

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas the 5th Biennial Conference of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf had as its theme "Services to Severely Handicapped Deaf Persons": and

Whereas reports indicate an increasing number of severely handicapped deaf persons; and

Whereas there is a lack of rehabilitation facilities for serving this population which is in need of much more extensive service than is generally available;

Be it hereby resolved that this Conference unanimously support the establishment of regional centers for serving severely handicapped deaf people; and

Be it further resolved that this support be reflected by the membership through personal letters to members' congressmen; and

Be it further resolved that the President of PRWAD transmit a letter to the appropriate leaders in the Senate and House of Representatives setting forth the position of the PRWAD with regard to this resolution.

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Whereas the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf has experienced an increase of professional contact and communication with national and regional offices of the Rehabilitation Services Administration; and

Whereas the newly appointed Acting Commissioner of the Rehabilitation Services Administration, James Burrell, as well as several others from the National Office, representatives from seven [7] of the ten [10] Regional Offices were present as an apparent expression of interest and support of PRWAD and its objectives:

Be it hereby resolved that the Secretary transmit a letter to each of these representatives expressing PRWAD's appreciation of such evidence of support and encouragement for continued participation; and

Be it further resolved that an additional letter be sent to the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in recognition of the above.

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Whereas the practice of total communication is of proven value for communication purposes; and

Whereas an increasing number of people are becoming involved in its use;

Be it hereby resolved that the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf go on record as urging support for the use of total communication; and

Be it further resolved that the membership of PRWAD demonstrate its support by using total communication in all feasible situations.

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Whereas placement is recognized as an integral part of the rehabilitation process;

Be it hereby resolved that the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf authorize a survey of its membership to assess the needs and priorities of rehabilitation workers related to placement.

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Whereas Mrs. Rachel Norris has made a significant contribution to the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf over the past several years by working in the office of the Executive Secretary; and

Whereas such work was done on a volunteer basis, with no compensation and at great personal sacrifice;

Be it hereby resolved that the PRWAD convey its appreciation to Mrs. Norris in an appropriate manner as determined by the President.

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Whereas the Tucson Association of the Deaf did arrange and host a special event for the 5th Biennial Conference of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf;

Be it hereby resolved that the Tucson Association of the Deaf be conveyed the appreciation of PRWAD in an appropriate manner as determined by the President.

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Whereas the monumental task of arranging for the 5th Biennial Conference of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf has been expeditiously accomplished; and

Whereas University of Arizona students and the Tucson Chamber of Commerce did an outstanding job in arranging and managing the Conference;

Be it hereby resolved that the PRWAD extend its heartfelt thanks to all those who were so involved.

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Whereas an insufficient number of interpreters were available locally for the 5th Biennial Conference of the Professional Rehabilitation Workers with the Adult Deaf; and

Whereas Mrs. Elizabeth Carlton assumed the responsibility for securing additional interpreters; and

Whereas a number of PRWAD members provided interpreting service voluntarily;

Be it hereby resolved that each of these persons be commended and thanked in an appropriate manner as determined by the President.