

# Kentucky Rehabilitation Association

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## The KRA Newsletter

### Presidential Pondering

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My term as President of KRA was very busy and exciting. There are differences when being President that change from responsibilities one has from President-Elect. While my duties of planning KRA was passed on, I was in charge of conducting board meetings and getting insight to the workings of NRA and KRA behind the scenes.

I have gained knowledge and found new friends that I have met with my new job duties. I have found that KRA is a family and each one of us is treated as such, with this year getting the opportunity to see first-hand how we all work together for the ultimate goal of providing information, resources, and assistance to those with disabilities. I have enjoyed my year as President of KRA and while it is coming to a close, I will continue to assist in any way possible to ensure KRA continues to grow.



Southeastern Regional National Rehabilitation Association (SERNRA)

KRA hosted a welcome to KY reception in Tampa FL at the 2012 SERNRA conference. Jane Smith, Roxana Robinson, Alison Flanagan and Jason Herron helped welcome SERNRA members to the 2013 KRA/SERNRA conference, which will be held in Louisville KY May 13-16 at the Marriott Down Town Hotel. A special thanks to Teresa Barney for being the 2012 SERNRA rep and Alison Flanagan for being the 2013 SERNRA rep. Please visit the KRA webpage at [www.kyrehabonline.com](http://www.kyrehabonline.com) to find more details about the 2013 conference.

**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the President Jamie Yarber.**

### Membership Recruitment



**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Membership Chair Michael Ricke.**

KRA has been focused on renewing our commitment to the rehabilitation profession. To encourage new member recruitment, KRA hosted a pizza party during the 2012 statewide training conference in Lexington. Several new members were recruited during the pizza party and many senior members renewed their commitment to KRA. Anyone interested in joining KRA can go to the NRA webpage and fill out the membership form ([http://www.nationalrehab.org/cwt/external/wcpages/Membership/Join\\_the\\_NRA\\_Community.aspx](http://www.nationalrehab.org/cwt/external/wcpages/Membership/Join_the_NRA_Community.aspx)). Signing up online at the NRA website is the best way to registered. Join KRA today and help make a different in your local community and across the state.

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### Annual Training Conference

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This year's Annual KRA Conference theme was Rehab Renewed and it was held at the Ramada Conference Center in Louisville KY, in early September. We had a great turn out from long time members and even some new faces in the crowd. The KJPD Pre-Conference training topic was Understanding the Impact of Health Care Reform on the Employment of Individuals with Disabilities. KRA training topics ranged from Severe Weather Preparedness to Ethical Advocacy Related to Disability Policy Development. We had some great entertainment at the KARSS Dance from Solidago and current President Jamie Yarber was honored at the President's Reception.



Thank you Goodwill for being our 2012 KRA Training Conference Diamond Level Sponsor! Organizations interested in becoming a conference sponsor should visit the KRA website [www.krarehabonline.com](http://www.krarehabonline.com)



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the President-Elect Scott Coulter.

KRA Award Photos  
<http://photos.kyrehabonline.com/>

Photos taken by Jason Herron

### Annual Business Meeting



If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Officers and/or Board Members

At the annual Business Meeting several community projects were considered, a update on lack of rebates from NRA was provided and the upcoming SERNRA conference was discussed. The election results for 2013 Officers and Board Members were announced.

KRA Offices and Board Members for 2013 are as follows:

Holly Hendricks President Elect

Scott Coulter President

Jamie Yarber Past President

Alan Gullett Treasurer

Roxana Robinson Secretary

Elodie Dickinson Board Member

Keith Brown Board Member.

Chad Hunt Board Member

Leslie Sanders Board Member

Michael Ricke Board Member

Questions or Suggestions? Please e-mail us at [admin@kyrehabonline.com](mailto:admin@kyrehabonline.com)

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### Division Updates by Division Presidents

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#### KARSS

KARSS Officers for 2013 are as follows:

President - Vacant  
President Elect - Vacant  
Treasurer - Mary Beth Schoen  
Secretary - Donna Marshall

Membership is down and there are only 12 members currently. Ink pens were sent out this year for Assistant's Day. KARSS encourages new assistants to join today. A flyer has been developed to help explain the purpose and importance of KARSS. The community services project this year was Trent's Prints. KARSS covered Trent's exhibitor Fee. Tyler Williams won Split the Pot and Brenda Eadens Rehab Driver Trainer with OFB was the recipient of the KARSS Margaret T. Wilson Award.

#### KRCEA

KRCEA Officers for 2013 are as follows:

President Elect - Vacant  
President - Brenda Eadens  
Past President - Keith Banks  
Secretary - Norma McCormick  
Treasurer - Keith Banks  
Board Member - Carman Watts  
Board Member - Michael Rickie

There was additional discussion of a poll to determine how KRECA can better benefit its members. Discussed creating a KRCEA brochure or pamphlet, organizing a fundraiser, developing a survey and submit this to the Board for approval. We also discussed topic of ethics-based Webinar, so KRA members could go online to get CRC credit. This year's recipient of the Counselor of the Year Award was Twyla Hammons Counselor with OFB.

#### JPD

JPD Officers for 2013 are as follows:

President - Rosemary Moore  
President Elect - Tyler Williams  
Treasurer - Cindy Ragland  
Secretary - Tammi Lee  
Board Member—Donna Marshall  
Board Member—Julie Wade  
Board Member—Cheryl Martinez  
Board Member—Lee Ann Miller  
Board Member—Susanne Issacs  
Board Member—Amber Hager

This year JPD sponsored a Pre-Conference buffet breakfast and training. Ms. Kennetta Freholm OFB Counselor from the Ashland Office presented on the topic of Understanding the impact of health care reform on the employment of individual with disabilities. The Pre-Conference had 105 confirmed attendees. Kelly Foust Community Employment Services Manger with Lifeskills was the recipient of this year's Janet B. Gold Award. She received a plaque plus a \$100 check.

#### KARL

KARL Officers for 2013 are as follows:

President - Viva Anderson  
President Elect - Dave Matthis  
Treasurer – Jane Smith  
Board Member – Charles Puckett  
Board Member - Teresa Barney

This year's recipient of the KARL Award was Dr. David Beach Executive Director with OVR.

### KRA Scholarship Fund



This year, KRA was proud to host the 19th Annual J.Wister Wallace Scholarship Golf Scramble at The Quail Chase Golf Club in Louisville. We had great weather that day, and plenty to eat and drink. With 6 teams participating in this year's event and 6 sponsors, KRA raised \$ 2,370. KRA would like to thank Rebecca Sams DMD, James & Pam Minton, Dennis Psychological Services, Bluegrass Hearing Clinic, OWL and Life Skills.

This year's \$1,000 scholarship winner was Veronica Umeasiegbu. Dr. Bishop, nominated Veronica for all of her hard work and accomplishments. KRA wishes Veronica all the best on her academic endeavors! Scholarship Chair Roxana Robinson

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### Governmental Affairs

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This year's Annual NRA Governmental Affairs Conference was held in Alexandria Virginia. KRA members who attended in March were David Beach, and Jonathan White. Both members met with Chandler, Rogers and Whitfield's offices. They discussed several current issues concerning KRA and the field of vocational rehabilitation.

The NRA building will be sold to help cut additional cost and other related expenses. NRA will be moving to a virtual office system. NRA is still trying to catch up on processing new membership, payments, etc. NRA is focusing on getting these issues resolved as soon as possible. Beverly Safford who was the NRA Director and Legislative support, resigning Sept 9th 2012. Pat Layhe will be taking helping until a new transition is made. NRA reports a lot of changes will be coming as things slowly get corrected and the impact of the November election is felt.

Please visit the NRA Governmental Affairs webpage for more information.

<http://nationalrehabvaassoc.weblinkconnect.com/cwt/External/WCPages/Government/>



**If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Education Chair David Beach.**

### Fallen KRA Comrades



#### CELEBRATING OUR FALLEN KRA COMRADES

Those that fight to save others and improve life for all of us never die, though they sleep in dust: Their memory and courage will live on as an example to us all that a life in service to others is a life of fulfillment.

#### **Rest In Peace**

Ken Pucker

Len Mullins

Don Beckhart

Clifton Rice

Jeffery Ritchie

Roger Raybould

Peggy Kurzendoerfe

Necrology Chair - Keith Brown