

# Michigan Rehabilitation Association

## 2016 Annual Meeting



**WELCOME!**

**Kelly Loftis**

# President's Report

**Shelly Neal**

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

- The Government Affairs Conference was attended by five board members and a college student from Michigan State. Faculty and students from Western Michigan attended as well.
- MRA awarded 12 registration sponsorships to rehab counseling students for RE:CON

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- One board member represented MRA at the NRA Annual Training Conference in Virginia. Rebecca Sametz-Grassi was awarded the Barbara McCarty Memorial Award for Outstanding contributions to NRAJPD its goals and purposes.
- MRA board continued meeting at other locations. The September meeting was held at Goodwill in Detroit. The meeting was co-hosted by MDRA and MAMRC.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

- MRA continues a strong relationship with NRA-Great Lakes Region, partnering on several issues to speak with one voice as a region. Currently two of MRA's past presidents and the current president represent Michigan and another MRA board member serves as treasurer for Great Lakes Region.

# NRA/GLR Update

**Shelly Neal**

# Policy Committee

- Attended the 2016 NRA Gov't Summit Affairs conference.
- We plan to continue to increase the number of members on the committee. We are trying to collaborate with other like minded groups.



# Policy Committee

- The committee has been working on the CORE/CACREP merger and will be producing a need to know sheet for members in regards to the changes as a result of the merger.
- The committee would like to start a monthly communication blast to update the field.

# Nominations Committee

- 10 Board seat positions were up for election.
- Final results of new board members presented at annual meeting.

# Membership

- The Membership Committee provided each conference booth attendee with a writing pen with the MRA logo, as a means to constantly promote MRA
- Michigan currently has 106 members.

# Membership

- Membership Committee held their first Networking Breakfast in Lansing, MI. This is one of many ongoing networking events that will occur around the State. The second Networking Breakfast will be held in the Detroit area
- You can Join or Renew your membership online at <http://nationalrehab.org>

# Communications

- Telephonic meetings were well attended
- Increased our Facebook presence- increasing our post engagement by 22%
- Updated website and increased internet security
- Reinstated the electronic newsletter

# 2016 Financial Highlights

- Supported board and student members to attend NRA, Governmental Affairs and Recon conferences.
- Finance committee continues to meet and consult with Smalley Investments regarding stewardship of MRA Funds.
- MRA received a total of \$2,556.46 in past-due rebates from NRA. Through our representatives on the NRA Great Lakes Region board, we encourage NRA to continue the rebate program that was interrupted a few years ago.
- MRA once again supported the Annual Peckham/Smith Memorial Golf Outing, which raises money to support student activities at Michigan State University.

# Financial Goals

- Drafting criteria to use when seeking nominations for the new scholarship funds.
- Crafting and maintaining a balanced budget for the association for 2017.
- Maintain stewardship of MRA funds, while looking for new opportunities to support student and professional members.
- Ensure executive and full board oversight and transparency by providing regular up-to-date reporting.

# Division Presidents

- MRCEA – Danielle Smith
- MAMRC – Adriza Caesar
- MDRA – Venita King
- JPD – Maria King



# MRCEA

- Kate Marsh was awarded the Norma Andres Counselor of the Year Award.
- MRCEA has continued to keep abreast of the rejuvenation of the RCEA division at the national level.
- We sponsored a training focusing on the CRCC Code of Ethics and its practical application. In addition MRCEA hosted 3 trainings across the state of Michigan focusing on Psychometrics and Assessment.

# MAMRC

- 2016 National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns Training Conference titled, “Changing the Game: Equity, Innovation, & Opportunity held in New Orleans. A powerful keynote address was delivered by Dr. Robert McConnell where he was honored with the 2016 Torch Award for his extended service and leadership.
- Wayne State University student, Doriane Croom was awarded the Charles C. Shields Scholarship at the Fall Workshop.
- MAMRC co-hosted the MRA September 2016 Board meeting at Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit.

# MDRA

- On February 12, 2016, MDRA sponsored, in collaboration with Job Placement Division (JPD), the following training: “Ethics: Technology and Job Placement”.
- On Oct 28, 2016, MDRA hosted our annual Meet and Greet for fellowship and fun at Hartfield Lanes in Berkley, MI.
- MDRA also awarded the Fred Howe’s Scholarship to Ranisha Williams –Fox , a Wayne State student.

# JPD

- JPD had the opportunity to partner with MDRA and offer membership an outstanding co-sponsored training event on February 12<sup>th</sup>. The title of the training was “Ethics: Technology and Job Placement.”
- The Randy Cronenwett Memorial "Employment Specialist of the Year" Award will be presented at the annual meeting.
- JPD board would like to offer appreciation for long standing service as a board member to Mary Elaine Westberg who gave of her time and talents to the JPD board for over 20 years.

# JPD Randy Cronenwett Award

- Presented by Maria King

# By-laws Vote

- Approval of changes to MRA By-laws

# 2017 Election Results!

- **Board Members At-Large**

David Klenk

Marlene Malloy

Rosanne Renauer

Roy Del Valle

Lindsay Hill

Brittany Hamilton-Reed

# Outgoing Board Members

**Thank you for your service!!!**

Kate Marsh

Cherelle Singleton

Allison Levine

Danielle Ami-Narh

Rebecca Sametz- Grassi



# Closing Remarks

**Shelly Neal**  
**MRA President**