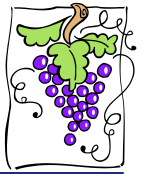


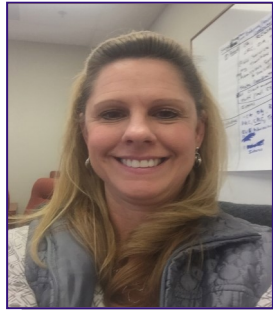


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The Georgia Rehabilitation Association Newsletter

Summer Edition, May 2017



To all GRA Members:

The time is fast approaching for the GRA Conference, for new members to join and for current members to renew. In addition, the Program Committee is still looking for quality speakers. Please let Jennifer Howell or LaDetria King know if you have a speaker that the membership will benefit from.

The NRA Legislative Summit was a big success. Several GRA Members attended and our own Tom Wilson, received the NRA Lead On Award. Senator Johnny Isakson was also presented the Lead On Award for his contributions to people with disabilities and the Rehabilitation Counseling Profession.

Sincerely!

Lauri Tuten, CRC
2017 GRA President

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GRA member Tom Wilson (middle) and others were awarded the 2017 NRA Lead On Award in Washington, DC for their dedication and leadership to employment of individuals with disabilities and the counselors who serve them.

Division Reports

GARL: Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership

We plan to hold our annual Auction this year at Callaway Gardens. Please consider donating items for this very event. Also, please consider making a nomination for the Leadership Award and Continuing Education Grant. Nominations for both awards were included in the GRA Newsletter.

GAMRC: Georgia Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns

Greetings from GAMRC!

GAMRC held its most recent meeting on February 13 at the College Park VR office. We introduced our new board members and welcomed 3 new members for 2017. We discussed a potential partnership for a service project with a The Rainbow House, a local youth shelter for teens with mental health issues and Meals on Wheels. Information was given regarding the upcoming NAMRC Conference in Dallas, TX on July 26-29. Per the Treasurer's Report, GAMRC balance was \$1802.00 as of December 2016. The next meeting is scheduled for April 3 from 2-4 PM at GVRA office in College Park.

GAMRC continues to perform duties consistent with its mission to promote education and advocacy in issues of multicultural rehabilitation concerns. We had our first meeting of the 2nd quarter on April 2, 2017. GAMRC has a few members who submitted proposals to GRA conference and are pleased to announce they were accepted and even asked to present a General Session. GAMRC is proud of its members continuing to excel and be leaders in the field. GAMRC is looking to send delegates to the NAMRC conference. This year's conference is in Dallas July 27-29 2017. Its theme is "CONTEMPORARY PIONEERS: PRACTICING EXCELLENCE IN CULTURAL INCLUSION". The national conference is a great way to educate other rehabilitation professionals on multicultural issues in the field and I encourage professionals to attend. NAMRC offers between 15-20 credits per conference and showcases nationally renown speakers. I'm asking that GRA send at least 1 delegate—it would be a great immersion opportunity. Details are available at NAMRC.org. GAMRC is planning to offer its next training on Ethics and Religion in Rehabilitation Counseling. More information to be announced!

GRCEA: Georgia Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association

We did an email vote to purchase a ¼ page ad for the conference. We met via email to vote successfully on support of the New Member boxed lunch for the conference. We are diligently working on our Pre-conference Ethics training event. Again, we're welcoming Dr. James Martin to complete our training on Sept. 5 from 1:30—5 PM. We're collecting door prizes and working on our ad for the conference program and hope to submit it by the end of the month.

ARTS: Association of Rehabilitation Technicians and Specialists of Georgia

Members will be sending Patsy Morris ideas for programming and fundraising.

Chapter Reports

METRO—Margaret Johnson

We have two open positions—President Elect and Treasurer. Our last meeting was April 12. We are also planning our annual Ethics Symposium to be held May 26 at the College Park VR office from 11 AM—2 PM. Please plan to bring your own lunch as well.

HIGHLANDS—Ashia Walker

Highlands Chapter is scheduling a June meeting. We also have four businesses willing to purchase ad space in the conference program.

EAST—Kerry Tracey

East Chapter had a quarterly meeting via phone this quarter and are working with the schools on high school job fairs. We also have been completing the membership list to turn back in.

SOUTH—Nicky Lamb

South Chapter had a meeting on April 21. The Chapter has \$2,868.55 in our checking account. Nicky Lamb is working on the spreadsheet of contact information for South Chapter members updated contact information. South Chapter is currently working on a flyer to help advertise to people in the community about what GRA does. The high school showed interest in their teachers possibly joining GRA in the future. We will present to flyer to the board for approval as soon as it is complete.

South Chapter is working on donations for conference bags and door prizes.

Chapter Reports

WARM SPRINGS—Cheryl Leidy

The RWS Chapter held its annual Easter Eggstravaganza on April 13. Approximately 50 children from Mountain View Elementary School's special education classes participated in an Easter egg hunt in the Quadrangle behind GA Hall. Over 1000 eggs were hidden. The Easter Bunny sent an assistant this year to entertain the children with song and dance. The children and their teachers presented the Chapter with an appreciation basket loaded with goodies.

The RWS Chapter is happy to assist in this year's conference preparations. If anyone needs to ship/mail items to us for holding until conference time, please use the following address:

RWS - Blanchard Hall

Cheryl Leidy – GRA
6135 Roosevelt Hwy
Warm Springs GA 31830

WEST—Jason Williams

West GRA is looking forward to hosting our fellow rehabilitation professionals at Callaway Gardens this year for the GRA Annual Training Conference. We hope to partner with the GVRA West Quadrant to provide some training this summer and plan to offer a second free training for members this fall.

NORTHEAST—Jeff Allen

We attempted to have our first meeting of the year on April 13. Only two members were able to attend, but we did have a non-member attend that now plans to attend. We are also working on door prizes, donations for conference bags, and ads/exhibits for the conference. We are also working with Beth Williams, SAM for the old Region 2, about training needs for staff in those offices.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

The House of Representatives and the Senate have both adjourned for the 2017 legislative session. Below are some of the bills that were passed through and could potentially affect rehab professionals.

- Senate Bill 16 has been passed by both the House and the Senate and has been sent to the Governor for signage as of April 3, 2017. This bill delineates the “conditions” for which an individual can use low THC oil for treatment and specifies that any individual using low THC oil for treatment of one of these conditions register to be placed on the Low THC Oil Patient Registry with the Department of Public Health and be issued a registration card. Tourette’s syndrome and Autism spectrum disorder were both added to the list of conditions for which an individual can use low THC oil for treatment. Low THC oil possessed by an authorized individual must be 20 ounces or less and must be in a pharmaceutical container with a label revealing the percentage of tetrahydrocannabinol contained.
- The Senate Conference Committee version of House Bill 280 was adopted and the bill has been sent to the Governor as of April 5, 2017. The adopted version of this bill permits weapons carry license holders to now carry and possess handguns on post-secondary education campuses such as technical schools, colleges and universities. Exemptions include child care facilities, student housing, at sporting events, in classrooms that contain high school students who are dually enrolled, in offices of faculty or staff or where disciplinary proceedings are taking place. Anyone carrying a handgun in violation of the specifications set forth in this bill will be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished with a fine.
- House Bill 338 was signed by the Governor on April 27, 2017 and will take effect beginning July 1, 2017. As written, this bill aimed to address how to improve failing schools in Georgia. Beginning July 1, the State Board of Education will be responsible for appointing a Chief Turnaround Officer to put in place a system of supports to provide assistance to those schools that have been identified as low performing. Turnaround coaches will also be appointed with the recommendation of the Turnaround Officer. Schools who are “turnaround eligible” will be those schools that have consistently performed within the lowest 5% of schools within the state.
- Senate Bill 5 was recommitted in the House on March 30, 2017. This bill proposed to increase the amount of funds allocated by the Georgia Lottery to the Lottery for Education Account.
- House Bill 343 was passed by both House and Senate and was sent to the Governor on April 7, 2017. If signed into law by the Governor, this bill will amend the Official Code of Georgia Annotated to replace the terms “Mental Retardation” and “Mentally Retarded” with “Intellectual Disability.” All case law decided prior to this amendment will not be affected.

*All of the above information was obtained from the Georgia General Assembly website:
<http://www.legis.ga.gov>

GRA Membership

Membership Matters!

That is our theme this year for GRA to recruit new members and retain members. We need to show our prospective members and current members that GRA is much more than a chance to attend the annual training conference. Advocacy, Information, and Networking are all benefits to being a member.

Multiple levels of membership are available as well along with various payment options.

The GRA Membership Committee will be sponsoring a Membership Recruiting Contest for Divisions or Local Chapters that recruit the most new members who have joined GRA between the timeframe of January 1, 2017 – August 1, 2017.

A cash award of \$100 will be presented at the GRA Conference at Callaway Gardens to the group that has reported the most new members.

Please email Jason Williams, GRA Membership Chairperson (Jason.Williams@gvs.ga.gov), your list of verified new members by August 1, 2017 to enter the contest.

Local Chapter and Division Presidents are encouraged to reach out to all members, hold regular meetings and trainings and enter their organization in the 2017 Membership Contest.

Please utilize the Membership Application and distribute to prospective members. Please visit the NRA Website (Click [HERE](#)) for more information on joining as well:

We will be asking members to contact their local chapter presidents (please see list below) to update their contact information soon and hope this will allow us to engage all members and keep everyone informed of what is happening in the association:

Chapter/Division	President	Email Address
GARL	Jason Williams	Jason.Williams@gvs.ga.gov
GAMRC	Katavia Sloan	Katavia.Sloan@gvs.ga.gov
GRCEA	Inger Neal	Inger.Neal@gvs.ga.gov
ARTS	Patsy Morris	Pgmorris1954@outlook.com
METRO ATLANTA	Margaret Johnson	Mjohnson@ging.org
HIGHLANDS	Ashia Walker	Awalker@ging.org
EAST	Kerry Tracey	Ktracey@ging.org
SOUTH	Nicky Lamb	Nicky.Lamb@gvs.ga.gov
WARM SPRINGS	Cheryl Leidy	Cheryl.Leidy@gvs.ga.gov
WEST	Jason Williams	Jason.Williams@gvs.ga.gov
NORTHEAST	Jeff Allen	Jeff.Allen@gvs.ga.gov



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Fax: 703-836-0848

Email: info@nationalrehab.org | www.nationalrehab.org

Why Membership in NRA?

1. **CONNECT** with affordable and varied opportunities to earn Continuing Education Credits in Rehabilitation
2. **NETWORK** with a variety of rehabilitation professionals
3. **DEVELOP** leadership skills through service on boards and committees
4. **ADVOCATE** to preserve the profession and the rights of individuals with disabilities
5. **ACCESS** to professional publications: Journal of Rehabilitation and Contemporary Rehab
6. **SAVE** on discounted health and professional liability insurance
7. **ENHANCE** your membership by joining divisions

Historical Context

The National Rehabilitation Association (NRA) is the oldest professional member organization in the United States that advocates for the rights of individuals with disabilities while also promoting high quality, ethical, and collaborative practice across the rehabilitation profession.

The NRA, comprised of counselors, educators, researchers, and diverse agents of community integration, is committed to continuously impacting and improving upon the multifaceted conditions, across our society, necessary to enhance quality of life of individuals with disabilities, their families, and our communities.

Mission

To provide exemplary leadership through social advocacy and legislation, advance cultural awareness and competence across communities, promote excellence in research and practice, and support professionals engaged in the employment and independence of individuals with disabilities.

Vision and Values

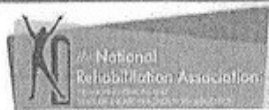
The NRA is committed to advancing the professional practices of rehabilitation driven by culturally-competent, ethical, evidence-based and accountable practices so that individuals with disabilities would be regarded and valued as full members of our society. These individuals deserve equal access, expression of choice, and security of freedom within our communities when engaging in all aspects of life.

Please see the membership application that follows to join today!

Join Today

Get Connected

Get Involved



Membership Application

Promoting Ethical and State of the Art Practice in Rehabilitation

Membership at the National Level is required for Divisional Memberships.

Section 1 – Contact Information












I am applying for		
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Re-Instatement
		Member ID Number (If renewal or reinstatement)
Name		
Company/Organization		
Work Tel	Work Fax	
Work Email	Website	
Work Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip Code

Section 2 – NRA National Membership Categories

Membership to the National Rehabilitation Association affords you automatic membership in your region, state and local chapter. Membership to NRA Division is an additional fee, however, you must be a member of national to join a division.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Professional Member - \$150	Professional Membership Status is available to an industry professional currently working in the field.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Affiliate Member - \$108	Affiliate membership is available to those members who are not eligible for professional membership status but are involved in and/or retired from the Rehabilitation field. This category does NOT receive the Journal of Rehabilitation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Organizational Member* - \$700 List 4 employees (name/email) to receive member benefits (complete on page 3)	Organizational Membership/Group membership is available for a group of individuals who work for the same organization. Membership belongs to the organization and is non-transferable. You may however, replace the individual who receive benefits at any time.
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Professional Member - \$108	An individual who recently completed an accredited college university program – this category is only available for the first year after graduation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Student Membership - \$48	An individual enrolled as a Full-Time undergraduate with a minimum of eight (8) hours per semester or equivalent and a Full-Time graduate student must have a minimum of six (6) hours per semester or equivalent.
	Full Time Student at:	
	Expected Date of Graduation (mo/yr)	

Section 3 – NRA Divisional Memberships (optional membership)

 Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association (RCEA): Membership includes Rehabilitation Counselors, Rehabilitation Educators, Counselor Supervisors, Researchers in Rehabilitation Counseling, and Students in a Rehabilitation Education Program.	 National Association of Rehabilitation Leadership (NARL): Membership includes Rehabilitation leaders and administrators and persons interested in developing leadership skills for administration, supervision of education in the Rehabilitation industry.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$45 <input type="checkbox"/> Member - \$45 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15
 National Rehabilitation Association of Job Placement and Development (NRAJPO): Membership includes all persons providing career development and placement and those that support the employment of persons with disabilities.	 Vocation Evaluation and Work Adjustment Association (VEWAA): Membership includes professionals, educators, and students in the practice of assessment, training and technology, promoting the successful attainment of career goals of persons with disabilities.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> Associate - \$35 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$5
 National Association of Disability Benefits Specialists (NADBS): Membership includes benefits specialists, counselors/specialists, and individuals committed to the personal and economic independence of persons with disabilities.	 National Association of Service Providers in Private Rehabilitation (NASPPR): Membership includes persons employed in rehabilitation in the private sector (profit or non profit).
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student \$5
 Association of Rehabilitation Technicians and Specialists (ARTS): Membership includes benefits specialists, counselors/specialists, and individuals committed to the personal and economic independence of persons with disabilities.	 National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC): Membership includes persons committed to the support and actively champion concerns that affect the rehabilitation needs and services of multicultural persons with disabilities.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15
 National Association for Independent Living (NAL): Membership includes professionals working together with consumers for the empowerment of persons with disabilities and to enhance the quality of life and to promote the rights of citizens with disabilities.	 Transition Specialists Division (TSD): Membership is available to all individuals who hold a membership in NRA and who have concerns regarding transition of young adults with disabilities into careers. The division is focused on joining efforts between all interested parties – rehabilitation professionals, special education staff, aides, resource teachers, placement staff, transition coordinators, teachers, paraprofessionals, parents and students.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$10	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$40 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15
 Rehabilitation Program Evaluation Network (RPEN): Membership includes professionals, educators, students and all other interested persons who are committed to the advancement and improvement of program evaluation, quality assurance and performance in the field of Vocational Rehabilitation.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional - \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> Student - \$15	

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Organizational Members ONLY

If you are applying for **ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**, please complete the below.

Primary Contact Name:	Email:
Organizational Member Name # 1	Email:
Organizational Member Name # 2	Email:
Organizational Member Name # 3	Email:
Organizational Member Name # 4	Email:

Section 5 – NRA Member Fee Summary

Fees Summary

Summarize your membership fees.

NRA Fee	
Division Fee Total	
Total Fees	

Section 6 – Payment Information

Payment Information

1. Credit Card – Complete the credit card section below:

Card Type:

- ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard
☐ Amex ☐ Discover

Card Number (enter below)

Exp. Date:

Total Amount to Charge:

Authorized Signature:

2. Provide name, phone, and email address of the contact person for this charge (if different than individual applying for membership):

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Billing Address (if different than above)

- ☐ **Check** - (Payable in U.S. funds to National Rehabilitation Association) ☐ (Please allow 2-3 weeks for processing) Enclose with a copy of your application form and mail to the NRA Membership Office.

☐ **ACH Bank Draft**- Complete the membership application and sign below to authorize NRA to debit your bank or checking account. Please remember to submit a copy of the voided check with your application. Please note that the ACH Payment carries a processing fee of \$1 per month.

Authorized Signature:

Date:

Membership Policies

- Membership is valid for 12 months from the date your payment is processed.
- Membership Dues are non-refundable and membership is non-transferable.
- Membership is portable should you change your employer (excluding organizational memberships)
- Members are assigned to the region and state chapter corresponding to their mailing address unless indicated otherwise.
- A \$15 charge will be assessed for returned checks.

Mailing Information:

**National Rehabilitation Association
Attention: Membership Department**

PO Box 150235 | Alexandria, VA 22315

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Fax: 703-836-0848

Email: info@nationalrehab.org

You can also access the NRA/GRA Membership Application Form by clicking [here](#).



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News from GRA Conference Committee

Accessibility Committee News

The Accessibility Committee will request the program outline from the Program Committee to begin developing the DropBox. Also, the Committee is seeking two additional committee members to assist with development, implementation, and marketing of the DropBox. Interested persons should email michelltemple@yahoo.com

Facilitators Needed

Please contact Cheryl Meadows Ussery at cheryl@sharecoastalga.comcastbiz.net if you are interested in becoming a facilitator for this year's conference.

Membership Committee News

We would like to encourage any current GRA/NRA member or any prospective GRA/NRA member to try to renew online with the NRA website. We are being told this helps expedite the process and reduces confusion for the NRA office as well as for GRA Membership committee. We are able to confirm memberships in one to two days rather than 4-6 weeks (when done via regular postal service). If you have any questions, please contact Jason Williams at jason.williams@gvs.ga.gov.

Registration Bags Committee News

We would like for each chapter to start asking vendors for donations to place in the conference bags. We are expecting about 300 attendees. For more information, please contact Nicky Lamb at nicky.lamb@gvs.ga.gov. The expectation are that each Chapter or Division will need to provide items indigenous to their areas.

The RWS Chapter is happy to assist in this year's conference preparations. If anyone needs to ship/mail items to us for holding until conference time, please use the following address:

RWS - Blanchard Hall
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6135 Roosevelt Hwy
Warm Springs GA 31830

Please bring items at the quarterly meetings located at the Macon VR office in July.



Door Prizes Needed!

Attention all GRA Division and Chapter Presidents, and State Officers:

As in years' past, we depend on everyone to gather door prizes to bring to the Annual GRA Conference. Division and Chapter Presidents are asked to please obtain ***at least 10 door prizes*** each and bring them to the conference in Callaway Gardens.

Door prizes can be anything from gift cards, small baskets of assorted items, tickets to events, individual items such as jewelry, books, candles, scarves, etc. Also, please wrap or gift bag each gift.

These donations are used for the door prizes given at the end of training courses during each day of the conference.

Thanks so much for your continued support!
For questions, please contact Angie Rhudy at
arhudy@unum.com.

2017 GARL Auction

The Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership (GARL)

Needs You!

Clean Your Attics, Make and Bring Stuff!

Donate Now to the **GARL 2017 Auction***!

Call Gigi Taylor at 404-796-1991 for pick up in the Atlanta Metro Area

Or

Bring items when you come to the 2017 GRA Conference at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA:

- Art
- Athletic Event Tickets
- Calligraphy
- Clothes
- Collectibles
- Crafts
- Goodie Bags
- Household Items
- Jewelry
- Music
- Plants
- Wine

We would appreciate any of these or other items for donation!!

The Auction will take place in the same room as the President's Reception and will be in a Silent Auction Format.

**All proceeds from the Auction support continuing education scholarships for rehabilitation professionals.*



Call for Nominations

The GRA Board of Directors is seeking nominations for several positions on the Board. Serving on the Board of Directors is an excellent professional development opportunity and a worthwhile way to continue your pursuit of advocating for people with disabilities. We hope that you consider this opportunity to demonstrate your passion for the rehabilitation profession by submitting your nomination for any of the following positions:

President-elect (3 year commitment, Term years: January 2018-December 2020)

Vice President-elect (2 year commitment, Term years January 2018-December 2019)

Secretary (1 year commitment, January-December 2018)

Board Members-at-Large (4 positions are available; 3 year commitment, Term years: January 2018- December 2020)

Each position's term would begin in January 2018 with a mandatory leadership training occurring in December 2017.

For details of each position's duties, please contact Myndi Hoffman at mhoffman@ging.org or (706) 248-5362 . I'm happy to answer any questions that you have.

All nominations must be submitted by June 30th to Myndi Hoffman at mhoffman@ging.org. The Board of Directors will vote to approve the slate of nominations in the July 2017 Board meeting.

The election will be held in September 2017 at the GRA Conference.

GRA Fundraiser

GRA will be sponsoring a fundraiser for a
32GB iPad mini 2.

Cost of tickets are as follows:

1 ticket for \$5
3 tickets for \$10
10 tickets for \$20

For more information on purchasing tickets,
please contact committee chair Ashia Walker
at awalker@ging.org.

2017 GRA Conference

Ads & Exhibits Form



Georgia Rehabilitation Association 2017 Training Conference
EXHIBITOR, ADVERTISER AND SPONSOR FORM
Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA
September 5-8, 2017
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COMPANY NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

CONTACT PERSON/TITLE _____ PLEASE PROVIDE NAME
OF BOOTH PERSONNEL:
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ 1) _____
WEBSITE ADDRESS: _____ 2) _____
MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Sponsorship Levels

___ **Diamond Sponsorship:** \$2500+ will receive exhibit space, special recognition, a full-page ad in the conference program book, free admission to the President's Reception, two Awards function tickets and one complimentary conference registration.

___ **Gold Sponsorship:** \$1500 + will receive exhibit space, special recognition, a half-page ad in the conference program book, free admission to the President's Reception, two Awards function tickets and a one day complimentary conference registration.

___ **Silver Sponsorship:** \$1000+ will receive exhibit space, special recognition, a quarter-page ad in the conference program book, free admission to the President's Reception, two Awards function tickets and a one day complimentary conference registration.

___ **Friendship Sponsorship:** less than \$1000 will receive free admission to the President's Reception and special recognition in the conference program book.

EXHIBIT & ADVERTISEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Includes: One 8' x 8' exhibit booth space, One 6' skirted table and two chairs, and One identification sign, Organization's name in Exhibitor Guide, Free admission to the President's Reception, One 120-volt electrical outlet (upon request) and Two Awards Function Tickets (upon request). Free Wi-Fi will be available in exhibit area.

___ Exhibit Space (8'x8') only	\$475	\$375
___ Exhibit Space (8'x8') and Full Page Ad Combo	\$600	\$500
___ Exhibit Space (8'x8') and Break Sponsorship Combo	\$600	\$500
___ Exhibit booth, Break Sponsorship and Full Page Ad Combo	\$775	\$675

A signed Exhibitor Contract must be submitted with registration and payment by July 1, 2017.

"The Georgia Rehabilitation Association (GRA) is a membership organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities through education and advocacy."

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ADVERTISEMENT OPTIONS (Please check the ad space desired/note dimensions provided)

_____	\$200	Full Page Color (7 1/2" x 10")	
_____	\$100	Half Page Color (7 1/2" x 4")	
_____	\$75	Quarter Page Color (3 1/2" x 4 1/2")	
_____	\$50	Eighth Page Color (Business Card Size)	
_____	\$350	Inside Front Cover Full Page Color (SOLD)	}
_____	\$325	Inside Back Cover Full Page Color (SOLD)	
_____	\$350	Outside Back Cover Full Page Color (SOLD)	

****Advertising submission deadline is July 01, 2017****

****Exhibitor Registration deadline is July 15, 2017****

Payment Information

Pay by Check- Please submit your signed Exhibitor Contract and make check payable to GRA, Attn: Cheryl Braswell

Mailing Address – 820-C Love Avenue, Tifton, GA 31794

General questions? Contact Cheryl Braswell at (229) 292-6276 or email Cheryl.Braswell@gvs.ga.gov

EXHIBIT RULES AND REGULATIONS

CONTRACT FOR SPACE – The signed official application for exhibit space constitutes a contract for the right to use space only when an acceptance is confirmed by the Exhibits Chairperson. All contracts are expressly subject to the terms of the Conference lease relating to the Exhibition Premises. Event set up will begin at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 and break down will be Friday, September 8, 2017 at 12:00 noon.

PAYMENT AND CANCELLATIONS – If signed contract submission is received on or before July 1, 2017, the charge is \$425, if received after July 15, 2017, the charge is \$475 per 8' x 8' exhibit booth and is due upon contract submission. Exhibitors who cancel after July 1, 2017 will be obligated for 50% of the total booth rental fee (\$200) as liquidated damages. Exhibitors who cancel after August 1, 2017 will be obligated for full payment as liquidated damages. Failure to occupy booth space does not release the Exhibitor from obligation to pay the full cost of rental. If booth space is not occupied by 6:00 PM on the day the conference begins, the Exhibits Chairperson reserves the right to use the space as he/she sees fit to eliminate empty space in the Exhibit Hall.

LIABILITY – GRA nor the hotel are responsible for any damages or theft of the exhibitor products and/or equipment. If you have any questions not addressed on this contract, please contact the exhibit chairperson at the above information.

The Exhibits Chairperson shall be the final authority on any question regarding the interpretation of these rules and regulations.

As indicated by my signature below, I am agreeing to the Sponsor and Exhibitor Contract listed above.

Exhibitor Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____ Telephone _____

Contract received: _____ Money received: _____

"The Georgia Rehabilitation Association (GRA) is a membership organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities through education and advocacy."

2017 GRA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



Georgia Rehabilitation Association



Sept. 6-8, 2017
Pine Mountain, GA

ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

DEADLINE DATES

EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION
Jun. 15

ACCOMMODATIONS
DEADLINE
Jun. 15
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

HOTEL DEADLINE
FOR ROOM RATE
August 1

Name: _____ Name for Badge: _____
Organization: _____ City: _____
Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Phone: () - _____ NRA Member #: _____

*Name badge is required for **all** functions.
You must be a NRA/GRA member to attend.*

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- | | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird Registration | \$185 | <input type="checkbox"/> One-Day Registration | \$150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-Site Registration | \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> NRA Student Registration | \$55 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Registration | \$105 | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirees Luncheon (only) | \$35 |

• Cost includes all conference activities, Social/President's Reception & Awards Event & Meal.
Retirees Luncheon date: Sept. 7. Lunch is included in the cost of registration.

I will be attending the Awards Breakfast ☐ Yes ☐ No
I need a vegetarian option for the Awards Event & Meal ☐ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, please specify how many vegetarian options ____

- ☐ Guest Registration \$50 Includes all conference activities except Awards Breakfast

Name: _____ Name for Badge: _____

- Guest cannot be anyone working in the rehab field.
- Must accompany paid membership registrant (full or student).
- Awards Breakfast tickets will not be available for purchase on site.
- Guests may purchase an Awards Breakfast ticket in advance.

☐ Awards Breakfast Ticket (for Guest) \$43 per guest

TOTAL: \$ _____ Total # of paid registrants & guests: ____

Accommodations

- ☐ Large Print ☐ Braille ☐ ASL Interpreter ☐ Materials on CD
☐ Accessible Parking ☐ Accessible Van Parking
☐ Other (e.g. Dietary): _____

CRC/CEU Credits needed? ☐ Yes ☐ No (There will be a charge for CEUs)

Please complete registration form and send to georgiarehabcalendar@gmail.com

ALL GVRA EMPLOYEES:

Your name will be added to the "Direct Bill" list. **Do not contact the hotel to make reservations.**

ALL NON-GVRA EMPLOYEES:

Send Registration Form and check(s) to:

GRA REGISTRATION

C/O Keita Alston, 100 Colony Park Dr., Suite 204, Cumming, GA 30040

PHONE: (770) 781-6781 FAX: (770) 781-6785

Please make check payable to GRA. If group billing, fax a copy of registration form & direct invoice to the above number. Call 866-966-5068 to make reservations and mention the GRA Conference.

RIBBONS: Please select all ribbons that correspond to you

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT | <input type="checkbox"/> NRA BOARD MEMBER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AWARD WINNER | <input type="checkbox"/> NRA PAST PRESIDENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHAPTER PRESIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> NRA PRESIDENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONFERENCE COMMITTEE | <input type="checkbox"/> PRESENTER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DIVISION PRESIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> RETIREE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXHIBITOR | <input type="checkbox"/> SPEAKER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FACILITATOR | <input type="checkbox"/> SERNRA BOARD MEMBER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRA BOARD MEMBER | <input type="checkbox"/> SERNRA PAST PRESIDENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRA PAST PRESIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SERNRA PRESIDENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRA PRESIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SERNRA PRESIDENT ELECT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRA PRESIDENT ELECT | <input type="checkbox"/> TREASURER ELECT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRA SECRETARY | <input type="checkbox"/> VETERAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRA TREASURER | <input type="checkbox"/> VICE PRESIDENT ELECT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GRA VICE PRESIDENT | <input type="checkbox"/> VIP |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INTERPRETER | <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER | |

2017 GRA PRE-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

GRCEA: Georgia Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association
2017 Annual GRA Pre-Conference Training Event
Tuesday, September 5, 2017
Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA

“Professional Ethics for the Rehabilitation Professional”
Dr. James Martin

12:30 pm – 1:00 pm Registration

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Professional Ethics

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm – Break

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm – More Ethical Concerns for CRC’s

3.5 CRC/CEU credits will be requested

Bring a copy of CRCC Code of Ethics to this session

NOTE: You do ***NOT*** have to be a member of NRA or GRA in order to attend and receive credits
Registration fee for this event is ***not*** included in the main GRA Conference Registration Fee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Job Title: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Accommodations Needed (Indicate Alternate Format, Interpreter, etc.) Deadline for Request is
8/1/2017: _____

Registration Fee: **\$50** Registration Deadline: **8/31/2017** (limited registrations the day of event)
Discounted registration – GRCEA members \$30

Send registration to:
Keita Alston, GRCEA Treasurer
100 Colony Park Drive, Suite 204
Cumming, GA 30040
Email: georgiarehabcalendar@gmail.com
Phone 770-781-6781

Make Checks Payable to: GRCEA Total Enclosed: \$ _____

GRA Conference Awards

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION LEADERSHIP (GARL) AWARD

J. ELLIES MORAN OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

GARL is seeking your nominations for our “***J. Ellies Moran Outstanding Leadership Award***”. We have had many dynamic individuals win in the past, i.e., Tom Gaines, Yvonne Johnson, Peggy Rosser, David Bennett, Sandy Payne, Don Williams, Elizabeth Kinne, Ava Searce, Ann Heeth, Melanie Poole, Dr. John Williams, Trish Cooper, Cynthia Woodruff, Charlotte Tolbert, Susan Sherman, Carl McRae, Catherine Andrews, Annette McCauley, Ken Hise, Karen Royston and Twyla Crump! The nominee does not have to be a GARL member. We are looking for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership qualities during the past year. Think about someone who has proven to be a leader in planning and/or implementation, in ethical decision-making and/or in conflict resolution.

Leadership is exemplified by a clear sense of purpose, persistence, ability to attract and energize others, being results-oriented, and displaying resourcefulness & resilience. Think about what it takes to be a successful leader in the team environment of today: building up others, leading by example, a team player as well as the leader, possessing empathy, is accessible & accountable, has humility, & cultivates the potential in each team member.

We look forward to reading about the nominees!

Please send all nominations along with three letters of support for each nominee to:

Jason Williams
Attention: GARL Leadership Award Nominations
1220 Hogansville Road
Suite #400
LaGrange, GA 30241
Jason.Williams@gvs.ga.gov or
georgiarehabawards@gmail.com

Deadline for Nominations: August 1, 2017

2017 GARL Continuing Education Grant Criteria

The Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership (GARL) will present a Continuing Education Grant of up to \$250 to an individual who is employed in the field of vocational rehabilitation in Georgia. This assistance must be utilized for continuing education as part of their professional development such as in completion of coursework or training. The continuing education must be directly associated with their work in vocational rehabilitation (Counseling, Assessment and Evaluation , Assistive Work Technology, Case Management, Job Placement, and Job Readiness/Employment Skills Training) or in a field that supports rehabilitation professionals (Clerical, Finance, Human Resources, Management, Public Relations, and Training).

Each applicant must agree that they will utilize the funds within 12 months from receiving the grant. The grant will be awarded at the 2017 GRA Annual Training Conference in Pine Mountain.

Applicants or their managers may submit a nomination of one page or less describing the proposed course of study or training, how it relates to their role in vocational rehabilitation, their future plans and how they will utilize the funds in pursuing these plans as they advance in their career.

Deadline for Nominations: August 1, 2017

Please send all nominations to:

Jason Williams

Attention: GARL Continuing Education Grant

1220 Hogansville Road, Suite #400

LaGrange, GA 30241

Jason.Williams@gvs.ga.gov or
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NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The purpose of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association's scholarship program is to provide recognition by offering scholarship assistance to an individual with a disability who demonstrates outstanding academic achievement, community involvement, and school participation.

Nominations for the NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD are submitted by Chapter members to the Scholarship Committee who select a prospective winner and submit their recommendation to the Board for approval.

The scholarship is awarded annually in the amount of \$1000 to be presented at the Annual Conference Awards Ceremony. **This year, due to a generous donation from the family of Nancy Crowder, GRA will be able to award two (2) \$1250 grants.** The winner's travel costs to attend the Awards Ceremony are funded in coordination with the Awards and Recognitions Committee as outlined in the Manual of Operations (Section IV, Awards and Recognitions, g, NOTE).

The name of the NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD winner will be submitted to the Southeast Region NRA Scholarship Committee Chairperson as the Georgia Chapter's nominee for the SERNRA Scholarship.

NOTE: Purpose, criteria, application process, and entry forms for the SERNRA Scholarship can be found on pages 10 - 13 of Appendix B.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA:

1. Nominations for the NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD will be called for by the Scholarship Committee and will be submitted by Chapter members to the Chairperson.
2. Each nominee must be a person with a disability.
3. Each nominee must be a resident of the state of Georgia.
4. Each nominee must be accepted into a post secondary educational program.
5. Nominations should be submitted on the Entry Form for the Nancy Crowder Memorial Scholarship. Applications must be postmarked, emailed or scanned no later than COB **August 1, 2017** to:

Shelley Kraft
c/o GVRA/VR Program
3586 Riverside Drive
Suite B
Macon, GA 31210
shelley.kraft@gvs.ga.gov or
georgiarehabawards@gmail.com
Work # 404-780-6961



ENTRY FORM
For the NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL Scholarship

Please print or type all responses to the following questions.

Nominee's Name:		SSN:	
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Home Address:	
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Phone:		Birthdate:	
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High School Name & Address:	
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City

State

Zip

Definition of DISABILITY. A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of an individual

Describe the nominee's disability (*Include specific limitations; how & when impairment was acquired, etc.*):

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Discuss how the nominee has overcome societal barriers related to his/her disability:

Discuss difficulties nominee has encountered in working to surmount his/her disability:

Education (please list all institutions attended and dates attended):

Explain how nominee has overcome barriers in the educational environment, if any:

List nominee's accomplishments in school:

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List nominee's extracurricular activities:

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List nominee's community activities:

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List nominee's other accomplishments not already covered in previous questions:

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AWARDS DEADLINE
AWARDS MUST BE POSTMARKED, EMAILED OR SCANNED BY COB
AUGUST 1, 2017

Shelley Kraft, c/o GVRA/VR Program
3586 Riverside Drive, Suite B, Macon, GA 31210
shelley.kraft@gvs.ga.gov or georgiarehabawards@gmail.com
Work # 404-780-6961

THE ISAAC MAX HELLER EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award was established to honor employers who have provided excellent services to citizens with disabilities by providing them with employment. Considerations, criteria, and procedures for nominations:

1. How long has this employer been cooperating with rehabilitation service providers and employing persons with disabilities?
2. How many persons with disabilities has this employer hired?
3. What is the total number of all employees in this establishment?
4. Is the employer using as many persons with disabilities as is feasible for his/her operation?
5. Has this employer provided reasonable accommodations for employees with disabilities?
6. Is this employer's business and all facilities accessible to persons with disabilities?
7. Has this employer been instrumental in advocating for the employment of persons with disabilities?

Does this employer inform rehabilitation service providers about employment possibilities that might be filled by persons with disabilities?

Letters of nomination should be one typed page or less.

THE SERVICE AWARD

This award is specially oriented toward honoring an individual for outstanding contribution(s) to the field of rehabilitation. The recipient does not have to be a member of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association and cannot be an employee of the Division of Rehabilitation Services. Consideration, criteria, and procedures for nominations:

1. What has the individual contributed towards advancement of the field of rehabilitation?
2. What special recognition or awards has the Nominee received?

Itemize articles or writings in professional publications.

One supporting letter should accompany the letter of nomination.

THE PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

This award was established to honor a chapter member who has been outstanding in professional achievement during the past year. The recipient must be a member of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association. Nomination procedures and criteria:

1. List outstanding achievements of the Nominee with particular emphasis on services to clients.
2. Describe the nominee's cooperation with related agencies and use of community resources.
3. List special recognition by peer groups, community organizations, etc.

Itemize articles or other items published in professional publications.

Two supporting letters (one from a supervisor and one from a peer) should accompany letter of nomination.

GRA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR/GRA DIVISION OF THE YEAR AWARD

The purpose of this award is to honor a Local Chapter and Division for their unique and diverse achievements, innovative ideas, and dedicated service on behalf of persons with disabilities and local chapter members.

Nominations for the Local Chapter of the Year Award and Division of the Year Award shall consist of the Local Chapter year-end reports, for the prior calendar year, required to be submitted to the GRA Board of Directors through the Finance Committee Chairperson. Local Chapters may also submit to the Awards and Recognitions Committee additional letters of support, newspaper articles, pictures or other supporting information, to be included and considered along with the year-end report nominations packet.

The Awards and Recognition Committee shall obtain copies of such year-end reports to serve as nomination packets for the award.

2017 GRCEA AWARDS

Please review the following information on the GRA's Personal Achievement Award and Counseling Achievement Award as well as the Georgia Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association's (GRCEA) Counselor of the Year Award. Then, take the time to nominate your fellow co-workers and/or colleagues so they may be honored for their exceptional work.

***GRA Personal Achievement Award**

Established to recognize and honor a client of rehabilitation services who has demonstrated exceptional determination and motivation to overcome substantial impediments to employment resulting from a severe disability, and who has successfully completed a rehabilitation program and become gainfully employed during the 2013 calendar year.

***GRA Counseling Achievement Award**

Established to recognize the dedication and hard work of the GRA member who served as the vocational rehabilitation counselor responsible for developing and implementing the work plan of the recipient of the Personal Achievement Award, and whose counseling, guidance, and other services empowered this client to become successfully employed. Recipients of the GRA Personal Achievement and Counseling Achievement Awards will be the Georgia Chapter's nominees for the Southeast Region NRA Personal Achievement and Counseling Achievement Awards.

To Submit Nominations:

- Obtain approval from the client.
- Complete a narrative of not more than 3000 words, to describe the problem identification of services provided, solution of the problem(s) and job placement information.
- Remove identifying information which would allow the GRCEA Awards Committee members to recognize either the client or the counselor.
- Obtain written permission from the client for members of the GRCEA Awards Committee to visit and/or contact him/her and discuss the services provided.
- Attach a fact sheet (to be removed by the GRCEA Awards Chairperson), containing the client's name, address, and phone number along with the counselor's name and phone number.

*Recipients of these two GRA awards will be selected by the GRCEA Division and will be judged on the basis of the NRA guidelines.

2017 GRCEA AWARDS (Continued)

GRCEA Counselor of the Year

The honoree will be a counselor working with a caseload of individuals with disabilities. All nominees must be a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) and a member of the National Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association (NRCEA). These criteria must be met in order for Georgia's winner to compete at the regional and/or national level.

To Submit Nominations:

Attach a fact sheet (to be removed by the GRCEA Awards Chairperson), containing the counselor's name and phone number along with a nomination letter stating why the nominee is entitled to receive this award. The letter should not mention the nominee's name or geographic location.

Please submit nominations ASAP to:

Inger Neal
Attention: GRCEA Award Nominations
243 South Main Street, Suite B
Cleveland, GA 30528
Phone: 404-780-6736
Fax: 706-865-9602
inger.neal@gvs.ga.gov or
georgiarehabawards@gmail.com

2017 ARTS AWARDS

ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS AND SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA

2017 Service Award Criteria:

- Employed in a rehabilitation setting in a technical support, clerical or secretarial position for at least three (3) years at the time of nomination
- Individuals nominated must be members of ARTS of GEORGIA
- Nominations are to be submitted only by GRA members
- The choice of the award recipient is based on outstanding contributions to the field of rehabilitation. Nominee justification should include, but should not necessarily be limited to the following:
 - Has promoted public interest, confidence and trust in the cause of rehabilitation
 - Has performed duties conscientiously, taken pride in work, shown initiative and assumed added responsibilities when called upon
 - Has demonstrated a good working relationship with supervisors, co-workers and the public
 - Any other reason that you may have to justify your nomination
- Material should be submitted in a concise form. Include biographical sketch of nominee, educational background, reason why the nominee is entitled to the award (limited to 100 words). Letters from people who know nominee may also be included and attached to your nomination form.

If, in the careful judgment of the Awards Committee, too few or non-acceptable nominations are received, no award should be made.

2017 Boss of the Year Award Criteria:

- ARTS OF GEORGIA Boss of the Year nomination must be submitted by GRA members only.
- This “Boss” should be totally involved in the rehabilitation process and show support and genuine interest in ARTS OF GEORGIA. He/She should be a member of the Georgia Rehabilitation Association.

**NOMINATION FORM
ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS AND SPECIALISTS
OF GEORGIA
SERVICE AWARD**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Place of Employment _____

Briefly state why you believe this person would be a good candidate for the ARTS of Georgia Service Award. The candidate must be a member of ARTS.

Submitted by _____

Phone Number _____

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY **AUGUST 1, 2017**

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO:

Cheryl Braswell
820-C Love Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
Phone: (229) 402-6991
Fax: (229) 386-7325
Cheryl.Braswell@gvs.ga.gov or
georgiarehabawards@gmail.com

BOSS OF THE YEAR AWARD

ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS AND SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Place of Employment _____

Position _____

Professional & Non Professional-Organizations _____

Community Activities _____

Hobbies _____

Education/Training _____

What support has nominee shown to ARTS and why do you feel he/she should be Boss of the Year?

Submitted by _____

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 1, 2017

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO:

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820-C Love Avenue

Tifton, GA 31794

Phone: (229) 402-6991

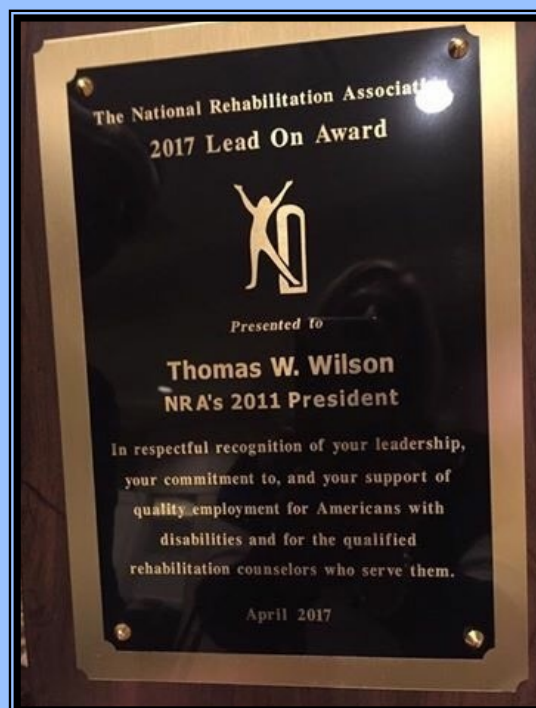
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GReAt Pictures

2017 Rehabilitation Association Annual Governmental Affairs Summit @ Hilton, Old Town Alexandria, VA





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GRA Contact Administrative Assistant

Ellen Longino

2017 GRA CALENDAR

MAR 2017	<p>Mar. 16: Financial Review 10 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Conference 2 PM</p> <p>Mar. 17: GRA Board Meeting 10 AM-12 PM</p> <p><i>Location: Macon VR Office</i></p>
APR 2017	<p>Apr. 2-4: 2017 Rehabilitation Association Annual Governmental Affairs Summit @ Hilton, Old Town Alexandria, VA</p> <p>Apr. 20: Required QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION due to Administrative Assistant from all Chapters and Divisions</p>
MAY 2017	<p>May 11: Financial Review 10 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Conference 2 PM</p> <p>May 12: GRA Board Meeting 10 AM-12 PM</p> <p><i>Location: Macon VR Office</i></p>
JUL 2017	<p>Jul. 20: Financial Review 10 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Conference 2 PM</p> <p>Jul. 21: GRA Board Meeting 10 AM-12 PM</p> <p><i>Location: Macon VR Office</i></p> <p>Jul. 20: Required QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION due to Administrative Assistant from all Chapters and Divisions</p>
SEPT 2017	<p>Sept. 6-8: GRA Annual State Training Conference Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain</p>
OCT 2017	<p>Oct. 12: Financial Review 10 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Conference 2 PM</p> <p>Oct. 13: GRA Board Meeting 10 AM-12 PM</p> <p><i>Location: Macon VR Office</i></p> <p>Oct. 18-20: 2017 SERNRA Annual Conference, Wilmington, NC</p> <p>Oct. 20: Required QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION due to Administrative Assistant from all Chapters and Divisions</p> <p>Oct. 26-29: 2017 NRA Annual Conference, Corpus Christi, TX</p>
DEC 2017	<p>Dec. 7: Financial Review 10 AM; Executive Board 11 AM; Leadership Training 12 PM—5 PM</p> <p>Dec. 8: GRA Board Meeting 10 AM-12 PM</p> <p><i>Location: Callaway Gardens, Mountain Creek Inn</i></p>

We'll see y'all at

