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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**JOSEPH KEFERL, RH.D., CRC**

Greetings and Happy New Year!

The ARCA Board is committed to providing you with regular news and information on events, opportunities, and issues affecting our field. This newsletter represents our initial “launch” of this effort. We hope that you find this to be timely, useful, and informative.

The ARCA Board has been quite busy this year. We have been working collaboratively on many issues, including drafting a **position statement supporting the CORE Proposal** on a consortium model of accreditation, contributing to the conversation and products of the **20/20 Committee** within ACA, and **working on collaborative efforts** with other organizations. Given the rapidly changing context of our field, the ARCA Board feels strongly that now is the time to engage our collective strengths and voices across organizations. Upon the release of the anxiously anticipated CORE Report on Accreditation in early September, the ARCA Board was compelled to publicly state our support of the report. The ARCA Position Statement on Counselor Education Accreditation was drafted, approved and distributed across rehabilitation organizations as well as to all ACA Divisions, 20/20 Delegates, and ACA Leadership. We have received a great deal of support from organizations including NRA, IARP, NCRE, and NRCA. Additionally, we have been approached with support from other ACA Divisions who are in support of a consortium approach to accreditation.

Related to this issue, we have been closely monitoring the work of the 20/20 committee, with special attention paid to the reports and processes of the Educational Work Group (EWG) and Scope of Practice sub-committees. We have significant concerns with the report of the EWG in that essentially the recommendation is to endorse CACREP Clinical Mental Health program standards as being the benchmark for identifying the educational requirements needed for licensure. We feel that this not only marginalizes CORE accredited Rehabilitation Counselor programs and graduates, but does so for ALL counseling specialties outside of the specialty of clinical mental

health. Through our collaborative work, we feel hopeful that we have the needed support of other 20/20 delegates (both in the Rehab area and outside) to impact and shape how 20/20 responds to the EWG recommendations.

We are proud to announce that ARCA will be co-hosting a **one-day conference** in front of the ACA Conference on **Thursday, March 21, 2013 in Cincinnati, Ohio!** Our conference is a joint effort with the Ohio Rehabilitation Association, with additional support from the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. We are very excited to offer a dynamic and historic conference with our partners from the Ohio Rehabilitation Association (ORA) and Kentucky VR. The Conference Planning Committee is promising a rich learning environment for CEUs

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that will be affordable, enriching, and enjoyable. Official program and registration details will be coming out early in 2013. Please mark your calendar NOW to attend the 2013 conference on March 21 in Cincinnati!

**The Calls for Nominations for the 2013 ARCA Research Awards, James F. Garrett Distinguished Career in Rehabilitation Research, and the Student Research Awards are available now.** Please visit the ARCA website [www.arcaweb.org](http://www.arcaweb.org) to find informational and submission links for these competitions. Deadlines are fast-approaching, so please consider nominating soon!

In closing, I ask that we all take a moment to reflect on the season and the recent events that our nation has had to bear with the tragedy in Connecticut. Now more than ever, we are called to reflect on ourselves as professionals, as colleagues, as partners, as human beings. I believe we would be a healthier, more compassionate society if we could all adopt the humanistic tenants of our rehabilitation philosophy whereby we look for the strengths and value of each person, where we consider and respond to the individual needs that each person requires and deserves, and that we work with each person, each family, each community to assist people in moving their lives where they want to go. Take stock in the blessings that are among us now and throughout the year. **Together, let us move into 2013 with renewed commitment, compassion, and energy.**

With warmest regard,



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**A MESSAGE FROM  
THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF CORE  
FRANK LANE, PH.D., CRC**

**A**s 2012 comes to a close and I reflect on the year, there has been a lot of activity. The CORE board met in July and made a decision to submit a proposal for a consortium model of accreditation to the 20/20 workgroup. The board also made a decision to establish a global registry and begin to interface with representatives from other countries to develop global education requirements for the training of rehabilitation professionals. CORE was approved by CHEA for recognition for a period of 10 years. All this was done during a complete turnover of staff at CORE.

**CORE PROPOSAL**

The CORE board is appreciative of ARCA's letter of support for the CORE proposal to 20/20 to form a consortium of accreditation agencies. At the ACA meeting in San Francisco in March 2012, the educational requirements workgroup presented the 20/20 delegates with a proposal to accept CACREP standards as the standard for licensure portability. The 20/20 delegates chose not to vote on the recommendation from the educational requirements committee because they recognize that there is more than one accreditation body and specifically identified CORE. The delegates did, however, state that it would be in the best interest of the counseling profession for there to be a unified accreditation body.

CORE leadership had been working with CACREP leadership for almost a year to find ways in which the two organizations could collaborate. The possibility of merger was presented as an option but with the realization that the world has changed since 2007. For example, the original merger documents proposed Council for Accreditation of Counselor Education (CACE) as the name of the organization, not CACREP or CORE. However, with CACREP being mentioned in federal legislation, it would not make sense for them to consider a name change, at this time. With such changes in mind, the board met and considered its options, including merger, and decided to propose an alternate model. CORE's proposal would allow for a unified relationship between CORE and CACREP (and other legitimate professional counseling accreditation organizations) while allowing each to maintain its unique identity and autonomy. CORE believes a consortium model is good for CORE and CACREP but is also good for the counseling profession.

**COUNCIL ON HIGHER EDUCATION ACCREDITATION (CHEA)**

CORE was at the end of its recognition period by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and underwent a self-study process and site visit while Marv Kuehn was Executive Director and 2012 was the year of meeting with CHEA and addressing any concerns or issues.

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CORE learned in December that the CHEA board of directors met in September and approved CORE for recognition for another ten years. This is a huge accomplishment and was a humbling process for Tom Evenson, President, Patty Nunez, Vice President, and myself who were actively involved in working with CHEA this year. CHEA also included in its recognition an approval for CORE to expand its scope to include undergraduate accreditation. This was also a significant accomplishment. CORE has accredited eight undergraduate programs over the past two years and continues to receive applications for programs on the registry who want to become accredited.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

Sue Denys who had functioned as CORE's administrative assistant for many years made a decision to retire this year. Her replacement, Kristie Andre, began in August and has done an amazing job during an extremely busy time of year. Please join me in welcoming Kristie as CORE's administrative assistant. Sue's decision to retire came shortly after the retirement of Dr. Marvin Keuhn who had functioned as CORE's Executive Director for nine years. While his retirement was a loss for CORE, we have worked hard to ensure a smooth transition to a new Executive Director.

#### GLOBAL REGISTRY

The CORE board made a decision to establish a global registry. The purpose of the registry, at this time, is to work collaboratively with representative's from other countries to begin discussing the development of educational requirements for rehabilitation professionals.

The International Rehabilitation Counseling Association (IRCA) was born out of ARCA under the leadership of Irmo Marini, Past President of ARCA from 2006-2007. It is now a separate organization that is comprised of practitioner and educator representatives from other countries. The IRCA has asked for CORE to take a leadership role in working with its members to develop educational requirements.

ARCA plays an important role in the 20/20 discussions, counselor licensure and accreditation. Your continued support of ARCA through your membership is vital to keeping the organization alive and active. CORE leadership appreciates all you do.



Executive Director, CORE

The American Rehabilitation Counseling Association (ARCA) is an organization of rehabilitation counseling practitioners, educators, and students who are concerned with continually improving the profession of rehabilitation counseling in its service to persons with disabilities. In pursuit of this mission, ARCA:

1. Provides leadership in advancing the profession and science of rehabilitation counseling.
2. Promotes standards that represent the highest quality of professional rehabilitation counseling practice in a rapidly changing environment.
3. Provides research findings with direct application to the current and future practice of rehabilitation counseling.
4. Fosters dialogues and coordinates activities among rehabilitation counselors, educators, administrators, and other rehabilitation professionals within and among various specialty areas.
5. Engages in active collaborations and partnerships with other national professional organizations and with consumer groups.

ARCA supports eliminating environmental and attitudinal barriers so that more opportunities in education, employment, and leisure are available to people with disabilities. ARCA's activities are designed to: increase public awareness of the profession of rehabilitation counseling; engage the association's members in outreach and education; promote leadership skills through participation in ARCA's organizational activities; and to advocate for appropriate licensure requirements. ARCA's goals are addressed through public education, collaboration, and legislative activities.



**WELCOME AND  
THANK YOU!**

**MEMBERSHIP  
UPDATE**

by *Lorie McQuade, Chair  
The Council on Public Relations  
and Awareness*

**W**ith the close of November ARCA has gained 31 **NEW MEMBERS!** Welcome to all of you! Many have renewed their memberships (THANK YOU!) and many more are set to renew. If you are among the 50 who need to renew, please be on the lookout for your renewal notice and take advantage of on-line renewal. Some memberships have lapsed and we encourage those of you who have overlooked renewal to visit the ARCA website at [www.arcaweb.org](http://www.arcaweb.org) to reinstate membership status.

ARCA would like to hear from its members to learn how our organization can serve you better. This newsletter is one way to reach you and provide updated information about what is going on in your organization and your profession. For all of the new and renewing members, we'd like to learn how and why you chose to become a part of the ARCA team. Have you been active in leadership service? Would you like to be? Which services are most important to you? Is the Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin useful in your practice? Do you take advantage of Continuing Education opportunities? What can ARCA do to improve? We want to hear from you!

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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!  
NOMINATE TODAY!**

**2013 ARCA RESEARCH AWARD**

Nominations are being sought for the 2013 ARCA Research Award, which recognizes and honors high quality, empirical research in the field of rehabilitation counseling. Research published in peer-reviewed outlets in the calendar year (2012), or publications not yet available prior to last year's call for nominations will be considered. Nominations must include a full APA reference of the publication, and an electronic copy, link, or .PDF file of the complete research article/work.

We are doing our 2013 Student Research Awards competition electronically. Visit the following website for more information:

<http://corescholar.libraries.wright.edu/arca>

**2013 JAMES F. GARRETT  
DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN  
REHABILITATION RESEARCH AWARD**

Nominations are being sought for the 2013 James F. Garrett Award for a Distinguished Career in Rehabilitation Research, which recognizes excellence in research contributions over one's career. The nominee may or may not be retired in order to qualify. Nominee's published research should span at least 15 years and focus on rehabilitation counseling. Nominations should include supportive evidence for the nominee, e.g., letters, samples, vitae.

Please send nominations for both research awards by **Friday, January 11, 2013**. Electronic (email) nominations preferred, however, hard copy nominations will be accepted if postmarked prior to January 10, 2013.



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**PUBLIC POLICY,  
LEGISLATION, AND  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
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**MID-YEAR REPORT  
TO THE ARCA  
MEMBERSHIP**

by *Patty Nunez, Council Chair*

The purpose of the Public Policy, Legislation & Human Rights Council is to plan, direct, coordinate, and facilitate the mechanisms through which the member association develops and promotes the profession of rehabilitation counseling, and acts as an advocate for equal access and quality services for individuals with disabilities by focusing on public policy, legislation, and human rights.

As Chair of this Council, I represented ARCA at two meetings of a legislative action work group. This work group was formed as a result of the Summit meeting convened by CRCC in May 2012. The group met June 19 and again on August 29. Representatives from NRA, NCRE, CSAVR, NRCA, CRCC, IARP, NAMRC, CORE, RCEA and ARCA were present. I spoke about the importance of licensure to ARCA, and access to licensure by our members in their states. Generally, the priorities of other member organizations revolve around loan forgiveness, funding, training issues, qualified rehab counselor language, CRCC recognition, vocational experts, OIDAP and legislation on a state level. The meetings were mostly a sharing of priorities, and there was an expressed desire to continue to communicate about priorities so there could be strength in numbers. Additionally, I did have some interaction with the folks in Ohio related to the regulatory issues around counselor licensure. Joe Keferl, ARCA President, has been in the forefront of this effort in the state.

I attended the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Voice Awards on August 22 at Paramount Studios in California, with Rich Yep, ACA Executive Director, and Brad Erford, ACA President, also attending. Award recipients included Chris Herren, Metta World Peace, and Chamique Holdsclaw. Television shows recognized for their portrayal of persons with mental health or substance abuse issues were Castle, Glee, Homeland, Law and Order: Special Victims Unit, Necessary Roughness, and Parenthood. It was a great event and a wonderful recognition of now only individuals who have had a positive impact in the area of increased awareness of

mental health and substance abuse issues. I was pleased that ACA leadership invited ARCA's former Governing Council (GC) representative, and current Public Policy and Legislation Council (PP&L) Chair, to the event!

I will be attending the American Association of State Counseling Boards (AASCB) conference along with ARCA President, Joe Keferl, in January. I will be co-presenting a plenary session about the CORE proposal along with Tom Evenson, CORE President, Frank Lane, Executive Director of CORE, and Carrie Wilde, ARCA Past President. I will be presenting a concurrent session along with Linda Holloway, CRCC Chair, and Cindy Chapman, CRCC Executive Director, on test accommodations.

Plans between now and our annual meeting in March are to monitor legislation that impacts ARCA members, work closely with sister organizations when our legislative interests intersect, and review bylaws for possible revisions by work group. If any ARCA member has an interest in Public Policy & Legislation, or knows of any state level issue that ARCA should be made aware of, please contact me at [patricia.nunez@cna.com](mailto:patricia.nunez@cna.com).

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As a member of ARCA, you receive free online access to *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin (RCB)* as a member benefit. *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin* features articles important to rehabilitation counseling practitioners in counseling, education, or research settings. Each issue includes original empirical research, theoretical essays, comprehensive literature reviews, intensive case studies, research critiques, and media reviews.

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