

## Oregon Chapter Wins!

*President-elect: Dennis Funk*

In the month of December, the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals was involved in a global membership challenge. Each of the 30 chapters went head to head in an effort to increase their membership. This friendly challenge resulted in the Oregon membership increasing by 4.5%! The Oregon chapter will be recognized by the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals during their annual conference to be held in May in Los Angeles. As this annual conference has not been held on the west coast in a few years, we would love to see the Oregon chapter well represented and encourage each of you to consider attending.

During the challenge, each member of the OARP Board was provided names of prospective members to contact. They were assigned the responsibility of contacting these individuals and communicating to them the benefits of belonging to this professional organization. Benefits including discount in insurance, discounted continuing education training opportunities, access to professional list serves, discounted educational opportunities including local and international conferences all were emphasized to these potential members. I am pleased to report that these efforts produced 3 new members during the month which is extraordinary given the time of the year.

Congratulations to the new members for joining IARP as well as to the individual board members for taking the time to make the calls. Obviously, their effort was immensely worthwhile.

## Elections are upon us!

Not only is 2008 a year of national elections, but also it is time to elect OARP Officers and Board of Directors. By now, as members, you should have received the official call for nominations. The term of office will commence at the 2008 Spring Conference (March 7), for the 2008-2009 term. Nominations should be received prior to Feb. 1, 2008.

## Are you the Professional or Employer of the Year?

If there is a Rehab Counselor and/or an employer which you would like to nominate for acknowledgment of outstanding service for 2007? Please provide your nomination, contact information, and reasoning to: OARP offices.

## Brendan Flynn: Board Member at Large

Our Board Members at Large are active members in your OARP organization and strive to find

opportunities for our continued community involvement and professional development. One such member is Brendan Flynn. Brendan has a M.S. in Counseling Education from Portland State University and works as a Vocational Case Manager with Standard Insurance Company (both in short and long term disability services) and he has also worked in private vocational rehabilitation, providing services to injured workers under Workers Compensation. He has participated on our board for the past year as a contributor to our membership committee, reaching out to the PSU community. Thank you Brendan!

## Call to MEMBERS:

Please let us know of any topics you'd like addressed in our "Bulletin from the Board"; or at our next conference. We are eager to meet your professional development needs.

## In Memory of Ron Hughes

The rehabilitation community was saddened to learn that Ron Hughes, a long term rehabilitation counselor in both the private and public

sector, died on November 17, 2007. Ron began his rehabilitation career in 1983 with Columbia Rehabilitation Counseling in Medford Oregon. Ron transferred to the OVRSCascade Office in Beaverton in 2000, and was still employed there at the time of his death. Ron was also a long term member of IARP and OARP and served as a member at large on the OARP Board in 2000 and 2001. Ron was famous for his joking and was always a delightful addition to any gathering. He will be missed by all who knew him.

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## DATE to REMEMBER!!!

### March 7 ~ OARP 2008 Spring Conference

Holiday Inn, Wilsonville, OR

Presentations on:

- Vision and Vestibular Disorders
- Labor Market Information: Careers that require Short Term Training
- Geographic Information Systems: Emerging occupation and Training
- Bio-psychosocial Model of Chronic Pain
- Voice Recognition Software
- Recent Ergonomic Solutions
- ...and our local vendors!

More information and on-line registration at:

[www.oarp.org](http://www.oarp.org)

## 2008 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

By Feb. 25: \$100<sup>00</sup> OARP/IARP Members; \$150<sup>00</sup> Non-Members  
After Feb. 25 \$150<sup>00</sup> OARP/IARP Members; \$200<sup>00</sup> Non-Members

Exhibitors: \$225 includes table and registration for 2 representatives  
\$45 each for additional "exhibits only" reps