

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS

The opening of this Convention is an exciting occasion. It is a time of great expectation. In our fondest hopes it is a signal for a united, aggressive, and successful effort by professionals working with and on behalf of deaf adults to deal with the issues, challenges, and opportunities so ably verbalized by Dr. Ray Jones an hour or so ago in his address to the participants of the national Workshop, "New Vistas for Competitive Employment of Deaf Persons," which preceded our Convention. It is hoped that this first convention will be equal to your expectations and that it will stimulate you to improved performance as a professional worker with deaf adults.

I now turn the meeting over to Bill Woodrick, PRWAD Secretary; and Chairman of this first general session.