

2009 ILCA Report for WALC

General News:

USLCA will provide free CERPs for any affiliate program. Will not have to go through IBLCE. Need to get the paperwork in 60 days before the program. (Could do 30 days ahead, but this is hard for them. Could notify them of the intention to have a CERPs program 60 days out, then submit the speaker details 30 days out.)

USLCA has a goal of getting 3,700 members. Had 3,696, so close.

Offer low cost liability insurance.

Melissa Vickers is the new eNews editor.

Webinars for CERPs: goal is to have one a month.

Planning a national conference for 2013, when the ILCA conference will be in Australia.

ILCA Conference – They got a 73% occupancy rate, goal was 80%. The attendance at the conference was down, but ILCA membership numbers are up.

Despite the economic downturn last year, ILCA nevertheless came out in the black.

The financial advisor from the management company advised rearrangement of the ILCA finances last year. As a result, ILCA finances were down 2%, but others are down much more. ILCA started with a new management company in January 2009.

Winnie Mading was specially recognized by Chris Mulford.

Roberta Graham de Escobedo read aloud Josephine's letter and thanked WALC for demonstrating partnerships at their best.

Next year is ILCA's 25th anniversary. The conference will be in San Antonio, Texas, July 21 – 25, 2010.

The Next VELB Conference will be in Basel, Switzerland, October 21 – 23, 2010.

Cathy Carruthers will be the next ILCA president in 2010.

JCAH took recommendations from the National Academy Forum. By October 1, 2010, all hospitals that are members of JCAH will get recommendations on exclusive breast milk feeding. By April 1, 2010 they will be asked to collect data on this, and will be assessed on their exclusive breast milk feeding rates. For more information, see: <http://www.jointcommission.org/PerformanceMeasurement/PerformanceMeasurement/Perinatal+Care+Core+Measure+Set.htm>

Third WABA Forum in Quebec, June 14 – 17, 2010: “Birthing the World, Nurturing the Future.”

The complementary feeding preconference workshop by WHO was praised. (“Complementary Feeding: Why it has been neglected and what lactation consultants need to know.”) It will be repeated in San Antonio next year.

Diane Wiessinger is working on a new edition of “The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding” with Teresa Pitman and Diana West.