

OARP Bulletin from the Board

OARP Bulletin Board

Welcome to the first OARP "Bulletin Board". We will be presenting a notice of events, membership, and issues associated with OARP and IARP every other month for 2006. Please feel free to contribute articles and topics of interest to Adriane Gaffuri or Marlene Bastian (e-mail/USPS addresses are on the website).

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

We will be hosting a Fall Conference on **October 13, 2006** at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn. Thus far we have the following topics and presenters:

Art Ayre, Oregon Employment

Department: Recent economic recovery and why some of us may not have noticed any change in the labor market.

Norm Cole, AAL:

Permanent total disability: a discussion of sample cases and why some receive PTD and others don't.

Scott Stipe, CRC: Survey of Social Security Administration vocational experts and new direct service alternatives for SSD recipients.

Amy Jackson, PT, Cedar Hills Physical Therapy : ASTYM, a new treatment for joint problems.

Dr. Jack Dryden, Veterans Administration:

Amputations-including vocational aspects.

MEMBER'S CORNER

For starters, we'd like to introduce you to two of our current Board members.

Dennis Funk

Dennis obtained his Master's degree in Counselor Education in 1978 from San Jose University. Immediately post graduation, Dennis entered private rehabilitation in Palo Alto, California. A year later three associates started Bland, Funk, O'Bara & Thomson. Dennis relocated to Oregon in 1980 with his wife, Debbie, and Bland, Funk, O'Bara & Thomson was one of the first private rehabilitation companies established in the states of Oregon and Washington. It grew to six offices with over 25 counselors at its peak.

He was a founding member of OARP and has served as its President on four separate occasions. He has spent over a decade as a member of the Executive Board.

At present time, Dennis serves as Co-Chairman of the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP) Membership Committee. He recently attended the annual IARP national conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he presented awards to a wide variety of volunteers for their service to the Association.

Dennis currently is the owner of Human Resource Development, a firm specializing in providing expert testimony and case management services for a wide variety of employers, attorneys, and insurers.

Sandy Johnson

Sandy is currently serving as the Chair of the Program Committee. She works as a Vocational Case Manager for The Standard on a team that provides long and short term disability benefits to state government employees. She is also involved in two special projects - one to develop a training manual for new VCM's and another to improve the initial claim decision process. Sandy has two Master's degrees, one in Speech Pathology and the second in Guidance and Counseling. She worked in

substance abuse treatment and private sector vocational rehabilitation before coming to The Standard in 1997.

Welcome New Members:

Bonnie Robb
Linda Clark

Please, if you are a new member or aware of a new member not listed here, let us know by contacting an OARP Board Member via the OARP website at:

<http://www.oarp.org/>

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