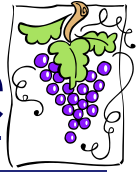


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The Georgia Rehabilitation Association Newsletter

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Hi GRA friends!

The winter is behind us and spring is off to a great start. Speaking of great starts, we're off to another great year. After not having a legislative event last year we had a very successful one this year. Big kudos to our Education & Advocacy committee members, Jennifer Howell, Myndi Hoffman and Kevin Harris for making our legislative event such a huge success. I also need to thank all the volunteers that helped the day of the event, you made it a very smooth operation. We had 24 legislators who attended and numerous staff members representing legislators that were unable to attend. It was a very productive event.

We followed this event with NRA's Legislative Summit in Washington DC. Our former GRA and NRA President, Tom Wilson led our Georgia representatives: Jennifer Howell, Paige Tidwell, Myndi Hoffman and myself. Upon returning from Washington several members made the quick turnaround and attended the SERNRA conference in Perdido Key, Alabama. Georgia was very well represented at the conference with only the host state Alabama having more representation. One highlight of the conference was the Counselor of the Year coming from Georgia with our very own Inger Neal winning the award. Please join me in congratulating Inger for receiving this honor!

As we gear up for summer time events both with family and friends, let's all take time to look at what we have in store for the remainder of the year. Our next board meeting will take place May 8-9 in Macon. We then have our last board meeting before our conference on July 10-11 in Athens. I'm very excited about all the great plans for our conference this year in Savannah. CeCe and her team have been working extremely hard planning for another outstanding conference. Be on the lookout for more details and registration opportunities coming very soon.

Please continue to support our great organization and promote our group to others to increase our membership throughout the year. If I can be of any assistance to any of you please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Mike Pryor

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GRA Member receives SERNRA Counselor of the Year Award

Inger Neal (Left) was named 2014 Counselor of the Year at the 2014 SERNRA Conference in Perdido Key, AL. Alongside is Dana Skelton-Sanders (Right) who was named 2015 SERNRA-RCEA President. The 2016 SERNRA Conference will be held in Georgia.

Division Reports

GARL: Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership

GARL (Georgia Association of Rehabilitation Leadership) will be hosting their annual live Auction at the 2014 GRA Training Conference in Savannah. We are asking for donations of items to be included in the auction, and we invite all conference attendees to join us for an evening of fun on Wednesday, September 3rd.

GARL will be hosting our annual Town Hall Meeting featuring GVRA Director, Greg Schmieg and others. The content of this meeting may change this year, as compared to meetings in the past.

GARL will again be accepting nominations for the J. Ellis Moran Outstanding Leadership Award. 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 those who have proven to be leaders in planning and/or implementation; in ethical decision-making; and in conflict resolution. Please send nominations and three letters of support to GVRA, Attn: Angie Rhudy, 202 W. Villanow Street, LaFayette, GA 30728.

GARL voted to purchase an ad for the GRA Training Conference Program. Our ad will be half-page in support of GARL members Myndi Hoffman for GRA President-Elect, Angie Rhudy, for GRA Vice-President Elect, and any other members who decide to run for office this year.

GARL is planning to host an online training seminar in the fall. More information is forthcoming.

GARL would like to invite and encourage GRA members to consider joining our Division. To do so, visit the NRA website (nationalrehab.org). Click on the NARL (National Association of Rehabilitation Leadership) tab for information. Joining on the national level automatically signs you up for the Georgia Division. Dues are \$30.00 per year for a Professional; \$15.00 per year for a Student.

Division Reports

GAMRC : Georgia Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concern

GAMRC hosted an Ethics Roundtable on Jun. 6 from 11:30 AM—1:30 PM at 1630 Phoenix Blvd., Ste. 101 in College Park.

1 CRC Ethics Hour applied for

Dessert Available

Electronic Handouts

Bring CRCC Code of Ethics (hard or soft copy)

GRCEA: Georgia Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association

GRCEA will once again offer our annual ethics training on Tuesday, September 2, 2012 at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel prior to the GRA Training Event. The training will be “Professional Ethics for the Rehabilitation Professional” presented by Dr Jackie Rogers CRC/CEU hours will be offered so please complete and return the registration form in this newsletter as we expect a large turnout as Dr. Rogers does such a great job in bring Ethics to life! We encourage everyone to consider nominating a fellow co – worker or colleague for one of our awards we plan to present at the training. More information on these awards may also be found in the newsletter.

See you in Savannah!

Chapter Reports

EAST—Janice Cassidy

East Chapter members participated in the following:

- Board met on March 27th in Washington, GA. First meeting at this location in several years due to travel and budget issues. It was good to have the opportunity to meet there again.
- Steve Hadaway gave a presentation on temporary staffing agencies. He gave information about how the process works from a client, employer and agency perspective.
- We discussed outcome of questionnaire that had been distributed as a result of a previous meeting where members raised the possibility of more training opportunities being provided throughout the year where CRC credits could be obtained should members be willing to pay a nominal fee. Mixed responses were received that included “absolutely not” since there are so many opportunities to obtain training at no cost to “definitely yes” with a willingness to pay up to \$25 for an hour training session. Members decided that the chapter would continue to provide one training per year where we paid for CRC credits for now and would re-visit the issue at a later time.
- Membership goal will be 8 for the chapter for this year.
- Fundraising goal was raised to \$525 for the year.
- Special projects – continue to provide assistance with the Clothes Closet in Athens. Chapter recently provided assistance to help with food for the graduation ceremonies for the 8 high school Job Clubs in Augusta. New projects include compiling toiletry bags for ACTION, Inc. (Augusta) and Project Safe (Athens). ACTION assists people who are homeless and Project Safe assists battered women staying at a temporary shelter while they try to find safe, permanent housing.

METRO—Lutrell Thomas

Board meeting held at GWNG on Apr. 25. Also on that day, there was a Lunch & Learn with Linda Robinson as presenter on time management. The title was “How to make time work for you.” There were 24 attendees. Two CRC credits were given. Received 12 evaluations, with more to come. All comments were positive. Next board meeting will be May 29.

WEST—Jason Williams

The West GRA Local Chapter has a full slate of officers and board members, with representatives from private and public rehabilitation. We plan to support the upcoming GRA Training Event this fall and to continue our work to advocate for and with persons with disabilities in our local area.

Chapter Reports

NORTHEAST—Dana Skelton-Sanders

NorthEast chapter of GRA has been busy with gearing up for the conference. Our chapter is on the conference committee and have been busy meeting with the schools in the area of Savannah to obtain their help in making this a successful conference. Some members made a trip to Savannah to meet with individuals in the area to seek sponsorship for the conference.

Our chapter supported one of our own to attend the GRA Legislative Forum, which was a huge success.

In March, Dana Skelton-Sanders spoke to 104 Pilot club members about Brain Injury awareness, As March was acknowledged as Brain Injury Awareness Month. Three other speaking engagements have come from the presentation on invisible disabilities and how individuals can succeed.

On March 31—April 2, Inger Neal and Dana Skelton-Sanders attended the SERNRA Conference at Perdido Beach, Alabama. Inger Neal was awarded the SERNRA Counselor of the Year. Dana Skelton-Sanders was voted in as the SERNRA-RCEA President for 2015 when SERNRA is in Georgia in 2016.

Our next meeting will be in Cumming and our chapter will have dinner and a meeting in that area to promote more participation on the chapter level .

The NorthEast Chapter is looking forward to working toward our annual conference.

RWSIR—Cheryl Leidy

The Roosevelt Warm Springs Chapter held its Annual Easter Egg-stravaganza on Monday, April 21, 2014. The event was held in the Quadrangle behind GA Hall on the RWS campus. Fifty children from Mountain View Elementary's Special Education Dept. participated. Approximately 980 plastic eggs stuffed with candy were hidden by chapter members, and there were 4 game stations set up with candy and lollipop prizes. There was also a bubble play area with various bubble-making toys. The highlight of the morning was a visit from the Easter Bunny, who had his picture made with the children. Mountain View teachers supplied a picnic lunch, which the children enjoyed in the sunny Quadrangle.

News from GRA Committee Chairs

News from your Continuing Education Chair

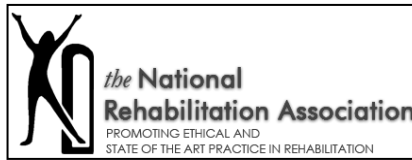
The conference committee is working diligently to bring to you another fabulous training event in 2014. As usual, we will be requesting CRCC approval for continuing education credits. If you have an additional or a different credential and would like to obtain pre-approval for continuing education credits for your conference attendance, please contact Paige Tidwell at paige.tidwell@gvra.ga.gov at your earliest convenience.

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 Mary Ellen Mendiratta at maryellen@infocusrehab.com or Regina Watts at rwatts@albanytech.edu.

Registration Bags News

We would like for each chapter to start asking vendors for donations to place in the conference bags. We are expecting about 250 attendees. For more information, please contact Tamika Wright at 706-638-5536 or you can email Tamika.wright@gvra.ga.gov.



Georgia Rehabilitation Association
AN AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
Present

SAVE THE DATE!!!

2014 Annual Training Conference



Savannah Riverfront Marriott
100 General McIntosh Boulevard
Savannah, Georgia 31401 USA
Toll Free: 1-888-236-2427

Deeper Depths ~ Greater Heights

September 3-5, 2014

2014 GRA TRAINING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM



Deeper Depths, Greater Heights

**Sept. 3-5, 2014
Savannah, GA**

TRAINING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

DEADLINE DATES

EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION
JUL 15

ACCOMMODATIONS
DEADLINE
AUG. 15
(NO EXCEPTIONS)

REGULAR
REGISTRATION
AUG. 15

HOTEL DEADLINE
FOR ROOM RATE
JUL 21

Name: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
Phone: () - _____
NRA Member # _____

Name for Badge: _____
City: _____
E-mail Address: _____
NRA Expiration Date: _____

Name badge is required for all functions

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- | | | | |
|--|-------|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird Registration | \$170 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member Registration | \$340 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> On-Site Registration | \$195 | <input type="checkbox"/> NRA Student Registration | \$55 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retiree Registration | \$105 | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirees Luncheon (only) | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One-Day Registration | \$250 | | |

• Cost includes all conference activities, Social/President's Reception & Awards Event & Meal.
Retirees Luncheon date: Sept. 4

I will be attending the Awards Event & Meal ☐ 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 Event

Name: _____ Name for Badge: _____

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

- ☐ Awards Event & Meal 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)

ALL GVRA EMPLOYEES:

Please complete registration form and send to Keita Alston & copy Beth Williams. Your name will be added to the "Direct Bill" list.

Do not contact the hotel to make reservations.

ALL NON-GVRA EMPLOYEES:

Please complete registration form & send to keita.alston@gvra.ga.gov & Beth.williams@gvra.ga.gov

Please contact Savannah Marriott Riverfront at (912) 233-7722 or (800) 285-0398 for room reservations. Marriott rate is \$135 per night.

SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK(S) TO:

GRA REGISTRATION
C/O KEITA ALSTON
100 COLONY PARK DRIVE
SUITE 204
CUMMING, GA 30040

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

Make check payable to GRA

If group billing, fax a copy of registration form & direct invoice to the above number

RIBBONS: Please select all ribbons that correspond to you

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GRA PRESIDENT ELECT | <input type="checkbox"/> FACILITATOR |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> SERNRA BOARD MEMBER | <input type="checkbox"/> TREASURER ELECT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> VICE PRESIDENT ELECT | <input type="checkbox"/> SECRETARY |



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

ARE YOU READY TO GET UP, GET
ACTIVE, AND GET INVOLVED?



GRA WANTS YOU!

Email Jennifer Howell or LaDetria if you are interested in running for President-Elect, Vice President-Elect, Secretary, or Board Member at Large

Jennifer.howell@gvra.ga.gov

OR

ladetriaking@yahoo.com



GRCEA: Georgia Rehabilitation Counselors and Educators Association
2014 GRA Annual Pre-Conference Training Event
Tuesday, September 2, 2014
Savannah Marriott Riverfront
100 General McIntosh Boulevard, Savannah, GA 31501

“Professional Ethics for the Rehabilitation Professional”
Dr. Jackie Rogers
The University of Kentucky

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 CRCs

3.5 CRC/CEU credits will be requested (\$10.00 fee for CEUs)

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 & 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 **8/1/2014**: _____

Registration Fee: **\$50.00**

Registration Deadline: 8/31/2014 (limited registrations the day of event)

Discounted registration – VR employees – 30.00

Discounted registration – GRCEA members 20.00

Send registration to: Kim Bennett, GRCEA Treasurer. 2604 Mesa Rd. Waycross, GA 31501

Email: kimebennett@yahoo.com Phone: 912-657-1740 FAX: 706-865-9602

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

Update from the Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility

As noted in the GRA Manual of Operations in Section VIII,

“All participants in activities conducted or sponsored by the Georgia Rehabilitation Association or any of its Divisions, including Board meetings, committee meetings, training sessions, Annual Conference activities, and any other events, shall be provided equal opportunities for full participation. Opportunities to take part in GRA general and training sessions shall not be prevented to any individual with a disability because of the necessity to provide accessibility and auxiliary aids and services.”

At the February 2014 GRA Board Meeting, the following was approved:

- Any division or local chapter who has a treasury under \$2,000 may request financial assistance from the GRA Board for the purpose of accessibility and/or provision of accommodations during any meeting or training.
- Should the event be intended to raise funds by way of charging a registration or other means, the division or local chapter will re-pay GRA within 30 days from the proceeds of the fundraiser.
- If the event is not intended to be a fundraiser and attendance is free, repayment is not required.
- The local chapter or division must apply four (4) weeks in advance of the event for financial assistance, which should coincide with the deadline for event registration.
- A local chapter or division can make a request one time per quarter, unless otherwise approved by the GRA Executive Committee.
- All divisions and local chapters shall submit a quarterly report to the Accessibility Committee chair reporting the frequency of accommodation requests and how those requests were met.
- The Ad Hoc Committee on Accessibility will develop a Resource Guide for GRA local chapters and divisions.

For additional information or if you have questions please contact Ed Leysath, Jennifer Howell, Cheryl Braswell, Michell Temple or Paige Tidwell.

NRA Governmental Affairs Summit Report

The National Rehabilitation Association's 33rd Annual Governmental Affairs Summit was held on March 23-25, 2014 and this year our Georgia Delegates stormed the Capitol to get NRA's message out! During the Summit, Dr. Connie Garner presented an in-depth discussion on the Affordable Health Care Act with an emphasis on how this landmark legislation impacts individuals with disabilities. In addition, attendees heard presentations from the Coalition Partners Panel, the Honorable Janet Labreck (RSA Commissioner), Dr. Thomas Finch (Director of Training for RSA), Dr. Sue Rankin-White (head of Monitoring for RSA), The Honorable Claudia Gordon, Public Engagement Liaison to the Disability Community, The Honorable Fredric K. Schroeder, and Dr. John Pare (both from representing the National Federation of the Blind). The Georgia Delegates ensured that each Georgia Congressman or member of their staff were presented with a copy of the 2014 NRA Issue Statements and a GRA pen to ensure that they would have something handy to write down the message and points that were expressed. Follow up contact has been made with each Congressman and their team to ensure that the message of NRA/GRA was received and heard.



Jennifer Howell
2014 E&A Co-Chair

2014 GRA Legislative Reception



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2014 SERNRA Conference



2014 SERNRA Conference



NRA Governmental Affairs Summit Pictures



The Capitol Building during the day.



The White House lights up at night.



Jennifer Howell (left) with Rep. Tom Graves (middle) and Paige Tidwell.

Metro GRA Chapter Lunch & Learn with Linda Robinson April 25, 2014



Roosevelt Warm Springs GRA Chapter Annual Easter Eggstravaganza April 21, 2014



GRA Awards Committee

The 2014 GRA Awards Committee recognizes some past award winners and encourages you to nominate exceptional VR Professionals for all categories of awards for the 2014 GRA Conference Awards Event:

Isaac Max Heller Employer of the Year

Georgia Health Sciences

GRA Chapter of the Year

West Georgia Chapter

GRA Division of the Year

GRCEA

Service Award

Ray Bishop, Goodwill North Georgia

Janice Black Spirit Award

LaShunda Williams, VR

Personal Achievement Award

Dr. Brian Hickox

Counseling Achievement Award

Kim Wagner, CRC

Professional Achievement

LaDetria King, VR

GRA AWARD WINNERS 2014

This could be YOU!



For further information contact Lauri Tuten, Awards Chair at 706.597.8575 or Inger Neal at 706.348.4882.

You can also email lauri.tuten@gvra.ga.gov or inger.neal@gvra.ga.gov.

GRA Awards Committee



NANCY CROWDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*Chapter and division members can nominate any student with a disability who has demonstrated academic achievement, advocacy and community involvement for the **\$1000** Nancy Crowder Scholarship*

Recent Winners

Madeline Jorge, VR Region 1

Allison McFalls, VR Region 2

Lalla Anne Barron, VR Region 5

For further information contact Lauri Tuten, at
706.597.8575 or lauri.tuten@gvra.ga.gov

GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION LEADERSHIP AWARD

J. ELLIES MORAN OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AWARD

Opportunity time! 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 folks who have proven to be leaders in planning and/or implementation; in ethical decision-making; and 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.

I look forward to reading about the nominees!

Please send nominations and three letters of support to Ed Leysath, P.O. Box 7839, Macon, Ga., 31209-7839; fax 478-757-4391; or e-mail ed.leysath@gvra.ga.gov by **Thursday, July 31, 2014.**

Don't wait until the last minute—send nominations now!
Call me at 478-757-4083 with any questions.

2014 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.

2014 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.

Submit Nominations by July 26, 2014 to:

Inger Neal, CRC
Attention: GRCEA Award Nominations
243 South Main Street, Suite B
Cleveland, GA 30528
Phone: 706-348-4895
Fax: 706-865-9602
Inger.Neal@gvra.ga.gov

ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS AND SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA

Service Award 2014 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.



**NOMINATION FORM
FOR
ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS AND
SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA**

SERVICE AWARD 2014

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, 2014**

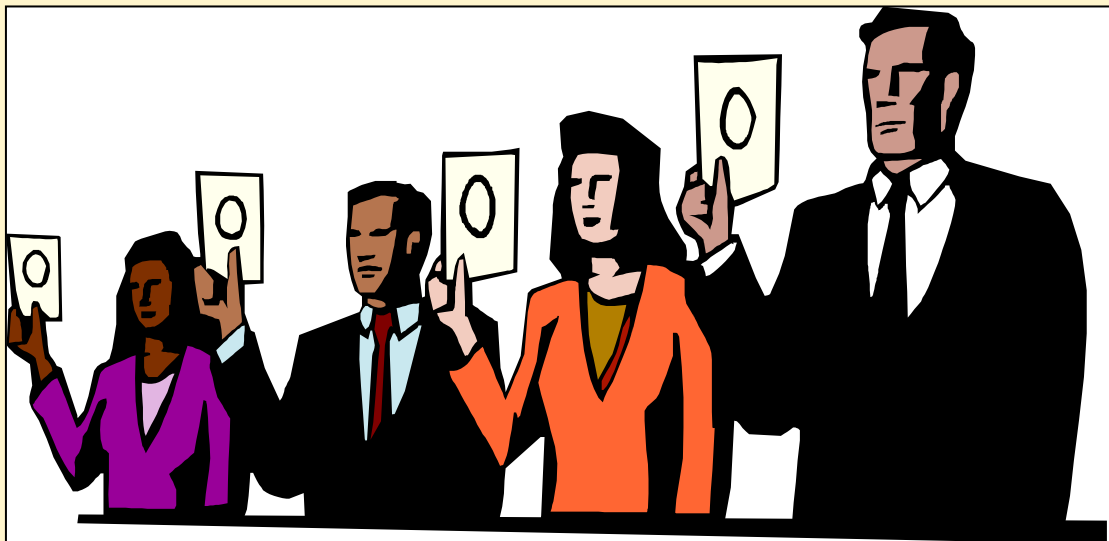
PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO:

Donna Wright
150 Evelyn C. Neely Dr., GA 30601
Telephone: 706-354-3907
Fax: 706-354-3943
Donna.Wright@gvra.ga.gov

ASSOCIATION OF REHABILITATION TECHNICIANS AND SPECIALISTS OF GEORGIA

2014 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.



2014 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, 2014**

PLEASE SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO:

Donna Wright
150 Evelyn C. Neely Dr., GA 30601
Telephone: 706-354-3907
Fax: 706-354-3943
Donna.Wright@gvra.ga.gov

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GRA CALENDAR—2014

JAN 2014	<p>Thursday, Jan. 9 - Financial Review -10 AM; Executive Board -11:00 AM; Leadership Training—1 -5 PM</p> <p>Friday, Jan. 10 - GRA Board Meeting 9:30 -11:30 AM; Conference Committee—12 -1 PM; Location: Macon, GA</p> <p>Thursday, January 16 — GRA Legislative Event at Georgia Railroad Freight Depot</p>
MAR 2014	<p>Thursday, Mar. 6 – Financial Review - 10 AM; Executive Board - 1 PM; Conference Committee - 3 PM; Location: Tifton, GA</p> <p>Friday, Mar. 7— GRA Board meeting: 9:30 AM—12 PM</p> <p>Mar. 23 - 25— 2014 Government Affairs Summit, Alexandria VA</p> <p>Mar. 20 - Apr. 2—SERNRA Conference, Perdido Key, AL</p>
MAY 2014	<p>Thursday, May 8 - Financial Review -10 AM; Executive Board -11:00 AM; Conference Committee: 3 PM</p> <p>Friday, May 9 - GRA Board Meeting 9:30 – noon; Location: Macon, GA</p>
JUL 2014	<p>Thursday, Jul. 10 - Financial Review -10 AM; Executive Board—1 PM; Conference Committee—3 PM</p> <p>Friday, Jul. 11 - GRA Board Meeting 9:30 AM -12 PM; Location: Athens, GA</p>
SEPT 2014	<p>Sept. 3-5 - Annual State Training Conference GRA in Savannah ,Georgia, Marriott Riverfront</p>
OCT 2014	<p>DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH</p> <p>Thursday, Oct. 9 - Financial Review—10 AM; Executive Board -1 PM; Conference Committee—3 PM</p> <p>Friday, Oct. 10 - GRA Board Meeting -9:30—noon; Location: Macon, GA</p> <p>Oct. 30 – Nov. 2—2014 Annual Training Conference in Des Moines, Iowa</p>
DEC 2014	<p>Thursday, Dec. 4 - Financial Review -10 AM; Executive Board -10:30 AM; Leadership Training—1-5 PM</p> <p>Friday, Dec. 5 - GRA Board Meeting 9:30 – 11:30 AM; Conference Committee—Noon—1 PM; Location: Warm Springs, GA</p>

See you in Savannah for the 2014 GRA Training Conference!

