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April 13, 1976

Delbert O. Lewis, CRC, President
Arkansas Chapter
National Rehabilitation Counseling Association
P.O. Box 3685
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Mr. Lex Frieden
9667 Meadowvale
Houston, Texas 77063

Dear Mr. Frieden:

This is in regard to our telephone conversation of April 7, 1976, regarding a potential organizational meeting of the Council of Consumer Members of NRA at the Regional Conference in June. I have discussed the Consumer Council Meeting with Mr. Young Orsburn, NRA Regional President, and Mr. R. Lewis Urton, Convention Program Chairman, and they have been most helpful in assisting in providing time and facilities for the Consumer Council Meeting.

I would like to especially express my appreciation to you for volunteering to be the guest speaker at the meeting. I have advised Mr. Urton's office of this and your name will appear on the program as the authority on the Council of Consumer Members and guest speaker at the organizational meeting. I assume that unless otherwise instructed, I will be presiding at this particular workshop-meeting and we will be contacting numerous other NRA and divisional leaders in the Southwest region to attempt to develop additional interest in the proposed council. We will forward a copy of all our correspondence concerning the council to you for your review.

If you have any suggestions on the best way to proceed with this matter, we would be most anxious to hear from you. Thank you again for your assistance and consideration. If we may be of further service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely,

Delbert O. Lewis

Delbert O. Lewis, CRC, President
ARKANSAS REHABILITATION COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

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cc: Mr. R. Lewis Urton, Program Chairman
Mr. Young Orsburn, NRA Regional President
Mr. Mack Blackwell, NRA Chapter President
Mrs. Gloria Kemp, NRA Chapter President Elect
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ARKANSAS CHAPTER NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

March 22, 1976

REPLY TO:

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National Rehabilitation Counseling Association
P.O. Box 3685
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Mr. Lex Frieden
Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research
Texas Medical Center
P.O. Box 20095
Houston, Texas 77025

Dear Mr. Frieden:

Thank you very much for the copy of your letter to Mr. Young Orsburn, dated March 9, 1976. We indeed appreciate being advised of regional interest in a proposed Council of Consumer Members of NRA. The Officers and Board of Directors of the Arkansas Chapter of the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association have voted to provide whatever technical assistance that is within our realm of responsibility to help initiate a state and/or regional Council of Consumer Members.

We have been unable to secure publicity information or other data on the current national organization of the Council of Consumer Members. Our only information has been the Articles of Association of the Council. If you have additional information or could direct us to the appropriate individual who could furnish additional information on the Council, it would be indeed appreciated.

Based on preliminary program planning, the Council has been granted thirty minutes of time at 4:30 p.m., June 10, 1976, for an organizational meeting at the state/regional conference at Hot Springs, Arkansas. We indeed appreciate your volunteering to assist us in this endeavor. However, responsibility for definitive program plans rests with Mr. Young Orsburn, NRA Regional President, and Mr. R. Lewis Urton, Program Chairman. We indeed hope that enough interest can be generated at the state and regional level to initiate the Council in the Southwest Region.

We look forward to corresponding with you in the near future with reference to any activities which could assist in implementing plans for the Council. If we may be of additional service to you in any way, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely.

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cc: Mr. Young Orsburn, NRA Regional President
Mr. R. Lewis Urton, Program Chairman
Mr. Mack Blackwell, NRA Chapter President
Mrs. Gloria Kemp, NRA Chapter President Elect
Ms. Judy Heuman
ARCA Officers and Board of Directors

March 9, 1976
9667 Meadowvale
Houston, Tx 77063

Mr. Young Orsburn, Regional President, NRA
Box 3781
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Dear Mr. Orsburn,

Thank-you for your letter of 3/3/76. I would be pleased to participate in the Regional Conference in any way I can. I understand that Delbert Lewis has been assisting you with planning consumer involvement in the Conference. I assume that all facilities and accommodations will be accessible to those of us in wheelchairs and I look forward to attending many of the planned functions.

I believe that we should try to hold two sorts of consumer-oriented meetings. First, I would be glad to participate in and help arrange an "awareness raising" panel to discuss consumer problems and needs, and to discuss ways to effectively involve consumers in agency planning and program development. It seems to me that this might be part of a general session. Secondly, I foresee a need to hold an organizational type meeting of the Council of Consumer Members. It is important that this meeting does not conflict with other Division meetings, as many consumers also wish to be involved in their respective Divisions. I would be happy to discuss specific needs with the appropriate individual by telephone at their convenience, if these ideas meet your approval.

In addition to the persons named in your letter, I am acquainted with many consumers in Texas and Oklahoma. I would like to stimulate and facilitate their interest and involvement in NRA by insuring that all meetings and functions are held in totally accessible places and by demonstrating NRA's commitment to consumer needs. As Secretary of the American Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities and Regional Representative of the NRA Council of Consumer Members, I stand ready to assist you and anyone else in our Region in encouraging and stimulating consumer involvement in rehabilitation.

Yours truly,

Lex Frieden

cc: Kreimer, Lewis, Rouse, Kemp, Baxter, Heumann, Ellenburg,
Gray, McDonald

Southwest Regional Conference

National Rehabilitation Association

Rehabilitation Services

P. O. Box 3781

Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

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March 3, 1976



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Mr. Lex Frieden
9667 Meadowvale
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Frieden:

Please refer to Stephen Kreimer's letter to you of February 17, 1976, including my name and address for your convenience.

We are well under way with plans for our Southwest Regional Conference of NRA, June 9-11, at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas. We are attempting to arrange for as many divisional meetings as possible. The tentative schedule calls for Divisional Meetings for Wednesday, June 9 at 2:30 P.M.

I would suggest that you let us know what you want in the way of time, space, and any other needs. We will want this information as soon as possible so that it may be included in the final draft of the program. Mrs. Gloria Kemp, of our office, has just talked with me stating that you had relayed by phone that you were interested in time for an organizational meeting of a state chapter of the Council of Consumer Members.

You may already know Mr. James Ellenburg, 5721 Gulfton #8, Houston, Texas 77036, who serves on the Regional Advisory Council of the Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research. If not, may I encourage you to become acquainted with him. I also hope that you have met Mr. Ralph Rouse, Jr., Assistant Regional Representative, Office of Human Development, Office of Rehabilitation Services, Regional Office, 1114 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75202.

May we hear from you?

Sincerely,

Young M. Orsburn, President
Southwest Regional Conference NRA

YMO/pp

cc: Stephen Kreimer
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Mrs. Gloria Kemp

R. Lewis Urton
E. Russell Baxter
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James Ellenburg

CONFERENCE DATE: June 9-11, 1976

March 2, 1975

Mr. Rex L. Fisher
1111 West Loop
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Please refer to Stephen Keshner's letter to you of February 11, 1975, including my name and address for your convenience.

We are very much interested in your plans for the Southwest Regional Conference of NAA, June 9-11, at the Arlington Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas. We are attempting to arrange for as many visitors as possible. The tentative schedule calls for 9:00 a.m. sessions for Wednesday, June 9 at 2:30 P.M.

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You may also know from Mr. James E. Eberhart, 5721 West Loop, Houston, Texas 77042, who serves on the National Advisory Council of the Texas Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, 1201 East 17th Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, that I also have that information now to become acquainted with him. I also have that information now from Mr. R. R. Rouse, Jr., Assistant Director, Rehabilitation, Office of Human Resources, Office of Rehabilitation Services, Regional Office, 1111 West Loop, Houston, Texas 77042.

Very truly yours,

Sincerely,

Wm. H. Gaskin, President
Southwest Regional Conference NAA

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cc: Stephen Keshner
Robert L. Lott
Wm. H. Gaskin, Jr.
Mrs. Gloria Kemp
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August 5, 1975

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9667 Meadowvale
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May 12, 1976

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to express my regret at not being able to attend the recent Executive Committee meeting of the N.R.A. Council of Consumer Members held in Washington, D.C. on April 30 and May 1, 1976. I trust the meeting was progressive and that my colleagues' time and N.R.A.'s money was well spent. I would, at this point, like to register my displeasure, disgust, and disapproval regarding two pertinent issues.

1. On April 7, 1976, I was polled concerning my availability to meet on April 30 in Washington, D.C. At that time, I expressed a desire to meet, with the explicit understanding that this arrangement would be confirmed within ten days. After waiting the agreed upon ten days for notice of the meeting without being notified, I made other commitments for the proposed meeting dates. Finally, on April 21, 1976, I was informed by telephone that there would in fact be a meeting on April 30. I should like to point out that this was less than ten days prior to the meeting and that there were no rooms left available in the hotel where the meeting was being held.

I object to such spur-of-the-moment planning, and I do not believe action of this sort is in the best interest of N.R.A.

2. After learning of the April 30 meeting and knowing I could not attend, I asked another Committee member to carry my proxy and vote in my behalf. I understand this procedure was arbitrarily disallowed and that my vote was discounted.

I believe this was unjustifiable and do hereby formally protest all actions taken without representative input from the Southwest Region of N.R.A.

Yours in service,



Lex Frieden
S. W. Regional Representative
Council of Consumer Members
National Rehabilitation Asso.



THE **DIPLOMAT**
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May 13, 1976

Ms. Diane S. Roupe
Executive Director
NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
1522 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Dear Diane:

Thank you for your letter of May 11, 1976, and the arrangements that will be needed for your 1976 NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION National Conference scheduled at the DIPLOMAT RESORT AND COUNTRY CLUBS on September 17 - 22, 1976.

Diane, your sleeping room arrangement has been changed now in our computer and we have blocked the necessary rooms at the Diplomat as well as the surrounding area to handle your meeting.

Everything in your letter is correct in regard to rates and exhibit space.

I would like to cover your list of modifications that will have to be made at the Diplomat for the facility to be accessible to the handicapped persons:

Front Entrance

- 1) We will construct a ramp with Ted's help and advice with the proper inclines you will need for your wheelchair users. I believe I showed you this set up personally during your recent visit here.
- 2) Automobile parking spaces specifications are correct and we will comply.
- 3) In regard to curb cuts, this is OK and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Lobby

- 1) We agree to this, and will build a temporary ramp with an incline not to exceed 8.3 degrees.
- 2) There is plenty of seating in our upper lobby and we do not see the necessity of building an additional ramp for seating in the lower lobby.
- 3) We will remove the black marble barrier on top of one cashier's counter.
- 4) OK
- 5) OK
- 6) OK
- 7) OK
- 8) We are confused by what you mean by raised letters installed inside elevators to designate floor numbers. We will need further explanation so we can make arrangements for this.

Doors

- 1) OK
- 2) Kick plates need to be installed on some doors, but would you please explain which doors.

Corridor to Tower

- 1) OK
- 2) OK
- 3) OK
- 4) OK
- 5) OK

May 13, 1976

Speaker Platforms

- 1) OK

Sleeping Rooms

- 1) OK
- 2) It will be another week before we can find out if the walls in the Tower bathrooms will hold grab bars. If they will, we will comply.
- 3) We will study the installation of grab bars next to the toilets.

Pool Area

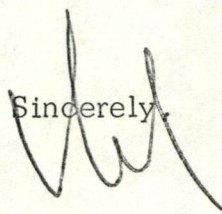
- 1) We will fix the ramp from the Tower elevators to the proper incline of 8.3 degrees.

Diane, I believe I have answered all of your questions with the exception of the grab bars in the Tower, and as soon as we find out from our construction people if this is possible, I will get back to you by phone.

We look forward to working with you and Ted Noakes and hope that you and Ted will be able to come back down sometime in June to give our people the advice and help with changes we have to make to assure your people a successful convention.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Hal Chandler
Executive Vice President
Sales and Marketing

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NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
1522 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

May 11, 1976

Mr. Hal Chandler
Executive Vice President
of Sales and Marketing
DIPLOMAT RESORT AND COUNTRY CLUBS
Hollywood, Florida 33022

Dear Hal:

This communication is given pursuant to our meeting on November 17, 1975, at which Mr. August W. Gehrke, President of the National Rehabilitation Association, was also present, and our meeting of Monday, May 10, regarding arrangements for the 1976 NRA National Conference scheduled at the Diplomat Resort and Country Clubs on September 17, 1976, through September 22, 1976.

We will need to have the following number of sleeping accommodations:

Friday,	September 17-	450
Saturday,	September 18-	900
Sunday,	September 19-	1,800
Monday,	September 20-	1,800
Tuesday,	September 21-	1,800
Wednesday,	September 22-	450
Thursday,	September 23-	200

We understand that rooms will not be available until 1:00 p.m. on September 17, and because of prior bookings, you will be unable to accommodate earlier arrivals.

We understand that you can provide up to 1,130 sleeping rooms at the Diplomat, and that 300 rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn during the conference dates. You will need to reserve a block of 370 additional rooms in one or two adjacent hotels.

Mr. Hal Chandler
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It is agreed that the sleeping room rates shall be, as follows:

Diplomat Resort & Country Clubs

East Building: \$22.00 Single, \$26.00 Double
Marina Bldg.: \$20.00 Single, \$24.00 Double
G & R Club: \$18.00 Single, \$22.00 Double
Special rate for accessible rooms:
\$18.00 Single or Double

Holiday Inn \$20.00 Single, \$24.00 Double

Rates on additional 370 rooms are yet to be determined.

The above rates shall be guaranteed for three nights following the conference.

We understand that there will be no charge for meeting rooms and exhibit space, and that there will be one complimentary room for each 50 rooms occupied.

Per our conversation, all hotel reservations will be sent to the Diplomat and you will take care of specific requests for reservations at the alternate conference hotels, as well as overflow into said hotels. As we discussed, you will hold open the approximately 300 rooms in the Tower in order that our office can work with your reservation personnel in placing handicapped persons in these accessible rooms.

Due to the demand for suites for small meetings and cocktail parties, we request that you place a hold on all suites and refer requests for same to our office. We will take the responsibility of working with your personnel on assignment of these facilities.

It is our understanding that the following modifications will be made to the Diplomat in order that the facility will be accessible to handicapped persons:

Front Entrance

- 1) Ramped with inclines not to exceed 8.3 degrees. It is our understanding that you intend to construct an entire new entrance which will be fully accessible, but this construction will not be commenced until approximately October, 1976. In the meantime, you agree to construct semi-permanent ramping with inclines not to exceed 8.3 degrees.

Mr. Hal Chandler
May 11, 1976
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- 2) Automobile parking spaces of 10 to 12 feet in width will be reserved for handicapped persons as near to the front entrance as possible, said parking spaces to be properly designated with the accessibility symbol. Similar parking spaces shall be reserved and duly marked on the Marina side.
- 3) There shall be curb cuts at the front entrance.

Lobby

- 1) Entrance to the Cafe Cristal shall be permanently ramped with an incline not to exceed 8.3 degrees.
- 2) A ramp, not to exceed 8.3 degrees incline, shall be installed from the main lobby level to the lower lounging level.
- 3) One of the cashier's counters shall be made more accessible by removal of the black marble barrier currently installed on the countertop.
- 4) A table and chair shall be provided between the registration desk and cashier counters for handicapped persons. Said table shall be no higher than 32" from the top of the table to floor, and no lower than 30" from the bottom of the table to the floor.
- 5) Drinking fountains shall be adjusted in order that the water streams are parallel to the front face.
- 6) All objects shall be removed from under or near lobby elevator buttons.
- 7) Public restrooms shall be made accessible, with proper grab bars installed. The bottom of towel dispensers shall be no more than 40" from the floor. Bar soap shall be provided at the lavatories.
- 8) Raised letters shall be installed inside elevators to designate floor numbers.

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May 11, 1976
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Doors

- 1) Pressure closers shall be reduced to 5 lbs.
- 2) Kick plates need to be installed on some doors, 10" above the floor.

Corridor to Tower

- 1) The bank of two telephones outside the Windsor Room shall be lowered. Center of coin slots shall be no more than 40" from the floor.
- 2) Expansion joints outside of Windsor Room shall be smoothed out.
- 3) Non-slip floor wax should be applied to all public area floors.
- 4) House phones located across from the Beaux Arts Ballroom shall be lowered. Under side of counter shall be 30" from the floor.
- 5) The drinking fountain outside the ballroom shall be lowered.

Speaker Platforms

- 1) All speakers platforms shall be ramped with inclines not to exceed 8.3 degrees.

Sleeping Rooms

Modifications in 100 rooms in the Tower shall be made, as follows:

- 1) Refrigerators shall be relocated from dressing room to bedrooms; wooden brace next to refrigerators shall be removed and replaced with brackets.
- 2) Grab bars shall be installed in the bathtubs.

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Sleeping Rooms (continued)

- 3) The installation of grab bars next to the toilets shall be studied.

Pool Area

- 1) Ramps to the pool area shall have inclines not to exceed 8.3 degrees

A performance bond shall be provided to assure that the above alterations are properly completed before September 1, 1976.

We appreciate your cooperation and concern in assuring that the Diplomat is accessible to handicapped persons. Your sincere interest and efforts in this regard have become nationally recognized, and it is quite certain that you will attract many other large national conferences as a result of your modifications.

We agree to provide the counsel of Mr. Edward Noakes, Washington, D.C., who is nationally recognized as the primary architectural expert on building accessibility, to work with your architect in designing the above modifications.

Sincerely,

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

By: _____
Diane S. Roupe, Executive Director

Accepted May __, 1976

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May 28, 1976

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Dear Sharon and Bill:

Enclosed are the letters of contract with The Diplomat Hotel for the NRA National Conference to be held September 17-22, 1976.

The Diplomat management and ownership have been extremely cooperative in their willingness to accommodate our accessibility requirements, as reflected in the enclosed correspondence.

As you know, the Commission on Program and Activities, at its May 2-3, 1976 meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, considered the question of whether or not NRA should proceed with its plans to hold the 1976 Conference in Florida in view of the current legal issue with that State as well as possible accessibility problems. The Commission voted unanimously to proceed with our plans to meet in Hollywood, Florida. The Board of Directors was consulted, by telephone, on May 6, 1976, and a majority of members concurred.

On May 10-11, 1976, I met, at The Diplomat, with Mr. Hal Chandler, Executive Vice President of the hotel to reduce to writing that which had already

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been agreed on November 17, 1975, when Gus Gehrke and I resurveyed the site pursuant to the 1975 Delegate Assembly Resolution. Also present, May 10th was Mr. Edward Noakes, Washington, D.C., architect, and nationally-recognized expert in accessibility matters, who volunteered his time to NRA to review details regarding the necessary architectural modifications, and will work with the hotel's architects, on a continuing volunteer basis, to assure proper design of the modifications. We are, indeed, grateful to Mr. Noakes for his generous help.

We feel that The Diplomat will be judged accessibly satisfactory, by most consumers who attend the conference. We are not happy with the solution to the front entrance problem, but feel that most everyone will endorse the resolution when the facts are made known. The facts are: In October, 1976, The Diplomat plans to commence construction of a \$29-million addition which will include a new front entrance and lobby area. They are planning to make this entire new addition permanently accessible. The Diplomat had planned to have the new front entrance completed by our conference dates, but commencement of construction has been delayed by difficulty in securing sewer permits. It is not practical to make costly permanent alterations which will be utilized for a period of only one month. Therefore, for the NRA Conference, and in consultation with their insurance carrier, a front door, which is located immediately to the left of the three main front doors, will be ramped at an incline not to exceed 8.3 degrees to the center of the front driveway where a curb cut will be constructed. Without the expenditure of many thousands of dollars, it was impossible to construct even a temporary ramp to the three primary front doors. It is to be noted that there is an existing ramp at the front entrance which was constructed for baggage and is too steep for use by persons in wheelchairs, unassisted. Hotel personnel will be stationed at this ramp should anyone prefer to use it, with assistance. It will be helpful if members of the Consumer Council and Consumer Commission will articulate these circumstances to interested parties. We plan to make these facts publicly known through the Newsletter.

The Conference Registration Form is explicit with reference to the width of doors at The Diplomat. The rooms, with accessibility features, are being held by NRA. Conference registrants who need one of these rooms are asked to so designate on the Registration Form. They are also

requested to state any additional architectural or special needs they will require. NRA and The Diplomat will do everything possible to meet these special requirements and/or needs if we have notice no later than August 16, 1976. If it is not possible to meet these requirements, in certain cases, the registrant will be so advised, and his/her full registration refunded.

You will note, in the letters of contract, that The Diplomat is making available the special rate of \$18 (single or double) for the rooms with accessible features. These rooms are in the newest section of the hotel, and are the most expensive (\$68 in the height of the season).

In addition to the architectural modifications delineated in the letters, every attempt will be made to assure that special needs of handicapped persons will be accommodated to the best of our ability. The special needs booth, sponsored and directed by the Consumer Council, to be located in the registration area, will be extremely helpful in achieving these goals.

We all recognize the importance of NRA Conference sites being accessible. NRA must be, and wants to be, an example to the nation, in this regard.

As we have resurveyed the four previously selected conference locations, the great problems in achieving accessibility have become even more painfully apparent to us. It is extremely difficult to find accessible facilities which are large enough to accommodate our growing National Conference, which now numbers approximately 3,000 persons. In all cases, thus far, quite significant and costly alterations to the facilities are necessitated.

As an example, the two Washington, D.C., hotels selected for our 1977 National Conference were found to be inaccessible and unalterable. We subsequently surveyed the Washington Hilton and found that major modifications will have to be made if we are to convene there. We are extremely hopeful that the owners of the Washington Hilton will recognize the importance and good business of making these alterations.

We hope this communication and accompanying letters address and answer questions concerning the 1976 Conference site. Any suggestions you may have as to ways in which we can provide further conveniences to conferees, who have handicaps, will be greatly appreciated. It will be important that the Consumer Council, Consumer Commission, and national office work very closely together over the next three months to assure full implementation of our plans.

Sincerely,

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

By: *Diane S. Roupe*
Diane S. Roupe
Executive Director

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cc: Council of Consumer Members
Commission on Consumer Relationships
and Environmental Concerns
Commission on Program and Activities
NRA Board of Directors
Edward Noakes

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May 12, 1976

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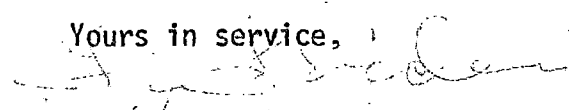
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I believe this was unjustifiable and do hereby formally protest all actions taken without representation input from the Southwest Region of N.R.A.

Yours in service,


Lex Frieden
S. W. Regional Representative
Council of Consumer Members
National Rehabilitation Asso.

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
1522 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

May 10, 1976

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee of Council of Consumer Members
FROM: Stephen H. Kreimer, Director of Education and Training
SUBJECT: Minutes of the Commission on Consumer Relationships and
Environmental Concerns

At the last Executive Committee meeting of the Council it was requested that I distribute copies of the minutes of the Commission on Consumer Relationships and Environmental Concerns meeting that was held in Arlington, Virginia, January 30-31, 1976. Enclosed find same.

MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSION ON CONSUMER RELATIONSHIPS
AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS
Arlington, Virginia
January 30-31, 1976

The Commission on Consumer Relationships and Environmental Concerns met at the Sheraton-National Motor Hotel, Arlington, Virginia, on January 30-31, 1976. Present were: Grady Galloway, Vern Schultz, Rod Ferrell, William Cooksley, Henry Couvillon, Bill Gardner. After introductions and a brief discussion, the chairman referred the Commission members to the charges as sent to the Commission by the Board of the National Rehabilitation Association.

The first charge for consideration was the relationship of the Commission to the Council of Consumer members and the Board of Directors. Many possible relationships were discussed, the outcome of which was as follows: The Council of Consumers has a dual role. In the first role they are advisory to the NRA Board on matters such as consumer involvement in all aspects of the organization, the needs of consumers, etc. The Council has a specific designated representative on the NRA Board for this purpose. In the second role the Council is advisory to the Commission on Consumer Relationships and Environmental Concerns as the Commission makes indepth studies on consumer matters referred to it by the Board.

All too often, the Board has brought to it for consideration matters which are involved and many faceted. Because of the press of time, votes of the NRA Board members are cast without sufficient information. The Commission should function in the same manner as a congressional committee by reviewing charges, issues, and problems from the Board, studying them in detail, and getting input from in-

dividuals and organizations knowledgeable on the matters under study. The Commission will develop the issue and report them to the Board with recommendations for adoption, rejection, or modification.

The Commission may also identify issues which they feel are important to NRA and the Consumer Membership, and present these matters to the Board with sufficient facts for decision-making. The above statement is the Commission's opinion of the proper relationship between the NRA Board, the Council of Consumer members, the Commission on Consumer Relationships.

At this point in the Commission, we were joined by Mr. Fred Tammen, Legislative Analyst of the NRA staff. It was brought to Mr. Tammen's attention that concern had been expressed regarding the Legislative Newsletter and NRA's participation in certain legislative matters. Mr. Tammen indicated that the Legislative Newsletter was straight reporting on bills which were being considered on Capitol Hill that would be of interest to the membership. The Legislative Newsletter does not contain NRA's stand on these bills.

The Committee made the following recommendations:

1. That a disclaimer be included in the Legislative Newsletter indicating that this was straight news reporting, and did not reflect the position of the NRA on these matters.
2. That some method be developed which would indicate to the membership NRA's policy statement on legislation being considered by Congress.
3. That legislative issues affecting handicapped people, delivery systems, or other aspects of rehabilitation

should be studied as a whole bill, rather than just the portion dealing with rehabilitation, handicapped people, or the delivery system. It was the feeling of some members of the Commission that certain legislation on Capitol Hill which appeared to be of benefit to the consumer may, in reality, be a "bad bill" when considered as a whole.

The Commission recessed until January 31, at 9:00 a.m.

On January 31, Commission members Sharon Mistler and Milton Cohen joined the Commission's meeting. It should be noted that the Commission meeting was open to any person who cared to attend, and during the two-day session, we had several visitors.

The charge on the Task Force on the Deaf was considered. After much discussion, it was decided that due to the indefinite nature of any task force, the Commission felt that the Task Force on the Deaf should not be given a specific seat on the Commission. It was the consensus that the Task Force should continue to report and be responsible to the Board, since the Board established the Task Force for specific reasons. Naturally, the Task Force, as a consumer element of NRA, should have input into the Commission when the Commission considered problems which were related to deaf consumers.

It should be noted that the Commission was extremely impressed with the activities carried out by the Task Force, and the tremendous amount of input they have had into the NRA organization since their establishment. The Task Force still has considerable work to do and should continue to operate until they have accomplished the charge for which they were created.

The Commission reviewed the need for a roster of organizations of consumers on the national level. It was decided that we should enlist the Council and help of the American Coalition of Consumers in preparing this information. Sharon Mistler, the member of the Coalition, agreed to assist in this project.

It was moved and seconded that the chairperson be allowed to appoint a sub-committee to work on the charge dealing with this matter. The motion was passed unanimously. Provided funds are available, and we think there will be in our present budget, there will be a sub-committee meeting for the completion of the compilation of a register of organizations of consumers.

The checklist of accessibility was reviewed by the Commission members prior to the meeting. During the meeting, the Commission members were presented with the second working copy. A tremendous amount of work has been accomplished by the NRA staff in the preparation of this checklist. Mr. Steve Kreimer has taken the lead and is to be highly commended for an excellent job. Because of the wide involvement of consumers, both in and out of NRA, there have been a number of requests from all over the country for this document, even though it is not completed. This speaks well of the project, and certainly of the staff member who has carried the lead.

The following recommendations are prepared for Board consideration:

1. The NRA should write to the Federal Aviation Administration urging the immediate issuance of regulations, rather than an advisory circular. Advisory circulars

do not bind airlines to any particular practice. The regulations should be issued whether NRA agrees with what they say or not. This would give everyone an opportunity to react to a concrete policy situation.

2. It was recommended that the auto industry be invited to exhibit at our National conferences. Those who have compact automobiles which have space for wheelchairs behind the front seat should be especially invited. The consumer members tell us that many of the new compact cars do not have sufficient room for storing wheelchairs behind the driver's seat. This situation is not true in all compact automobiles and those who have vehicles which are suitable and accessible might be interested in exhibiting in Hollywood, Florida, and at Regional conferences.
3. The NRA should bring whatever pressure to bear it can on the Department of Transportation to get a policy statement issued regarding accessible transportation for rolling stock, such as buses and subway cars. Such a statement does not presently exist according to the consumer members who spoke with the Commission.
4. The National Rehabilitation Association should initiate an investigation into wheelchair pricing. The implications from the discussions presented to the Commission were that there seems to be collusion between wheelchair

manufacturers in the pricing of their product.

Chairs made by the same company of equal quality can be bought at a much lesser price in foreign countries than in the United States.

5. The Advisory Committee to the Architectural and Transportation Compliance Board had not been appointed at the time of the Commission meeting, even though it is mandated in the law. The Commission urges the NRA Board to bring whatever pressure it can to insure that the Advisory Committee is appointed promptly.
6. The Commission requests that the National Rehabilitation Association develop and sponsor legislation which would establish the issuance of identification cards similar to a driver's license to any person who requested them. This would assist handicapped people who do not have a driver's license to have proper identification for cashing checks and establishing credit. It was recognized by the Commission that several states have this type of legislation, but it was felt that a national identification card, available to anyone upon application, would be more suitable and uniform. This, in no way, was intended to take away from states who have shown initiative in this area.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m., January 31, 1976.

Mr. Lex Frieden

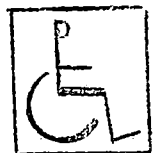
ARKANSAS CHAPTER NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

Informational

In order to conserve resources copies of all letters are not being made. However, the same letter was sent to all NRCA Presidents, Presidents-Elect and Past Presidents in the Southwest region. Names and addresses are available upon request.

Please "talk up" the proposed NRA Council of Consumer members in your area. Its success (as well as the success of our own organization) depend upon the ACTIVE involvement of all our members.

Thank you,
Delbert Lewis



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ARKANSAS CHAPTER NATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING ASSOCIATION

April 12, 1976

REPLY TO:

Delbert O. Lewis, CRC, President
Arkansas Chapter
National Rehabilitation Counseling Association
P.O. Box 3685
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

Mr. Jon James, President
New Mexico Rehabilitation Counseling Association
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
1095 North Canal
Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220

Dear Mr. James:

A great deal of interest has been expressed by NRCA and other NRA division members in Arkansas and other states in forming a State/Regional Chapter of the Council of Consumer Members of NRA. Since the 1976 Regional NRA Divisions Conference will be held in Hot Springs, Arkansas, June 9, 10, and 11, the Arkansas Chapter of NRCA has volunteered to assist in coordinating activities in the formation of the Council.

One of our first goals is to contact the various NRCA Chapter Presidents and other South-West Regional leaders in an attempt to determine the actual extent of the interest in formation of the Council and solicit any suggestions that you may have concerning the best way to proceed in our organizational endeavors.

As of this date, we have been able to obtain only a limited amount of information concerning the Council. However, the purpose of the Council is to advise the NRA Board of Directors relative to how the NRA can assure appropriate involvement of consumer members in its affairs; serve as a liaison between the Board and consumer members and elect a member to the Board. Membership in the Council is open to all NRA members who, due to a physical or mental disability, are or have been or would have been eligible to receive rehabilitation services from either a public or voluntary agency.

We would indeed appreciate your bringing this information to the attention of your chapter members prior to the June Conference. We are especially interested in contacting key individuals in the various states who are interested in such a Council and who plan to attend the Conference and be available for an organizational meeting. A copy of the Council Constitution is enclosed for your review.

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We are indeed fortunate that Mr. Lex Frieden, Regional Representative to the Council, will be available at the June Conference to advise on the best way to proceed in formation of the proposed Council. The NRA Regional Program Planning Committee has kindly provided us with one hour to discuss and implement organizational activities at 4:30 a.m., June 9, 1976, at the State/Regional Conference.

We would indeed appreciate your assistance in publicizing this organizational meeting to interested individuals in your state and especially among those individuals who will be able to attend the June Conference. Thank you very much for your attention and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter in the near future.

Sincerely,

Delbert O. Lewis, CRC, President
Arkansas Chapter
National Rehabilitation Counseling Association

enclosure

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cc: Mr. Young Orsburn, NRA Regional President
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Dear Lex:

Mr. Delbert Lewis, CRC, President, Arkansas Chapter of NRCA and who is also on our Program Committee for the Regional-State Conference will be contacting you relative to time and program participation. Tentatively we have set aside some time for the Council of Consumer Members on Wednesday afternoon, June 9. I am sure that if you need more time that the evenings and other time will help you.

We look forward to having you with us both in (1) "awareness raising" and (2) organizational activities. Of course, we want you to participate in all programs that you may desire to.

A reservation card and flyer are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Young M. Orsburn

Young M. Orsburn, President
Southwest Region
National Rehabilitation Association

YMO/pp

cc: R. Lewis Urton
Delbert Lewis

CONFERENCE DATE: June 9-11, 1976

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
1522 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

TO: Executive Committee of the Council of Consumer Members
FROM: Susan Daniels, Southeast Coordinator

For your information, attached please find carbons of two letters addressed to Diane S. Roupe, Executive Director of NRA. Her reply will be shared with you.

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Dear Susan:

As per your request, the enclosed memo, with its attachments, has been sent to the Executive Committee of the Council of Consumer Members.

Sincerely yours,

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

By: _____

Stephen H. Kreimer
Director of Education & Training

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cc: Executive Committee
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February 16, 1976

Diane Roupe
NRA
1522 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Diane,

I am writing in reference to a letter you received from Judy Heuman, dated February 9. I am truly concerned about the documentation of the accessibility of the Diplomat for our convention this year. I do not think it is wise to allow Mr. Lampos' evaluation of the situation to go unanswered.

I would appreciate hearing about your plans to remedy this miscommunication about NRA.

Please let me know if I can be of help.

With best wishes.

Cordially,

SD

Susan Daniels, Rehabilitation Counseling

Southeast Representative
Council of Consumer Members

c.c. Gus Gerke
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March 19, 1976

Ms. Diane Roupe
NRA
1522 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Diane,

It is distressing to me, that I have not received response to my last letter to you, concerning the Florida issue and NRA's consumer input. In the meantime, the bad press regarding NRA and yourself, has intensified. Both Accent on Living and Achievement have produced articles this month damaging to NRA's position, you in particular, the latter having less validity because of its directly hostile tone. Nevertheless, I do feel, it is a mistake not to address the issues raised by both publications.

In your position of leadership, your personal credibility is extremely important. Allowing others to challenge it unanswered, may appear to be admission of wrong doing or, at best, arrogant refusal to deal with "those types." Diane, regardless of the veracity of their claims, a passive stance regarding these two consumer publications can be interpreted as NRA's refusal to be involved with working out differences with consumers. As a consumer member of NRA, I strongly advise you to attend to this immediately.

I shall await your response.

Sincerely,

Susan Daniels

Susan Daniels

SD:rm



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E. RUSSELL BAXTER
COMMISSIONER

March 4, 1976

Mr. Lex Friden
9667 Meadowvale
Houston, Texas 77042

Dear Mr. Friden:

After our phone conversation 3/3/76, I passed the information on to Mr. Baxter, Young Orsburn and Gwen Countryman. Delbert Lewis is out of state attending the planning meeting for the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals so I'll not be able to contact him before Monday.

We are very pleased that you are coming to Arkansas for the Southwest Regional Conference and for and Executive Board Meeting on the Consumer Council. We also appreciate your offer to participate in the program and particularly your offer to help in an organizational meeting of the council. I'm sure Delbert will be in touch with you as soon as he can.

Thanks again for your call. We look forward to your visit in Arkansas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gloria Kemp".

Gloria Kemp, Planning Specialist
DIVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES

GK/bj
cc/Delbert Lewis

February 6, 1976

Ms. Judy Spolum
University of Colorado Medical Center
4200 East Ninth Ave.
Box C 243
Denver, Colorado 80220

Dear Judy:

As you recall, one of the items discussed at the recent Executive Committee meeting of the Council of Consumer Members was the upcoming regional planning meeting for the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals. During the discussion it was pointed out that NRA had been invited to send two representatives to attend that meeting, and that the Council of Consumer Members had been asked to identify one of those representatives. You, according to my notes, have agreed to attend that meeting, scheduled for March 4, 1976, Denver Hilton Hotel, 1550 Court Place, Denver, Colorado. Representing the Council of Consumer Members will be Lex Frieden. Regretably, as I mentioned, funds are not available to reimburse you for any expenses.

I would think that one of the purposes in attending this meeting should be to insure that a broad concern for handicapped individuals is evidenced by all who are responsible for planning and carrying out the Conference, and that they make as much use of consumers, and consumer representatives, as possible. Secondly, we want to insure that our chapters are made aware of the significance of the Conference, and more so of those planned for their respective states, so I would ask that you be available in your region to serve as a contact person for those of our chapter leaders who seek additional information on ways to involve consumers.

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February 6, 1976

I am enclosing some material provided to NRA by the Conference staff. I would ask that following the meeting you drop me a note sharing your impressions with me. If you have any questions, or if I can be of further service to you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

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February 9, 1976

Diane Roupe, Executive Director
National Rehabilitation Association
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Diane,

I would appreciate your furnishing me with information pertaining to the on-site evaluation of the Diplomat. Specifically, make sure to include information which will document Achievement's mis-information. (Please refer to the enclosed letter.)

I was sitting down to write the letter for the Council when I received this in the mail. I believe it is important to respond to their charge of inaccessibility for our credibility.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter from Britton in case you had not yet seen it.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Judy Heumann
Deputy Director

Enclosures

cc: Council of Consumer Members

JH/cdf

Achievement

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C. J. LAMPOS
EDITOR

January 27, 1976

- Mr. Vincent Asaro
- TASK FORCE ON THE HANDICAPPED
- Hurley Building, 1st Floor
- Government Center
- Boston, Mass. 02114

Dear Vincent:

Originally, my newspaper as well as the Florida Council of Handicapped Organizations supported the reorganization of Florida's health and rehabilitative services because anything new was better than its old level of ineptness and incompetence.

We have had an almost 100% turnover in vocational rehabilitation counselors because of the low pay, frustrating hierarchy, and unproductive results (this being a non-industrial state where the employment of the disabled has always been difficult and in rural areas non-existent).

So why the furious activities of the National Rehabilitation Association in opposing progress (or attempt at progress)?

Had the NRA expended this much effort since its founding in 1927 in removing architectural barriers and discrimination, these evils would have long ceased to exist in our nation. But no, the fight isn't on behalf of the ones in need of advocates and assistance, but against change from a status quo as antiquated as the American Medical Association's positions in the medical field.

Those who have, who sit in the seats of the mighty, see not the needs nor the adversities of the clients whom they are supposed to be serving. Maybe this is the way human nature is supposed to work.

For instance, Diane Roupe came to Florida and looked over the barriers of the Diplomat Hotel in Hollywood, its parking across busy Ocean Drive, its steep driveway and steeper ramp at the entrance, its 22-inch bathroom doors, and its steps to the main dining-room and lounge - and she called the place fit for the 1976 NRA convention.

Based on the NRA's track record, perhaps a bubble-head like her is a fit director to lead "ignorant armies fighting in the night", for she is calling on every conceivable organization and individual throughout the nation to help her fight any improvements in Florida.

Whatever they are, they are our business, and she will find her convention picketed by the consumers in Florida if she dares hold it at the Diplomat!

A NATIONAL NEWSPAPER - "VOICE OF THE HANDICAPPED"

Sincerely,

C. J. Lamos

C. J. Lamos

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NRA SUFFERS SMASHING DEFEAT IN FLORIDA

HEW supports "the attempts by Florida to improve the delivery of services to its citizens", according to a letter received by L. Paul Murray, Executive Director of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Florida.

The letter calls the Florida reorganization "a serious, well-conceived effort that will be of substantial benefit to clients", and it adds: "We intend to take steps to allow the reorganization to proceed as close to full implementation as possible."

The National Rehabilitation Association had mounted "a national effort" to discredit Florida's reorganization of its health and rehabilitative services, and a chief phase of this effort consisted of attempting to use disabled consumers throughout the nation to protest to HEW about a matter of which they knew nothing.

Consumers declined to take part in this effort, according to their calls and letters to ACHIEVEMENT, even those who are members of NRA.

The NRA is an antique association as far behind the times - it has just (more less) "discovered" architectural barriers! - as the American Medical Association, and its disabled members are planning a "position paper" urging swinging reorganization of its own house.

Here is the full text of the HEW letter:

(more)



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

JAN 13 1975

Mr. L. Paul Murray
Executive Director
Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children
and Adults of Florida
Route 1
Box 350
Sorrento, Florida 32776

Dear Mr. Murray:

Secretary Mathews has asked me to respond to your letter of December 5 in which you indicate the Easter Seal Society of Florida's support for the reorganization of the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services.

As you are aware, numerous organizations and individuals have written to the Department opposing any action on our part that would support the Florida reorganization. We have attempted to make clear to all parties concerned that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare supports the attempts by Florida to improve the delivery of services to its citizens.

We believe that the Florida reorganization is a serious, well-conceived effort that will be of substantial benefit to clients of the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and to the State of Florida. Much of the opposition is based upon a misunderstanding of the purposes and effects of the reorganization. It is encouraging to us that your organization understands and is willing to cooperate with the HRS efforts.

Current Federal law is likely to require some adjustment in the Florida plan. However, to the extent permitted by law, we intend to take steps to allow the reorganization of HRS to proceed as close to full implementation as possible.

Sincerely,

Gerald H. Britton
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Program Systems

WE SHALL ENTER - OR PICKET!

For many years participants and guests with disabilities have struggled with the architectural barriers at the Annual Meeting of The President's Committee On Employment of the Handicapped in the Washington Hilton Hotel.

This is an intolerable situation during this Bicentennial Year of American freedom and celebration.

This year The President's Committee will meet in an entirely accessible site - or we the disabled will picket the meeting!

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February 6, 1976

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DIANE S. ROUPE

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*called Steve 2/16 and
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with me. If you have any questions, or if I can be of further service to you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

By: Stephen
Stephen H. Kreimer
Director of Education & Training

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55101

Dear Mr. Frieden:

Judy Heumann, Chairman of NRA's Council of Consumer Members and a member of the NRA Board of Directors has informed me that you have been appointed as the Southwest Regional Coordinator of NRA's Council of Consumer Members. Permit me to congratulate you on this appointment and to express my appreciation for your willingness to undertake this responsibility. This Council, which is one of three new Councils recently created by the Board of Directors has major responsibility for providing the Association with direction and guidance in the area of consumer involvement. As the enclosed NRA Constitution and By-Laws, and Articles of Association for the Council of Consumer Members suggests this Council is an independent Council reporting directly to the NRA Board of Directors.

Treasurer

CHARLES E. HAINES
Rehab. Services Center
Colorado State Hospital
Pueblo, Colorado
81003

Judy has also asked me to inform you that there will be four Council meetings at the NRA national conference in Cincinnati. The first one, the one that she believes to be the most important, is the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for Sunday, October 12, 1975 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.. Other meetings that are Council sponsored are reported in the enclosed memorandum that was recently sent to other members of the Executive Committee.

Executive Director

DIANE S. ROUPE

Again, congratulations on being appointed to this position and let me reaffirm that the national office stands ready to assist you at any time. I look forward to meeting you at Cincinnati and if I can be of service to you in the interim please feel free to call me.

Cordially,


Stephen H. Kreimer
Program Development Consultant

SHK/hlb

cc: Judy Heumann

Myrton L. McDonald

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G-75-119
September 16, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: NRA Regional Presidents

FROM: Judy Heumann, Chairman, NRA Council of Consumer Members and
Member of NRA Board of Directors

SUBJECT: Regional Consumer Representatives

Congratulations on being elected President of your region. One of the new things that I would like to call to your attention within the NRA is its Council of Consumer Members. I am enclosing a copy of the Council's Articles of Association and, more important, a list of our seven regional representatives. I would hope that you would take the opportunity to identify your regional representatives and work with them as closely as possible to plan for even greater consumer involvement within the Association and your respective region.

I would also ask that whenever possible you make certain to include them within all the activities of your regional board and, if possible, to follow the lead of national and place a member of the Council as a voting member on your board.

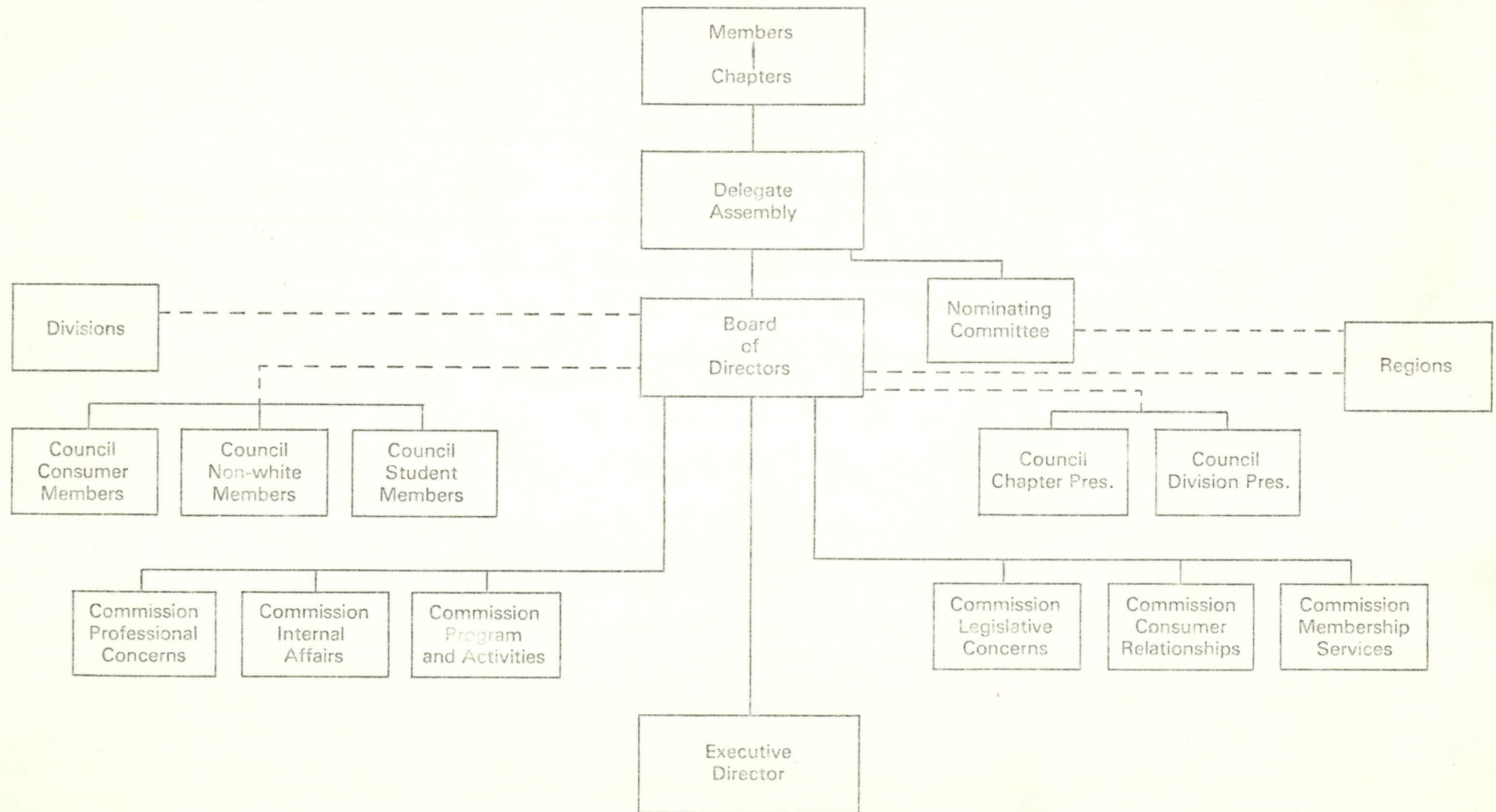
If you have any questions about the Council, would you please send them to me. My address is:

Ms. Judy Heumann
Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare
4332 New Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

1976 REGIONAL CONFERENCES - - PRESIDENTS, DATES AND SITES

<u>REGION</u>	<u>PRESIDENT</u>	<u>DATE AND SITE</u>
Northeast	Art J. Sinclair, Director N.J. Rehabilitation Commission Labor & Industry Bldg., 10th fl. John Fitch Plaza Trenton, N.J. 08625	Cherry Hill Hyatt House Cherry Hill, N.J. June 1-4, 1976
Mid-Atlantic	Altamont Dickerson, Jr. Commissioner, State Dept. of Vocational Rehabilitation 4615 West Broad St. P.O. Box 11045 Richmond, Va. 23230	Omni International Hotel Norfolk, Va. May 23-26, 1976
Southeast	Joseph S. Dusenbury Asst. to Director Vocational Rehabilitation Dept. 301 Landmark Center 3600 Forest Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29204	Landmark Motor Inn Myrtle Beach, S. C. May 17-19, 1976
Great Lakes	Mike Blankenship Rehabilitation Services Board 1010 Illinois Bldg. 17 West Market St. Indianapolis, Indiana 46204	Airport Hilton Hotel Indianapolis, Ind. May 9-11, 1976
Great Plains	William Franklin Divn. of Services to Visually & Physically Handicapped Dept. of Social Services 104 South Lincoln Aberdeen, So. Dak. 57401	Downtown Holiday Inn Sioux Falls, So. Dak. May 17-21, 1976
Southwest	Young M. Orsburn Dept. of Rehabilitative Services P.O. Box 3781 Little Rock, Ark. 72203	Arlington Hotel Hot Springs, Ark. June 8-10, 1976
Pacific	Frank Knepper <i>8-412019</i> 181 South Tucson Blvd. Tucson, Arizona 85716	Braniff Place Hotel Tucson, Ariz. April 25-28, 1976

NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
Organizational Chart



January 22, 1976

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G-76-4
January 14, 1976

TO: Executive Committee, Council of Consumer Members
FROM: Stephen H. Kreimer,  Director of Education and Training
RE: Executive Committee Meeting

As you all know by now, the Executive Committee meeting of the Council of Consumer Members has been scheduled, as follows:

Sheraton National Hotel
~~Washington, D.C.~~ *Arlington, Virginia*
January 29, 1976, 9:30 - 5:00 p.m.
January 30, 1976, 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Enclosed is a copy of a memorandum that was sent to the NRA Board and other NRA groups describing the hotel and the manner in which the Association covers travel. Enclosed also is a reservation card for your use. Please complete it and return it to the hotel. You are responsible for making your own reservations.

An agenda and additional material will be mailed to you during the week of January 19, 1976.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Enclosure

B-76-1
January 5, 1976

FINAL INFORMATION RE: NRA MEETINGS

Scheduled Meetings

Board of Directors	Sunday, Feb. 1	8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Executive Committee	Saturday, Jan. 31	7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.
Commission on Consumer Relationships and Environmental Concerns	Friday, Jan. 30 Saturday, Jan. 31	1:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Commission on Inter-agency Relationships and State-Federal Legislative Concerns	Saturday, Jan. 31	9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Commission on Membership Services (Partial Comm. Meeting) Leonard Lavis Neil Scully John Banks Gwen Countryman Judy Heumann Gene Kerlin Arnold B. Sax Bonnie Watson	Saturday, Jan. 31	8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
Commission on Professional Concerns	Saturday, Jan. 31	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
Commission on Program and Activities (Partial Comm. Meeting) George Hudson John Gessner J.B. McElwee Mary Smith Henry Williams	Saturday, Jan. 31	1:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
National Conference Committee	Monday, Feb. 2	8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Council of Division Presidents

Friday, Jan. 30

8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Council of Division Presidents, Mobilizer

Thursday, Jan. 29

9:30 AM - 5:00 P.M.

Place of Meetings

See Jan. 30

9:30 AM - 3:00 P.M.

Sheraton-National Motor Hotel
Columbia Pike and Washington Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia 22204
703-521-1900

The Sheraton-National is located just five minutes from Washington National Airport. Free limousine service is available. Please call the hotel when you arrive at the airport. If you are driving, the Sheraton-National is located next to Route 95 at the intersection of Columbia Pike and Washington Boulevard (see map in enclosed brochure).

Reservations

Rooms have been reserved at the Sheraton-National at the special rate of \$22 per night (\$26 for doubles). PLEASE RETURN THE ENCLOSED RESERVATION CARD TO THE HOTEL IMMEDIATELY. You will be responsible for making your own room reservations.

Expenses

The Association will reimburse:

Round-trip coach air fare.

Room expense not to exceed \$22 per night, plus tax.

Actual meal and tip expense, not to exceed a total of \$15 per day.

Ground transportation to and from home to airport or train.

Automobile expense @ 12¢ per mile.

Please arrange to arrive on day of meeting and/or leave on day of meeting whenever possible. It is expected the meeting attendees living in the Washington area will not need a hotel room.

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE.

(Postage-paid envelope enclosed)

January 5, 1976

_____ I will attend the NRA meeting(s) in Washington.

_____ I will be unable to attend the NRA meeting(s) in Washington.

NAME _____

MEMORANDUM

December 15, 1975

TO: Executive Committee, Council of Consumer Members

FROM: Judy Heumann, Chairperson
Stephen Kreimer, Director of Education and Training

SUBJECT: Executive Committee Meeting

This is to officially advise you that there will be a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council on Saturday, February 7th and Sunday, February 8, 1976. The meeting will be held at the Hot Springs Arkansas Rehabilitation Center, Hot Springs, Arkansas. These dates were selected as many people will be traveling around that time, and hopefully, we can save NRA, and our budget, some money.

The proposed agenda includes at least three things at this time:

- 1) Your role at the NRA regional meeting in the Spring.
- 2) Report of latest NRA Board of Directors meeting.
- 3) Revision of the NRA Accessibility Checklist.

Please send additional items you want on the agenda to Steve Kreimer at NRA as soon as possible.

Please complete the attached form today, and return it in the enclosed postage paid envelope.

Have a nice holiday.

Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

November 19, 1975

TO: Consumer Council Executive Committee

FROM: Judy Heumann

RE: Update and future plans

1. Sharon Mistler and I have been in contact with Diane Roupe on the Florida situation. Currently Florida Rehabilitation Association has not requested that our council send down any representative. It is my feeling that when and if we are requested to come into Florida that those persons going will be on a fact finding mission. There are disabled individuals in Florida who were very actively involved in the establishment of the reorganizational plan. If we come down with a preconceived opinion, it will be impossible to mediate. If we are requested to send people these are my choices - a) Susan Daniels, she is the regional representative to our council for the Southeast of which Florida is a part; b) Sharon Mistler, Mid-Atlantic representative and has expressed an interest in actively participating; c) Lorraine Ziemer, Great Lakes representative, has expressed an interest in actively participating. If funds are limited, may I give my suggested priorities. A) Susan, B) Sharon, C) Lorraine.
2. Susan Daniels and I recently met and were discussing a method by which our council could raise some funds to assist us in offsetting membership dues for those who cannot afford full fees. I have previously discussed the following idea with you. I would appreciate your sending back the enclosed ballot giving me approval or disapproval to go ahead. Please feel free to attach any comments you believe important.

TO: Diane Roupe

FROM: Judy Heumann

RE: Prospective Human Sexuality Course to be held at next National Conference in Florida

For some years now there has become a growing interest among professionals providing direct service to disabled individuals, and among disabled individuals and their families to learn more about various issues relating to the sexuality of persons with disabilities.

There have been programs conducted on a regular basis in various parts of the country called SAR's (Sexual Attitude Restructuring Programs). The goal of these programs is to provide all interested with appropriate information which will allow persons to overcome their fears, doubts and questions concerning the human sexuality needs of disabled and non-disabled individuals and enable them to relate to clients and themselves more comfortably.

The Executive Committee of the Council of Consumer Members is interested in sponsoring an SAR in Florida at next year's convention. We would bring persons from the Human Sexuality program at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco to conduct the program which would run for two days and could be scheduled prior to the conference or after the conclusion of the conference, as you prefer.

We need to know from you Diane, if we could at this point in time secure a room similar in size to this year's general assembly room plus 15 to 20 average size meeting rooms for these two days and what the charge would be. If it is possible, this is the way we would want to proceed-

- a) place a series of articles in the NRA Newsletter and other consumer publications to ascertain the number of persons interested in participating. We are talking about approximately 300 persons at \$25.00 per person and estimating cost of trainers and equipment at approximately \$4,000. The Council would want to use the surplus funds for our membership activities. If we are unable to secure enough interest by May we would call off the SAR until the following year. The program can be run successfully with 300 to 500 persons.

We believe the approach being suggested would make a major contribution to rehabilitation professionals and consumers alike. You may not be aware of the fact that in Las Vegas a panel on sex and disability was conducted at 9:00 a.m., was very well attended and received, and was favorably reported in the Las Vegas press.

3. For your information I am enclosing a breakdown of our budget and recommending our first meeting be held in mid-February in Hot Springs, Arkansas. If this date is not good please notify us immediately.

We will discuss:

- a) Susan Daniel's committee's work on goals and priorities and map out methodology for implementation.
- b) Architectural Barrier's instrument developed by Steve Kreimer.

- c) Progress on programming for regional meetings.
- d) Progress on Board members being placed on Regional Boards.
- e) Reports on Commission assignment of our Board members and what is any action needed.
- f) Certification of counselors.
- g) Progress of sexuality program.
- h) Our general meeting in Florida.
- i) Questions of whether or not we want our own consumer panel.
- j) Report on Program Committee for convention.
- k) Review of Board minutes from Cincinnati.
- l) Please send in any other items you wish to be discussed.

I am enclosing a suggested letter to go to your regions about membership on regional boards and your interest to sit on planning committee for regional meetings. You do not have to use this but please inform me of what actions you have taken and what has resulted.

For your information I am going to the Center for Independent Living in Berkeley, California to become the Chief Deputy Director.

I can be reached as of December 3rd at:

2539 Telegraph Avenue
Berkeley, California 94704

Work phone - (415) 841-4776

I don't have a home number yet.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

November 18, 1975

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CONCERNING NRA AND ITS DIVISIONS.

November 14, 1975
DRAFT BY LEX FRIEDEN

POLICY STATEMENT OF THE NRA COUNCIL OF CONSUMER

MEMBERS -- PART III. RELATIONSHIP TO NRA

We, the CCM, believe that consumers of rehabilitation services should be represented by consumer members of NRA in every aspect of the Association. Exclusive positions for consumer Representatives should be set aside on every Board and Commission of NRA and its Divisions.

We, the CCM, believe that consumers can and must speak for themselves on all issues which may concern them. It is NRA's responsibility to provide a means of representation by consumers in behalf of consumers. In addition, it is NRA's responsibility to insist on consumer representation in any affairs or other rehabilitation agencies which it may influence.

We, the CCM, have observed that there is comparatively little or absolutely no consumer representation presently in NRA. We, the CCM, believe that it is seldom possible for an individual (be he handicapped or not) to effectively represent the viewpoints of both providers and consumers.

We, the CCM, believe that NRA must encourage and facilitate the participation of consumers in NRA by: a) making all meeting places totally accessible to mobility impaired persons, b) providing interpreters and observers at all functions, c) making available subsidized Memberships for persons who may need them, and d) cooperating with and assisting organizations of disabled persons.

We, the CCM, believe that consumer members should be considered an asset to NRA, and that formal incorporation of consumers in NRA activities will lead to better realization of NRA goals.

Personally, I believe that the NRA should adopt this statement as a Resolution, and then assume the responsibility for creating positions, developing policy, and making changes. If they wish to delegate those responsibilities to us, we need authority! Our first order of business should be to lobby this Statement into formal acceptance. Then, we should monitor and manipulate the implementation of specifics. LF.

Council of Consumer Members

I. Susan:

II. Lorraine: This may include state of the art and proposed goals in each of these areas. Consideration of factors facilitating and obstructing these goals may be mentioned.

III. Lex: This like Part II, may explore status-quo, goals, and how they are facilitated or obstructed.

IV. Susan: Although the council is new and small now we might ideally interact on a larger scale with extra-organizational structures.

I. Introduction

II. Internal Relations

- A. Local and Chapter levels
- B. Regional Level
(conferences, etc.)
- C. National Level (membership, fees, identification, etc.)

III. Relationship to NRA and NRA Divisions

- A. Consumer representation on boards and comm-ssions of NRA and Divisions
- B. Consumer participation in activities (lobbying, planning, conferences, certification, various action plans, etc.)

IV. External Relations

- A. Other professional and service organizations (UCP, AMA, etc.)
- B. Other Consumer groups (Mess. Coalition, etc.)

November 6, 1975

MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Reps. of the Council of Consumer Members (NRA)
FROM: Susan Daniels
RE: Policy Statement

It's time to put your thoughts together and begin writing. I have enclosed an outline of topics to be covered in the CCU's Policy Statement plus committee responsibilities for certain sections. For those with writing changes, please work as quickly as possible. For other regional reps., please send comments and suggestions to me. I will mail to each of you a draft copy for comment and revision.

Our time line looks like this:

November 14 - Committee assignments due to me.

November 21 - Compiled draft sent to you for comment and revision.

November 26 - Revisions due back to me.

If you have any questions please call me:

Home: (919) 967-7964

Office: (919) 966-3351

I hope to be hearing from you soon.

Susan Daniels

Susan Daniels

SD/cld
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Steve Kreimer

Sent 11/17

November 3, 1975

MEMORANDUM

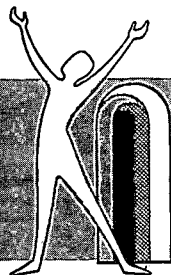
TO: Council of Consumer Members
FROM: Stephen H. Kreimer, Director of Education and Training
RE: Accessibility Checklist

Enclosed please find a draft of an accessibility checklist that I have put together to aid our chapters in surveying sites to determine if they meet NRA's accessibility needs or not. Please review the checklist carefully and make all the corrections and changes necessary to make it more usable and meaningful to our chapters and, of course, relevant to the needs of handicapped people.

Please return the checklist with your corrections to me no later than Tuesday, November 11. I will then incorporate your suggestions into what will become "Working Copy I", which will then be field tested..

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Handwritten signature: Stephen H. Kreimer
11/9/75



Computer Training Aids Severely Disabled



Classroom instruction provided for disabled community at Berkeley.

The Center for Independent Living, a Berkeley-based self-help organization for disabled and blind people, started the Computer Training Program as a means of getting more disabled people out of their homes and into the labor force. CIL's program stresses independence and integration into the community as well as industry-gear programming skills.

In order to plan the most effective way of teaching programming skills to their potential students, disabled instructors (graduate students in Computer Science at U.C. Berkeley) worked with people from IBM and representatives of the business community. In the past, IBM has been instrumental in

starting computer training programs for homebound disabled people.

Students are taught several computer languages, including COBOL, IBM 360 Assembler Language, JCL, and BASIC. Because the instructors are in constant communication with members of their Business Advisory Committee, students learn up-to-date industry-related programming skills. This committee is made up of 32 companies—among them, IBM, Crocker Bank, Del Monte, Singer, Wells Fargo, the Bank of America, Firemen's Fund, and Kaiser. Firms or organizations interested in becoming part of the Business Advisory Committee, or interested individuals, should contact Scott Leubking, 2020 Milvia, Berkeley, CA 94704 (849-2911).

The Department of Rehabilitation was overwhelmed by the program's initial success. When it came time to consider grant renewal, the department awarded the program seventy-five thousand dollars, twenty-five thousand dollars more than it got for its first year of operation. This increased funding allows the program to enroll up to 20 students, nearly twice as many as were enrolled for the first session. Classes will begin in January of 1976.

AAAS Launches Plan For Handicapped People

The American Association for the Advancement of Science has officially launched its "Project for the Handicapped in Science." The purpose of this initial project, which is funded by ter languages, including COBOL, IBM tion of HEW through the George Washington University Rehabilitation Research and Training Center, is to identify and explore barriers obstructing the entry and full participation of physically disabled persons to education and employment opportunities in science. Specifically, the project will seek to examine and evaluate ways in which the scientific professional associations and organizations of and for handicapped people can contribute to equal opportunities in science careers.

In order to build an ongoing and

(Continued on page 4)

New RRRI Center Focuses On Barriers

The George Washington University, supported by a \$90,000 grant from the Rehabilitation Services Administration of HEW, is establishing a Regional Rehabilitation Research Institute (RRRI) to focus on attitudinal, legal, and recreational barriers to the disabled. The RRRI, one of five such Institutes across the country, has been funded for the first year of a proposed five-year project.

Nationwide efforts have been underway for several years aimed at eliminating architectural barriers to the disabled, but attitudinal, legal, and recreational barriers to the disabled are just coming under attack.

According to Dr. Charles Reeder, director of the RRRI and an assistant

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Mathematician Shows Communication Aid



Military officials view Barron Gulack's demonstration of special communications.

Barron Gulack, a mathematician at the Defense Mapping Agency Topographic Center, Washington, D. C., punched out a message on a keyboard attachment to a telephone at his place of work. The "silent communications center" at the Topographic Center was officially made operational on September 17 with Mr. Gulack's call to his wife. The letters that he hit were transmitted to his home in Gaithersburg, Md. and formed the words of the message to Mrs. Gulack. In turn, Mr. Gulack read his wife's response on a small, rectangular screen above his keyboard. The message flashed across the screen in a manner similar to news flashes across the facade of a building. Present at the ceremony were Vice Admiral Shannon D. Cramer, Jr., director of DMA; Colonel William R. Cordova, director of the Topographic Center; Donald I. Abbott, director of the Center's communications services; Mr. Gulack's work colleagues, both those with and without hearing impairment; and Mrs. Barbara Bailey, a computer technician in sign language. She interpreted events for her deaf colleagues.

The Center provides mapping, charting and geodesy products to support the nation's land combat forces and employs 3100 persons spanning 135 occupations specialties.

Harmarville Rehabilitation Center Dedicated



The new \$11 million Harmarville Rehabilitation Center, located 15 miles northeast of Pittsburgh on the summit of a 16-acre site in Indiana Township, was officially dedicated September 23. This not-for-profit Center treats disabled adults from Southwestern Pennsylvania and the Tri-State area. The program of comprehensive rehabilitation services provided for patients who have suffered a stroke, amputation, spinal cord injury, fractures, back injuries or a wide range of other disabilities includes medical, nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, com-

munication skill, orthotics (braces), prosthetics (artificial limbs), psychological, social, vocational/educational and nutritional services.

The need for a larger facility became apparent in the late 1960's when the demand for service increased dramatically and admission delays stretched out to as much as 60 days.

The new Harmarville Rehabilitation Center is a 120-bed facility with the capability of expanding to 200. It is designed to provide services to 1,500 inpatients and 4,000 outpatients annually. It is totally designed for patients with physical, emotional, social or vocational disabilities. Designers did their planning in wheelchairs to learn firsthand the problems encountered by severely disabled people.

Lee H. Lacey, Harmarville's Executive Vice President, said of the structure, "With this new facility, we can provide more timely service to a much larger number of inpatients and outpatients. We also have a structure and site on which we can build a program that will take us into the 21st century."

Epilepsy Legislation Provides New Hope

As a result of the recent passage of the first national legislation in the history of the country which deals solely with epilepsy, Representative Paul G. Rogers (D-Florida) and members of both houses of Congress were lauded today by Paul E. Funk, executive vice president of the Epilepsy Foundation of America. Congressman Rogers is Chairman of the Public Health and Environment Subcommittee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee which was responsible for introduction of the bill. The legislation specifically calls for "a comprehensive study of the state of the art of medical and social management of the epilepsies and a development of a comprehensive national plan for the control of epilepsy and its consequences." The study will cover research, prevention, identification, treatment and rehabilitation of persons with epilepsy.

A commission of nine members is to be appointed by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. These members will be consumers of health services and those who are trained in the medical, social and educational aspects of the epilepsies. The commission will operate for one year and then make its report to the Congress and the President.

Visually Impaired Persons Learn Sewing Techniques

A workshop on Sewing Techniques for visually impaired people, sponsored jointly by Singer Sewing Co. and Services for the Blind, was conducted in Denver earlier this year. Initially, social workers from Services for the Blind held a clinic for the Singer sewing instructors to acquaint them with adaptations for working with the blind. Instructors simulated conditions under which blind people must work in attempting to sew. According to Carole Miesel who supervises the Home Teaching Unit Services for the Blind, one of the biggest obstacles for a blind person to overcome is "getting over the fear of physical danger."

Following the clinic for Singer sewing instructors, both the instructors and social workers from Services for the Blind held a workshop for ten visually impaired participants. During the four days each student completed an Easy-to-Sew garment. Carole Miesel evaluates the workshop as a real success. She reports that fear of the machine disappeared quickly when the participants were shown that their sense of touch can give them information usually obtained through vision. Their confidence in pursuing sewing projects was evidenced by several ladies who purchased material to continue sewing projects at home.

Arizona Site Named For Data Research Center

A National Spinal Cord Injury Data Research Center has been established at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. This new Center was made possible by a \$500,000 two-year grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.

John S. Young, M.D., formerly director of the Spinal Injury Service of Good Samaritan Hospital's Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine and project director of the Southwest Regional System for Treatment of Spinal Injury, is the director of the Data Research Center.

The Center uses a common data base developed by collaboration of the ten regional spinal cord injury centers in the United States. The data base documents the patient's preinjury status, the events of his injury, the course of his initial treatment and rehabilitation period, and the events occurring during the remainder of his lifetime. According to Dr. Young, "the project will provide the information for optimal methodology for the delivery of proper services at the proper time and at a minimal cost in order to reduce the disability created by this catastrophic injury."

Old Dolls Promote Goodwill



For the sixteenth year, Goodwill Industries of Southern California is gathering dolls of all sizes and designs to distribute to some 2,000 eager Campfire Girls. Each doll is repaired by the disabled workers at Goodwill; then the dolls are loaned to the Campfire Girls who take them home and make varied and original costumes for the doll they receive.

A special Doll Derby display day is arranged to demonstrate the original costumes created by the girls. Then the dolls are distributed to thirteen Goodwill stores to be sold in time for Christmas. Monies raised provide wages and special services for Goodwill's employees. Goodwill invites everyone to participate in the event by bringing repairable dolls to the nearest collection center.



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LABOR-HEW APPROPRIATIONS BILL NOW IN CONFERENCE

Both the House and the Senate have passed their respective versions of the Labor-HEW Appropriations Bill making appropriations for FY 1976. The total amount of the Senate bill as passed by the Senate Appropriations Committee is \$36.3 billion or \$286.3 million more than the amount passed by the House. Senator Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.), Chairman of the Senate Labor-HEW Appropriations Subcommittee, proposed the appropriation levels to the Senate. He indicated, "The current economic situation is all too often addressed in terms of dollars and cents...to speak of economic recovery merely in terms of fiscal policy is to continue to treat the symptom and not the cause. That is, thousands of individuals and their families suffer every day at the hands of disease and debilitating handicaps and only by alleviating the hardships on these individuals can we ever hope to realize the full potential and promise of our society."

President Ford has already countered by publicly stating, "A trickle of federal spending for human need has become a tidal wave under Democrat congressional action." Thus the stage has been set for what has been a perennial battle between the Administration and the Congress on appropriation bills.

House and Senate conferees will be carefully reviewing the differences between the House and Senate versions in hopes of an early compromise. As the bill went into conference, appropriation levels for rehabilitation services were as follows:

(In Millions)

<u>Item</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Senate</u>
Basic State Grants	\$720	\$720
Innovation and Expansion Grants	15	23
Training	22.2	22.2
Research	20	24
Training and Facility Grants	6.9	9.8
Special Studies and Evaluation	4.4	4.9

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES LEGISLATION ENACTED

On October 4, 1975, President Ford signed into law (PL 94-103) "The Developmentally Disabled Assistance and Bill of Rights Act", thus successfully culminating the efforts of many individuals and organization to enact such legislation. The law extends, through FY 1978, federal assistance for persons with developmental disabilities. It authorizes \$40 million, \$50 million and \$60 million for fiscal years 1976-1978 for state formula grants to provide services to the developmentally disabled.

Fifteen million, \$18 million, and \$25 million are authorized respectively for fiscal years 1976-1978 for grants to university affiliated facilities for the purpose of assisting them in meeting costs to provide services for persons with developmental disabilities and to provide interdisciplinary training programs.

The legislation also provides for nine types of special project grants. These include projects demonstrating the potential to deliver improved services to those with developmental disabilities; demonstrating services provided to developmentally disabled persons who are also disadvantaged economically; enhancing public awareness through education programs; coordinating community resources; providing technical assistance and services; training of specialized personnel; demonstrating improved techniques; gathering and disseminating information and improving the quality of services and administration. Authorizations of \$18 million, \$22 million, and \$25 million are provided for fiscal years 1976-1978 for these special project grants.

Developmental Disabilities is defined in the law to mean a disability which (A) (i) is attributable to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy or autism; (ii) any other condition of a person found to be closely related to mental retardation because such condition results in similar impairment of general intellectual functioning or adoptive behavior or requires services and treatments similar to those required for such persons (iii) dyslexia which originated before age 18 and causes a substantial handicap to the person's functioning ability.

The law also specifies certain rights of the developmentally disabled. These rights include (1) the right to appropriate treatment, services and habilitation, (2) the right to have services provided in the least restrictive setting, (3) public funds will not be provided to institutions or programs that do not meet specified standards, and (4) all programs for the developmentally disabled must also meet statutory requirements.

NATIONAL WORKERS COMPENSATION ACT OF 1975

Senator Harrison Williams, Jr., (D-N.J.) and other Senators have introduced legislation (S 2018) that would establish national minimum standards providing for minimum compensation benefits and administrative standards for state workers' compensation agencies. In introducing the bill, Senator Williams noted, "We still do not have a single state which is in compliance with the basic elements of an effective workers' compensation system."

The legislation provides for coverage for all employers and employees of every state. Employees who become disabled are entitled to compensation benefits including: medical and rehabilitative services; a right to select a physician from a list of physicians approved by the workers' compensation agency; no time or dollar maximum limitation on the total amount of compensation payable in case of death or total disability; no time or dollar

limit on the type or extent of medical care, rehabilitation services or other services; monetary compensation benefits and others. Rehabilitation services are broadly defined to include medical, physical, and vocational services necessary to reduce disability and to restore the physical, psychological, social and vocational functioning of an injured worker.

The proposed legislation requires the state workers' compensation agency to maintain a rehabilitation services unit and develop appropriate rehabilitation services. The bill does not mandate referral of injured workers to state vocational rehabilitation agencies. A nine member National Advisory Commission would be appointed by the President with advice and consent of the Senate. The Commission would be responsible for monitoring the progress of the states in making improvements in their workers' compensation programs; advising the Secretary of the compliance or non-compliance of the state workers' compensation agency with respect to the national standards; engaging in research and development; recommending appropriate administrative and legislative actions and other specified responsibilities.

The Senate bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Hearings on the bill are expected during the latter part of November. The NRA will be testifying on the rehabilitation provisions of the bill.

Representative Dominick V. Daniels (D-N.J.) and other representatives have introduced similar legislation (HR 9431) in the House. House action on the legislation is not expected until the next session of the 94th Congress.

CIVIL RIGHTS FOR THE BLIND

Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.) has introduced legislation (S 2478) that would guarantee full and equal utilization of transportation, business services, housing, and accommodations for blind persons. Specifically, the bill prohibits common carriers (air, rail, water, or motor vehicles) from refusing to accept as passengers blind persons, because of the person's blindness or his use of a guide dog. The legislation also prohibits owners or operators of public accommodations from refusing to admit or serve a blind person as a result of that person's disability. Owners or operators of housing facilities are likewise prohibited from discriminating against blind persons nor can they charge additional fees for possible damages that might be caused by dog guides. In introducing the legislation, Senator Pell stated, "The blind and visually handicapped of our nation are a great resource to us, and we cannot afford to allow them to remain out of the mainstream of normal day-to-day life and its opportunity for personal achievement and success." The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

MASS TRANSIT AMENDMENTS

Senator Harrison Williams, Jr. (D-N.J.) and other Senators have introduced legislation (S 662) to amend the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964. In addition to providing grants for capital and operating expenses, the bill mandates that all projects receiving federal funds shall be planned, designed, and operated to allow full utilization by handicapped and elderly persons. A section of the Urban Mass Transit Act declares it to be a national policy that elderly and handicapped persons have the same rights as other persons to utilize mass transporta-

tion facilities and services. The Secretary of Transportation will be required to issue accessibility standards for all new rapid rail systems and usable segment extensions, including vehicles, stations, buildings, and other structures. Similar standards would be required for buses and other vehicles whose design requires passengers to negotiate steps or utilize change-level mechanisms. The proposed legislation would also establish a National Advisory Council on Mass Transportation for elderly and handicapped persons of which at least 50% of the members shall be elderly or handicapped. The advisory council will advise the Secretary of HEW and the Secretary of Transportation on all matters relating to the mass transportation of elderly and handicapped persons. The Bill passed the full Senate by a voice vote on September 15th and was referred to the House. In the House, the Bill was assigned to the House committee on Public Works and Transportation.

FEDERAL REGISTER

The Federal Register (Vol. 40, no. 169). The Department of Labor published proposed regulations implementing Dec. 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Dec. 503 requires government contractors and subcontractors to take affirmative action to employ and advance the employment of qualified handicapped individuals.

The Federal Register (Vol. 40, no. 170). The Department of HEW designates Health Services Area as required by the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act of 1974. (Please note the NRA Legislative Newsletter, Vol. 17, no. 1 for an analysis of the Act.)

The Federal Register (Vol. 40, no. 192). The Department of HEW, office of Civil Rights extends until Nov. 17, 1975 the period for comments on Proposed Consolidated Procedural Rules complementing Dec. 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and nondiscriminatory regulations of other laws.

The Federal Register (Vol. 40, no. 193). The Department of HEW issues regulations for the determination of eligibility for individuals and families accruing social services under Title XX of the Social Security Act.

Names and Notes in the News

Charles D. Slaton, assistant secretary and director of rehabilitation for Insurance Company of North America, was elected president of the board of directors of Sheltered Employment Service. Mr. Slaton is a member of the National Rehabilitation Association, the Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Association, the International Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, and the Insurance Rehabilitation Study Group.

This has been award year for **Jerome D. Schein**, director of the Deafness Research & Training Center. The most recent honor bestowed upon him is the International Solidarity Award by the World Federation of the Deaf. The medal was presented to Dr. Schein at the Seventh World Congress of the Deaf, on August 7, 1975. The citation marked 15 year's research on deafness.

Only a few months ago Dr. Schein received the **Boyce R. Williams Award** from Professional Rehabilitation Workers With the Adult Deaf. In May, Dr. Schein was made an honorary member of the American Professional Society of the Deaf.

Approximately 400 persons gathered at Virginia Beach for the annual Virginia Rehabilitation Association (VRA) Workshop held September 28-30. U.S. Senator **Harry F. Byrd, Jr.**, speaker for the awards luncheon, addressed the audience on the federal and state rehabilitation programs. Following the Senator's comments, presentations of various **VRA Awards** were made to the following individuals for outstanding contributions toward the rehabilitation of Virginia's disabled citizens: David R. Ziskind, David K. Webster, Thomas G. Powell, George Drummond, Vernon Browning, Edward McDaniel, Robert Shull, Jean Wampler, Claude Reed, Guy Bolling, Harry Wellons, Kenneth Knorr, Rachael Smith, Melvin Richardson and Gordon Hanna.

Fletcher Hall, executive director of the National Rehabilitation Counseling Association (NRCA), served as a panelist exploring the "Development of Local Priorities for the Legislative Process."

Harry A. Wellons retired on September 30 after 25 years of service to the Virginia Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) and the handicapped citizens of the Commonwealth. He joined DVR as a rehabilitation counselor in 1950. He has served as super-

visor of the South Boston area office, assistant director of field operations, director of field operations, and retired as director of rehabilitation service operations, Regions I and II.

Thomas A. Atchinson, a Wilmette resident, has been appointed project coordinator of a program for developmentally disabled children instituted at Chicago's **Schwab Rehabilitation Hospital**. The program will provide physical rehabilitation services to children who are both physically handicapped and retarded.

Schwab, located at 1401 S. California Blvd., is a comprehensive medical rehabilitation facility for adults and children disabled by muscle, nerve, and skeletal disorders.

In 1953, **Maurice Dorsen** assumed the directorship of a foundling Middlesex County Rehabilitation Center. Today the facility known as the Robert Wood Johnson Rehabilitation Institute is one of the most advanced and extensive of its kind in the nation.

On July 31, the man who directed it from a wheelchair for the past 23 years retired. Dorsen, 59, said he decided to retire on advice from his doctor.

Anthony S. DeSimone of Massapequa, Regional Director of Rehabilitation Services, Office of Human Development, Region II, formerly Associate Regional Commissioner, has been honored for his leadership and achievement as 1975 recipient of the Superior Service Award presented by HEW. Mr. DeSimone's efforts led to the building of the Luther E. Woodward School for the Emotionally Disturbed and expanding its program in Freeport. The award recognizes him for his success in his work with the rehabilitation centers for the National Center for the Deaf Blind in New Hyde Park and the Human Resources Center in Albertson.

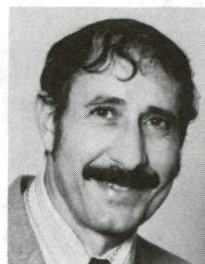
The **American Society of Law & Medicine, Inc.'s Fourth Annual Symposium** on the medicolegal evaluation of disability will concern itself this year with the mounting and perplexing problems of disability evaluation in patients claiming neurologic and psychiatric disorders. This symposium, to be held November 19, 1975 in Boston, will be of practical value to many professionals who must evaluate and rate disability in the course of their daily work.

This year's Symposium brings together for interdisciplinary discussion leading authorities from the medical, legal, insurance and judiciary professions. Registration for the all day symposium, including luncheon, has been set at \$25.00 for non ASLM members and \$20.00 for ASLM members. For further information, please contact Director of Programs, the American Society of Law & Medicine, 454 Brookline Ave., Boston, Mass. 02215 or telephone (617) 734-8316.

Charles D. Layman has been appointed executive director of Youngstown Area Goodwill Industries, succeeding J. Philip Gandon who resigned last April.

Layman, 25, is the youngest person to ever be named to head a Goodwill facility. He has been serving as the agency's interim director and will complete the G.I.A. training program this fall. Layman is a member of the National and Ohio Rehabilitation Associations.

The Board of Directors of National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH), located in Washington, D. C., has announced the appointment of **Harry R. Clements** to be the Corporation's Executive Vice President. The non-profit corporation, formed last year, has the responsibility of assisting sheltered workshops employing handicapped workers to secure federal contracts to produce goods or services for government purchase. As the chief executive officer, Clements will apply his background in industrial product development, federal government operations, and the field of rehabilitation services.



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Bicentennial Tours Set For Disabled Travellers

Ability Tours, Inc., a special tour company with headquarters in Washington, D. C., announced today its 1976 Bicentennial tour program for groups of handicapped and elderly travelers. Several group package tours have been arranged including: a four-day tour of Washington, D. C., a three-day tour of Williamsburg, Va., and a six-day combination tour of both Washington and Williamsburg. All prices are per person based upon double occupancy and a minimum number of 24 persons.

Ability Tours, Inc. was established to expand travel opportunities for handicapped and elderly travelers. The tours offer unique features such as transportation and hotel facilities to accommodate wheelchairs, sightseeing itinerary pre-planned for barrier-free access, a leisure pace geared to the abilities of each particular group and tour escorts trained to assist with participant's individual needs. For further information, contact: Bruce Berger, 1730 M Street, N.W., Suite 910, Washington, D. C., (202) 293-1848.

Science Association

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realistic program, the AAAS needs the expert consultation of handicapped individuals who have experienced difficulties in receiving an education to be a scientist or in professional placement because of their handicap. If you are a disabled scientist, please identify yourself to Martha Redden, director, Project on the Handicapped in Science, Office of Opportunities in Science, AAAS, 1776 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., D. C. 20036. The project will not use, without permission, the names of individual scientists who respond.

New RRRI Center

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professor in GW's School of Education, the Institute "represents one of the first efforts to attack the less visible barriers that inhibit the disabled." Mr. Reeder states, "We plan to study these barriers in depth and then develop methods aimed at ensuring equal access to the normal activities of life for the disabled."

Board Reviews Bid Practice

At the most recent meeting of the NRA Board of Directors, the manner in which chapters submit bids to host the national conference was revised. Principally the Board expanded upon the existing system of four geographical areas to seven areas from which bids could be received. These seven areas parallel the seven NRA regions.

At the meeting the Board set forth a rotation schedule which will begin in 1980, which is as follows: 1980 Southwest, 1981 Northeast, 1982 Pacific, 1983 Great Lakes, 1984 Southeast, 1985 Great Plains, 1986 Mid-Atlantic, etc.

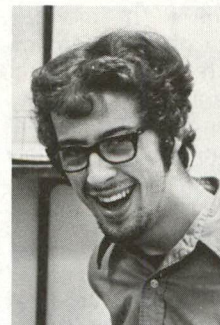
The Board has also reported that in the selection of conference hotels, preference will be given to those hotels who make the necessary permit changes to their facilities to insure accessibility, and then, after 1982, bids will be accepted only from hotels that are permanently accessible.

In Memoriam

Philip Schafer, former Social Rehabilitation Services Commissioner of Region IX, San Francisco, Sept. 1975. Mr. Schafer was a member of the California Governor's Committee on Unemployment of the Handicapped and a consultant to the San Francisco Archdiocesan Committee on Aging.

Civil Rights For Disabled Defended By Palsy Victim

Perseverance paid off for Mick Joyce of Huron, S. Dak. Mick has cerebral palsy. As a small child he was diagnosed as "very retarded" and institutionalization had been recommended.



Today at 25 years of age Mick is a graduate of Southwest State University with majors in creative writing, a social science interdisciplinary, and the recipient of a \$17,582 Northwest Area Foundation, St. Paul, grant to conduct a study of laws pertaining to physically handicapped people. He is a legal researcher with the SSU Rehabilitation Services—with faculty status and an office of his own.

Mick has served on the SSU Rehabilitation Services planning committee, worked with the Christian League for the Handicapped, wrote and researched on an internship with Congressman Rick Nolan's office, and edited the bi-weekly Rehabilitation Services newsletter.

Mick's research for Congressman Nolan led him in the direction of legal planning. He soon discovered that there didn't appear to be a single publication dealing with rights and laws pertaining to handicapped persons. As a full-time student, Mick spent two years on his own, collecting legal information and compiling references.

He decided to seek funds to expand his private studies. With his receipt of the Northwest Area Foundation grant, Mick will compile and catalog federal and state laws and court decisions and with the data establish a center at SSU providing information relating to the civil rights of the handicapped individual.

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Council of Consumer Members

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Judy Heumann |
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Stephen Kreimer |

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Dear NRA Member:

We are delighted to have you as a member of the National Rehabilitation Association for the 1976 calendar year. Among other things, your membership entitles you to the Journal of Rehabilitation, which is published bi-monthly, and the NRA Newsletter, which appears on alternate months.

In the event that you do not receive your publications promptly, will you please contact me immediately at the national office to avoid further delays in receiving your publications. Also, please advise me in advance when you change your address, so that you will continue to receive your publications without interruption.

As a member of NRA, you are automatically a member of your state or local chapter. We hope you will be active in the chapter program. Please check the publications for the dates of our Annual Regional and National Conferences. We hope to see you at these meetings.

As a member of NRA you are entitled to apply for our Group Insurance Programs. We have the following: NRA Group Life Insurance, NRA Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment, NRA Group In-Hospital "Cash" Indemnity Program, and the NRA Group Disability Income Program. For further information about any of these programs contact John R. Fargher, NRA Field Consultant.

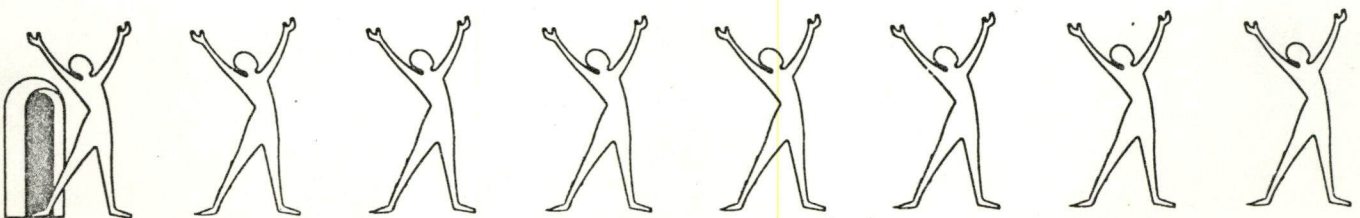
Enclosed with this letter is your 1976 membership card. It reflects not only your NRA membership but any division you may belong to. NRA membership cards are prepared only on an annual basis and will not be re-issued during the same twelve month period.

Your membership in the National Rehabilitation Association is a practical and effective way to demonstrate your concern for the rehabilitation of handicapped people. If you have any ideas you would like to communicate to the NRA staff, please do not hesitate to do so.

Sincerely yours,



A. D. Puth,
Acting Director



ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE
COUNCIL OF CONSUMER MEMBERS
OF THE
NATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION

In accordance with Article VI, Section 3 f, of the Constitution of the National Rehabilitation Association, Inc., there is hereby created an organization to further the purposes of the Association.

Article I - Name

The name of the organization shall be Council of Consumer Members of the National Rehabilitation Association.

Article II - Definitions

For the purpose of these Articles of Association:

1. NRA shall mean the National Rehabilitation Association, Inc.
2. Chapter shall mean any local or state affiliate of NRA.
3. Council shall mean Council of Consumer Members.
4. Executive Committee shall mean the duly elected regional representatives, and the Board member who represents the Council if he is not one of the regional representatives.
5. Board shall mean the Board of Directors of NRA.
6. Region shall mean one of the regions designated by the NRA Board.
7. Consumer shall mean any member of NRA who due to a physical or mental disability is, has been, or would have been eligible to have received rehabilitation services from a public or voluntary agency.

Article III - Purpose

The purpose of the Council, through its Executive Committee, shall be to advise the Board relative to how the NRA can assure appropriate involvement of consumer members in its affairs; serve as a liaison between the Board and consumer members; and elect a member to the Board. The purposes shall further be carried out by:

1. Providing a direct channel for the mutual exchange of ideas and counsel between the Board and the Council.
2. Proposing programs and projects to other components of the NRA which will enable them to more effectively meet the needs of persons who are disabled.

3. Advising the Board relative to the needs and improvement of services to persons who are disabled.
4. Preparing consumer members to assume leadership roles in Council activities and the rehabilitation movement.
5. Exchanging ideas between members and between members and other similar groups relating to programs, including legislation, membership recruitment, and other projects and activities.
6. Providing an opportunity for identification and growth of new potential national leadership.
7. Serving as NRA's principal advocate for consumer concerns throughout the rehabilitation community.
8. Chapter leaders will be encouraged to assist Council members to hold a Council meeting in conjunction with the annual Chapter meetings.

Article IV - Membership

All members of NRA who due to a physical or mental disability are or have been or would have been eligible to receive rehabilitation services from either a public or voluntary agency shall constitute the Council of Consumer Members.

Article V - Conduct of Affairs

The affairs of the Council shall be conducted by the Council Assembly, the Executive Committee, and the officers provided for in this article and in the manner herein provided in this and succeeding articles.

SECTION 1

- a. National Conference: A national conference of consumers shall be held for the discussion of problems of the Council and shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee. The conference will meet at the time of the annual meeting of NRA.
- b. Regional Conference: A regional conference of consumers shall be held in each region consisting of members of the Council who live in that respective region. It shall meet in connection with the regional NRA conference. It shall elect a member to the Council's Executive Committee and carry out other business as required.

SECTION 2

Officers and Terms of Office: The Executive Committee shall elect a chairperson and may appoint other officers as it sees fit, including the appointment of the Council Representative to the NRA Board in accordance with the NRA Constitution.

Article IX - Quorum

Four members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting business germane to the Council.

Article X

Roberts' Rules of Order, modified short version, shall govern when not in conflict with the Articles of Association or the Constitution or Bylaws of NRA.

Adopted by the NRA Board of Directors in Las Vegas, Nevada, in October 1974.