

**NATIONAL COUNCIL ON REHABILITATION EDUCATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
February 19, 2005**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Jeanne Patterson at 12:30 p.m.

The following Presidents of other organizations were introduced:

Connie McReynolds, President of the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association
Paul Leung, President of the National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns
Caran Sax, President of the Association of Community Rehabilitation Educators
Dennis Maki, President of the Council on Rehabilitation Education

Special thanks were extended to Cathy Perez for her work on the conference.

Elections: The following Nominees for Regional Representatives to NCRE Board were introduced:

Region I – Tom Ruscio

Region IV – Bridget Hollis, Adele Patrick

Region VII – Colleen Etzbach, John Wadsworth

Region X – Kathe Matrone

2nd Vice President: Lance Carluccio, Linda Holloway. Each of the nominees for 2nd Vice President provided comments to the General Membership.

Minutes and NCRE Budget: The Minutes of the 2/17/05 NCRE Board Meeting and Budget were reviewed.

NCRE Appointment to CRCC: Patterson announced that Don Dew, who has been NCRE's representative to CRCC is not eligible for reappointment. In discussing liaison appointments, the Board determined that all positions will be announced to the General Membership via the listserv and members are encouraged to nominate themselves. The Executive Committee will review the nominees and recommend a slate to the Board for the final appointment.

Resolution: A resolution that had been passed by the Board concerning impending closure of the RSA Regional Offices was presented and approved by the General Membership.

Town Hall Meeting: Patterson noted that the Board changed the name from "Special Interest Group" to changed to Council. NCRE has a Council on Distance Learning and a Council on Psychiatric Rehabilitation.

Motion: A motion was made to create a Council on Rehabilitation and Disability Services within NCRE (Robinson/Wagner Williams). Motion carried.

Motion: A motion was made to create a Council on Continuing Education within NCRE. (Matrone/Swett). A question was raised about budget implications for new councils. No budget allocations have been requested by any of the existing councils. Motion carried.

Question from Jim Herbert regarding recruitment materials. He would like to have a short 5-7 minute CD-ROM that he could give to potential students, parents, high school career counselors, etc. Dr. Celia Williamson, University of North Texas, developed a short video describing the field of rehab a few years ago. The National Clearinghouse has also worked on similar material, as has East Carolina University (see www.ecu.edu/rehb). Several members volunteered to try to develop a more effective recruitment cd.

Question from Dennis Maki was raised about the members' feelings about the relationship between CORE and CACREP and the potential move to one counseling accrediting body. Some members indicated they were in favor, whereas other members indicated they needed additional information. A motion was made that a future issue of the NCRE Newsletter delineate pro and con positions with respect to the potential for CORE and CACREP to join together as a single representative body for accrediting counselor education programs (Herbert/Kantash). Motion carried.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Submitted by David Perry, 2nd Vice President