



Update from the Wisconsin Sleep Society

FROM THE WISCONSIN SLEEP SOCIETY (WSS) PRESIDENT

Greetings to all. The dog days of summer are at an end and as I sit to write these thoughts, there is a distinct crispness to the air (48° in fact!), the Packers have emerged from the preseason with 3 wins and no one is hurt, so life is good.

The kids are heading back to school and so must we dust off the (summertime) cobwebs of our minds and get back to the good work of advancing the mission of our society which in part is: *to promote increased awareness of sleep medicine and sleep disorders treatment AND to provide a unified voice for sleep professionals in matters of insurance reimbursement, testing standards and the application of treatment modalities for sleep disorders.*

The field of sleep medicine is growing like no other specialty area of medicine. We are privileged to be involved with such a dynamic profession but as the infamous physician St. Luke pronounced: *"For everyone to whom much is given, of him shall much be required."* We should feel obliged to join with others who continue to advance Sleep Medicine, to lend our time and talents so that the quality and efficiency of care of the sleep patient in the state of Wisconsin will be unrivaled. Please encourage your staff, doctors, colleagues and vendors to join us as members of the WSS.

Respectfully,

Dan Taché, DMD, D.ABDSM

President - WSS

WSS MEMBERSHIP: RENEWALS

Membership renewals have been modest since our Immediate Past President, Mr. Pete Weber passed the gavel. Many of us who joined initially, did so simply because Pete was involved and so we knew that the WSS must be a worthy venture. Well, it is a different time but the cause has never been more important. Give back by re-joining. You can do so online at:

www.wisleep.org.

ILLINOIS SLEEP SOCIETY CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY DR. CASPER

Our neighbors to the south hosted their
Inaugural Illinois Sleep Society Educational Conference

which was held on May 21st at the Advocate Christ Medical Center, Oak Lawn, IL. Our own VP, Dr. Sandy Casper attended this seminar on behalf of the WSS.

Dr. Casper enthusiastically reported very favorably on both quality and content of the speakers and topics presented. Dr. Casper was favorably impressed with the organization of the event and returned from the event energized with the planning for our own Wisconsin Sleep Society Educational Conference for the spring of 2012!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES-

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SLEEP TECHNOLOGISTS (AAST)

The AAST will hosted its inaugural State Sleep Society Leadership Conference September 17-18, 2011, at the national office in Darien, IL (a suburb of Chicago). The purpose and intent of this two-day conference was to provide local sleep societies with key information and resources to manage a successful membership organization as well as for providing AAST members a forum for networking with other state sleep society leaders and members. Dr. Tache, Jana Isaacson and Sue Hoefs all attended and brought back some great information.

BELLIN SLEEP MEDICINE CONFERENCE

Bellin Sleep Medicine Conference will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at The Lambeau Field Atrium. To encourage WSS involvement, the Bellin Team is offering a discount to those that are WSS members. If you are not one, no worries, join today or the day you send in your registration money and I will confirm you as a member. You will save money! Please register ASAP as it helps with the planning.

If you aren't sure if you paid your \$25 2011 WSS dues, contact shoefs@wisleep.org or darnold@wisleep.org to find out.

We have a great venue and we welcome all who need CUEs. We offer a feedback form, which we welcome all ideas for future conference and we do listen. We customize our next years conference from the feedback we get from all of you.

It is a pleasure to work with all of you and help WI sleep better.

Thank you,

Pete Weber - Immediate Past President

Go to [wisleep.org](http://www.wisleep.org), and click on News and Events for the Bellin Conference Brochure.

Or follow this link: <http://www.wisleep.org/uploads/Bellin2011.pdf>

Please register ASAP!