

## UNITED STATES LACTATION CONSULTANT ASSOCIATION

### OUR MISSION:

TO BUILD AND SUSTAIN A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION THAT ADVOCATES FOR LACTATION PROFESSIONALS.

### OUR VISION:

IBCLCs ARE VALUED RECOGNIZED MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH CARE TEAM.

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The International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA) is the professional association for International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs) and other health care professionals who care for breastfeeding families. ILCA currently has more than 4000 members from 50 nations. 3400 (85%) of those members are U.S. members.

ILCA's mission is to advance the profession of lactation consulting worldwide through leadership, advocacy, professional development, and research. While working toward this mission, it has become evident that every country has different regulations and medical infrastructure that impact models of practices of health professionals, including IBCLCs. In response to these differences, ILCA has facilitated the formation of the United States Lactation Consultant Association (USLCA), an organization that will focus on the unique needs of members in the U.S. This structure will serve as a model for any country that desires to establish a national ILCA affiliate, and enables ILCA to focus future efforts on issues that affect all members worldwide.

Membership in USLCA is bundled with ILCA membership. This is consistent with the model used by many professional organizations within the U.S. that operate on both national and local levels. You have recently received an invoice for 2006 USLCA dues as a separate invoice from your previously paid ILCA dues. Beginning with the 2007 dues, membership dues for both ILCA and USLCA will be paid together.

The USLCA Board of Director's first meeting was held May 8-9, 2006, in Raleigh, NC. During those exciting two days, the Board's work included the election of officers, drafting of by-laws, development of an initial strategic plan, and division of committee responsibilities. The Board will present a report of these and other activities at ILCA's International conference on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. Please watch the USLCA website ([www.ilca.org/uslca](http://www.ilca.org/uslca)) for information as work toward this shared adventure of building our national affiliate progresses.

Your USLCA Board of Directors is committed to laying a strong foundation for an organization that will serve as an effective advocate for U.S. lactation professionals. You are welcome to contact us at [uslca@ilca.org](mailto:uslca@ilca.org) with your questions and input. Please plan to stop by and meet the Board Members at the USLCA booth in the conference exhibit hall during the July conference. The members are:

Glenda Dickerson RN, MS, IBCLC - Alabama (President)  
Karen Querna, RN, BSN, IBCLC - Washington (Secretary)  
Liz Flight, RN, IBCLC - Virginia (Treasurer)  
Laurie Beck, RN, MSN, IBCLC - Texas  
Carol Chamblin, RN, MS, IBCLC - Illinois  
Maureen Dann, CPNP, IBCLC - New York  
Judy Harris, MPH, RD, IBCLC - Utah

USLCA is also privileged to have a full time Executive Director. Glendora Jubilee is available during regular business hours to assist USLCA and its members. She can be contacted at (919) 787-5181 ext. 222 or at [glenjubilee@ilca.org](mailto:glenjubilee@ilca.org). She also is looking forward to meeting USLCA members at ILCA's conference.

We look forward to meeting you in Philadelphia!

Best Regards,  
Glenda Dickerson RN, MS, IBCLC  
President USLCA