets authentic Western heritage. Walk the historic Stockyards, enjoy world-class dining, and immerse yourself in an unforgettable professional experience.

Tickets & Registration: Early Bird Tickets will be available beginning Fall 2026. Don't miss your chance to secure discounted rates for this historic event.

Join us as we celebrate 30 years of momentum, mentorship, and milestones. We'll see you in Fort Worth!

Mark Your Calendars: Fall Virtual Conference Lineup Announced!

As Life Care Planners, our clinical expertise is only half the battle—knowing how to powerfully wield that expertise in the legal arena is what sets us apart. This year's Fall Virtual Conference is fully loaded with heavy-hitting topics designed to sharpen your litigation skills, bulletproof your testimony, and elevate your practice.

Here is a sneak peek at what we have in store for you:

The Expert's Edge: Practice & Strategy - April Pettingill & James Smith, Esq.

- The Effective Expert Witness: Master the art of testifying with confidence. Learn how to clearly articulate care needs and project future costs strictly within your scope of licensure, utilizing the nursing process and nursing diagnoses.
- Personal Injury vs. Malpractice: Dive deep into the structural differences between these cases and discover exactly how life care planners and expert witnesses inject undeniable value into each.

Inside the Courtroom: Pitfalls & Preparation - Craig Felty & Brook Feerick

- Trial Prep & Cross-Examination Pitfalls: Learn how to dodge the traps opposing counsel sets for you. We will unpack how your deposition testimony directly dictates next steps and trial outcomes.
- Rulings, Case Laws, & Legal Lingo: Demystify the legal terminology and recent case laws that directly impact how you write your reports and practice day-to-day.

Direct Attorney Access - Donald Bardes, Esq.

- Live Open Q&A & Interview Session: Get your burning questions answered during an interactive session with a practicing attorney. Find out exactly what the legal team looks for—and what drives them crazy—when working with nurse experts.

Full registration details will be hitting your inbox soon. Keep an eye on your email so you don't miss out! Email us at conferencecommittee@aanlcp.org.



Research Committee



The Research Committee will publish its first article in the upcoming AANLCP Journal. YAY!!! This has been an adventure, and we are finally seeing the fruits of our labor. The committee has worked tirelessly, meeting twice per month to develop the surveys, interpret the data, and write up the articles. I would like to thank all the committee members who have dedicated hundreds of hours to the committee over the past three years.



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 |

Membership Spotlight:

Kimberly Reen, BSN, BS, RN, CNLCP®, CLCP, FIG LCP-C, FIG MCP-C



5 Fun Facts

1. I collect degrees and certifications like some people collect houseplants. I have two Bachelor of Science degrees (Biology and Nursing) and more Life Care Planning certifications than I can fit on one line. It’s fine. I’ve accepted it.
2. I spent 5 years in the NICU, which means I can stay calm in chaos. If I can manage ventilators, alarms, and newborns the size of burritos, I can handle just about anything life throws at me and function on very questionable amounts of sleep.
3. Life Care Planning is my professional happy place. I’ve spent the last decade deep in Life Care Plans and Medical Cost Projections, especially for pediatric cases. I love the blend of medical knowledge, problem solving, and long term planning — though I still can’t predict when my kids will suddenly need 47 snacks.
4. I volunteer... a lot. I’m heavily involved with the Blood Cancer United Visionary of the Year Campaign, and I loved serving as Chair of the Leadership Committee for 2026. I also genuinely love my work on the AANLCP Research Committee and Mentorship Committee – mentoring others is one of my favorite parts of this field. And yes... I enjoyed being AANLCP Treasurer so much that I didn’t want to leave, so I ran for another two-year term. What can I say? Spreadsheets and I have a bond.
5. My family keeps me grounded, busy, and laughing. I have two kids (12 and 16) and a husband of 20 years. We recently celebrated our anniversary in Europe, where I enjoyed wine, culture, and the rare joy of not hearing “Mom, can you...?”

Mentorship Committee

If you're new to life care planning and are interested in a mentor in order to bounce ideas off of, consider filling out the mentor request form. We have a lot of great mentors who volunteer their time and are willing to share their knowledge. We look forward to hearing from you.



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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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