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A Message From the President Rick Kronberg, LCSW, CSADC, CEAP



Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy and successful New Year for 2016!

As we look back over the 2015, a number of accomplishments for our Chapter come to mind. The most prominent being our annual conference where we had record number of attendees (304), exhibitors (70), advertisers (30) and food sponsors (31), which resulted in record for net income (\$26,249). 91% of those who attended reported they thought the conference was beneficial and 77% reported the presentations attended were very good (Strongly agreed or agreed). Thanks to conference Chair Linda Lewaniak and co-Chair Maureen Collins and the conference committee for their hard work putting together such a tremendous day! We will use the participant feedback and revenue earned to continue to improve the conference.

NIEAPA has continued to grow and change. We are now over 200 members with a very active volunteer Board and well-functioning committees that are the core of the services we provide to the membership. My wish for this year is for many members to continue to be involved in one of the many activities offered by our Chapter. An immediate opportunity would be to participate on the Conference planning committee for our 38th Annual NIEAPA Conference on June 7, 2016. You can contact the Chapter office or Maureen Collins and Kathy Horton, this year's Conference Co-Chairs, for more information.

At our October Chapter meeting, on 10/16 at the IBEW Hall in Warrenville, we had an excellent presentation on **"Legal and Ethical Issues in Employee Assistance Programs"**, by: **Joe Monahan of Monahan Law Group, LLC and Valerie Jencks of Prairie Family Therapy**. This special 3 hour presentation that met the licensing requirements for Ethics training. The biannual ethics training to meet license requirements has been done for a number of years by NIEAPA. At our last Board meeting, we committed to also provide a training on **Diversity**, biannually on the alternate years, as this has become a requirement for many professionals. In addition, we will be sponsoring a seminar on some topic related to diversity every year, in our attempt (as one member put it) "to make diversity more a part of our organizations fabric".

Another highlight for 2015 was the EAPA World Conference held the first weekend in October in sunny San Diego, CA. We continue to be well represented by NIEAPA (Continued on next page...)

Register Now for 2016 NIEAPA Chapter Meetings:

February 19 [Register Here](#) (More info on Page 3)
April 15 [Register Here](#)
June 7 [\(Conference\)](#)

August 19 [Register Here](#)
October 21 [Register Here](#)
December 9 [Register Here](#)

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members involved with our International Association. On the EAPA Board of Directors, Steven Haught, CEAP, continues to serve as Immediate Past President and Chris Drake, LCSW, CEAP is a Director at Large. Andrea Landsman, LCSW, who was finished her term as Director at Large, is now serving on The Employee Assistance Certification Commission (EACC). Chet Taranowski, PhD, CEAP, presented "Advocating for Positive Leadership" and Terri Lee, LCSW, CEAP, was part of a panel presenting "Connecting in Today's Fast Paced Environment: Video Based EAP Sessions".

The keynote address presentations, that began each of the 3 days of the conference, were excellent, as always covering areas titled, "21st Century EAP", "The Clear View From Here: Scenes of EAPs Past, Present & Future", and "Evidence Based Assessment in Crisis Response". The big news is that the 2016 World conference will be held in Chicago! We had a small group of our members present a welcoming invitation to the conference attendees, promising a great experience for those who come to Chicago for this year's conference. As the host committee, I hope that many you will get involved to help us keep this promise to our guests at this conference to be held October 31- November 3. Check out the video on the EAPA website home page, <http://www.eapassn.org/>.

Rick D. Kronberg, LCSW, CEAP

A Message From the Vice President
Charley Galassini, LCPC, CSADC, CEAP, IBEW Local 701

As we have closed the book on 2015 it is important to start thinking about important dates for 2016. NIEAPA has a full schedule of great events scheduled for 2016. It is never too early to get your schedule book out and save the dates. As you know, NIEAPA has a regular schedule of Chapter meetings. I hope you will put the following dates on your calendar and I hope to see you at these great educational events. The dates are: February 19, April 15, August 19, October 21, and December 9. As a note, if you would be interested in presenting or you know someone who has a presentation that would be of interest, you can find all the information on the NIEAPA website.



Another date to get on your calendar is June 7th. This is the date of the NIEAPA annual conference. It will be held at the Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace again this year. As you would assume a lot of work has already been under way to make this year's event one that will exceed your expectations. The process of selecting the presenters is wrapping up soon and before you know it you will be seeing the brochure. I hope that you will set this date aside. It is a great learning opportunity, an excellent time to meet the exhibitors in person and learn about the services available for you to assist your clients, and a time to see old friends.

Lastly Chicago is the site for EAPA's annual conference. The dates are October 31 through November 3. You can go to the EAPA website for information. If you have not gone to an annual EAPA conference, this is your chance since it is right here in Chicago. This is a great opportunity to have presenters from all over the country come to our great city and share their expertise.

I hope you will take to time to get your schedule book out and put these dates on your calendar and I hope to see you there.

Charley Galassini LCPC, CSADC, CEAP, LAP-C
Director IBEW Local 701 Member's Assistance Program

NIEAPA February 19 Chapter Meeting

“When ‘Nothing’ Happened!”

Best practices learned from the successful resolution of troubling and threatening workplace situations

Presented By:

**Steven B. Uhrik, Scott Cullen-Benson and Nancy Bourke,
with the Association of Threat
Assessment Professionals**

Location: Presence Life Connections
18927 Hickory Creek Drive,
3rd Fl, Suite 300, Birch & Elm Conf Rms
Mokena, IL 60448

Food Sponsor: Elmhurst Professionals Program

[Click Here](#) to register today!

Post Your Event on the NIEAPA Calendar!

NIEAPA offers professional organizations the opportunity to post events on the NIEAPA Website [CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#).

Events must be related to EAP, Behavioral Health, Work/Life, Health, and/or Home Health. The Calendar is free to both NIEAPA members and non-members.

Companies wishing to post can [submit requests here](#).

Please be sure it includes all of the information requested on the NIEAPA form. Postings will be subject to review and approval process.

For additional information, please contact NIEAPA@CorpEvent.com by email or call us 312-756-7756.

Save the date! - 2016 NIEAPA Conference

Please join us at the 38th Annual NIEAPA Conference, on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace.

- **Exhibitors** - for more information and to register please [Click Here](#).
- **Attendees** - for more information and to register please [Click Here](#).

JOB POSTINGS ON NIEAPA WEBSITE

NIEAPA is offering members and others within professional organizations the opportunity to post EAP and EAP-related job openings.

Companies wishing to post, please download the form on www.NIEAPA.org/jobs and follow the instructions.

Is your organization interested in hosting and/or sponsoring a NIEAPA Chapter Meeting?

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