



USLCA Annual General Meeting 2019

May 17th, 2019 | Meeting location: Scottsdale, AZ

Meeting called by Christine Staricka, President

Type of meeting Annual General Meeting

Facilitator Christine Staricka, President

AGENDA TOPICS

Opening Statements and Welcome | Christine Staricka

Conference Raffle | Danielle Harmon

USLCA Annual Awards | USLCA Board

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- Outstanding Chapter Award: PRO-LC (Pennsylvania Resource Organization for Lactation Consultants)
 - Award of Excellence: Dr. Ellen Chetwynd
 - Terry Jo Curtis Award: Stephanie Carroll
 - President's Award: Judy Levy-Stutsky
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USLCA Guiding Principles | Christine Staricka

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- Members are the lifeblood of USLCA.
 - Recent member-funded and member-focused USLCA programs:
 - 2019 Conference
 - 2017 and 2018 Regional Workshop series
 - Member suggestions and engagement set solid path for future.
 - Two years ago, USLCA noticed that membership levels were in decline.
 - Conducted formal research to investigate possible reasons for decline.
 - Research revealed insight on the need to modify Guiding Principles:
 - Previous policies and limitations causing stagnation.
 - More aspirational mission and vision needed to drive a more sustainable future for USLCA.
 - New principles remind us that mission extends beyond USLCA members.
 - When our profession advances, we elevate the care provided to families everywhere.
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Connector | Michelle Stulberger

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- There are many different organizations in the lactation world, and at times there's confusion about purpose of each.

- Instead of USLCA operating as a “one-stop shop”, it’s more effective for USLCA to convene and connect other organizations and resources.
 - USLCA is committed to being recognized as the professional resource in the US for all lactation care providers.
 - We can enhance that position by connecting to other resources and by building strong professional relationships.
 - Let’s build a bigger comfort zone that attracts new interest, new members, and new energy.
 - Because USLCA is a national organization, we listen to all we represent. We recognize our impact is the strongest at the state and local level.
 - We’re here for you. We’re your professional organization.
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Leader | Dominique Gallo

- USLCA helps individuals become leaders in the lactation field and in the communities in which they practice.
 - Many look to USLCA to mentor and advocate for lactation care providers. USLCA is our professional leader.
 - Lactation care providers support each other:
 - Each one, teach one. We mentor other lactation care providers to make sure each family has necessary support.
 - We rally around others in times of need.
 - Support for one another is the fuel that keeps USLCA going.
 - USLCA’s mentorship program:
 - Allows future providers to join an organization that will provide them with necessary tools to succeed.
 - Allows future providers to find mentors and gain hands-on experience.
 - This makes not only USLCA sustainable, but the lactation profession sustainable as well.
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Trusted Source | Jackee Haak

- It’s important for USLCA to continue to offer relevant information:
 - *Clinical Lactation* journal
 - Regional Workshops
 - Webinars
 - National conference
 - All provide firm foundations in order to build reliable practice.
 - The IBCLC and community of lactation providers, led by USLCA, have become trusted sources of information.
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Advocate | Lisa Brock

- What is an advocate? Champion, Promoter, Protector. We are all advocates.
- USLCA is serving as an advocate by helping to grow the next generation of lactation professionals in health care settings and the community.

- As an Advocate, this is our call to action as brilliant and passionate professionals to empower ourselves with knowledge and intelligence as we work with children and families daily.
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Thanks | Danielle Harmon

- Thanks to the USLCA board and staff.
 - We invite all members to continue to share your thoughts, feelings, questions, and concerns.
 - We are here to better meet your needs. Your views make USLCA better.
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Closing Remarks | Christine Staricka