

THE CULTURAL NETWORK

From the Desk of the President

Dr. Paul Leung

NAMRC Friends and Family:

I want to thank each and everyone of you for the opportunity of serving as President of NAMRC during these last two years. It has been a gratifying experience to be a part of an organization with goals, objectives and committed folks who I believe continue to be the pioneers in rehabilitation. We often voice in rehabilitation the need to pay attention to strengths. One of those strengths is diversity and nowhere is that better demonstrated than within NAMRC. Being President has been made much easier by the support of the Board, the officers, and each of you. NAMRC has come a long way in its relatively short history because of the vision of its founders and the contributions of its members. I am hopeful that my stint has added to that legacy as it has been personally rewarding. It truly has been a pleasure to be part of NAMRC's leadership team.

While I will hand over the position to a very able Chandra Donnell, I won't be disappearing, as NAMRC's By-laws require that I serve as Awards co-chair and Nominations Chair. Many of you have suggested that when the time is right, you would consider running for a leadership position. The reality is that there is often no "right" time and that the "right" time is probably now! Yes, you are busy with work, education, personal commitments, etc. but NAMRC needs your talent as well. Do let me know of your desire to be a part of NAMRC as an officer this coming year.

There is much to do if NAMRC is to continue to be a voice for the future. Every NAMRC member is important as we move forward in ensuring that persons with disabilities (especially those who have not been well served from our diverse communities) have the quality of life that is inherent in the American dream.

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Have a Happy New Year!!

Your President in your service,
Paul

2007–2009 Election Results

NAMRC Nominations were accepted, ballots were forwarded to the membership via e-mail and the results are in!!

The following are the NAMRC 2007-2009 election results:

President Elect: Dr. Stacie Roberts

Secretary: Dr. Yolanda Edwards

Board of Directors:

Dr. Brenda Cartwright

Dr. Roy Chen

Dr. Bob McConnell

Dr. Mona Robinson

R. F. Truesdell

NAMRC Representative to NRA:

Tyra Hawkins

The ballots were validated and tallied by Yolanda Spencer & Robert Watson – Alabama Association for Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns.

Please join us in welcoming the newest additions to the NAMRC Board of Directors for the 2007-2009 Office Term!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra Rice Hawkins, Nominations Committee Chair

NAMRC Mission Statement

NAMRC is a diverse group whose purpose is to advocate for the rehabilitation needs of multicultural persons with disabilities and equitable services; and enhance the development of multicultural rehabilitation professionals.



2007 15th Annual Conference!!

15th Annual National Training Conference:



Sheraton Hotel

1 N. Broadway

Oklahoma City, OK

15th Annual Conference:

Diversity Matters:

Preparing the Rehabilitation Profession for
Success in the 21st Century

Conference Co-chairs:

Andre Washington

Tennyson Wright

We look forward to seeing you in Oklahoma!!! The Oklahoma Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns is eagerly planning and can't wait to welcome you out to Oklahoma!!

Go to www.NAMRC.org for more details!!

NAMRC Member Updates...

Kudos to all NAMRC members who participated in our recent election!!

It is efforts like yours that keeps NAMRC going!!!

We look forward to your continued dedication and to seeing you in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma!!



The Student Corner

Rep Report

Submitted by Lakeysha J. McLaurin

Reprinted from September Newsletter

In the words of a great crooner on today's music charts—"I don't wanna leave, but I gotta go right now". Such words describe my sentiments regarding the cessation of my term as NAMRC Student Representative/Board Member in December 2006. My humble affiliation with this organization has catapulted my status to unimaginable heights for a young professional of my stature.

My most rewarding accomplishment is the production the Student Outreach Recruitment Video—special thanks to Cozetta Shannon for co-production labor on this project as well. This tool will allow students nationwide to view the spirit of NAMRC which captivated me from the start.

The listserv is growing daily. Submit inquires at thenamrcstudentcorner@yahoo.com to be added to this network of NAMRC's greatness in the making. Also, Educators interested in obtaining a copy of the NAMRC Student Outreach Recruitment Video released in September 2006 should submit requests to the aforementioned email address.



*Check out NAMRC's
New Web Site!*

Our website is steadily growing!! Go to www.NAMRC.org for enhanced, user-friendly access to information, useful updates and important news and issues relevant to multicultural persons in the rehabilitation community. The *Cultural Network Newsletter* will also be featured exclusively on our new site!! However, if you would like to receive the *NAMRC Cultural Network Newsletter* in an alternative format please contact Chandra Donnell with your relevant contact information.

To those of you who are interested in taking the NAMRC student identity to the next level for 2007-2009, please contact our incoming president, Chandra Donnell at cdonnell@msu.edu.

You may also submit questions regarding the Student Rep. position to my attention at thenamrcstudentcorner@yahoo.com.

The NAMRC Student Representative Position is still open!!!

Please contact Chandra Donnell at cdonnell@msu.edu if you are interested in this leadership position for the 2007-2009 office term!!!

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Photos should be submitted as JPEG files. Contact information should be included with your submission. Please note that submissions may be edited for length.

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July 1	June/July/August Issue
Oct 1	Sept/Oct/November Issue
Nov 15	December - Election Issue

On Behalf of the NAMRC Board,
Wishing you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season!!!



We look forward to seeing you all in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 18th - 22nd
for our 15th Annual National Training Conference!!



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