

## **VRA Communication/Membership News Notes Submission**

Hello VRA members! The Communication /Membership committee would like to thank you for your continued support as members of VRA. We would like to encourage all our members to share the benefits of VRA with colleagues, the community, and VRA supporters. As our membership continues to thrive with rehabilitation professionals, advocates and supporters we want to make sure that we remind you of the benefits of VRA.

### **Benefits of a VRA Membership**

- Educational Training Conferences
- Free subscriptions and discounts for NRA Publications
- NRA's Annual Governmental Affairs Summit
- Professional division membership
- Powerful professional networking

### **We want your feedback!**

Because we value our members we want to hear from you! The Communication/Membership committee would like to know what we are doing well and what areas can we improve? Please send your comments to [maggie.butler@yahoo.com](mailto:maggie.butler@yahoo.com). Please take this opportunity to let us know how we can improve your membership experience. Your responses will be addressed in a following issue of the NewsNotes publication.

### **New initiative**

The Communication/Membership Committee would like to hear from members concerning:

1. The establishment of a VA division of the Association of Rehabilitation Support Services. This association will encourage support staff of rehabilitation professionals to convene and discuss programs and initiatives that affect their service to individuals with disabilities and promote continued education in working with rehabilitation professionals and individuals with disabilities
2. Online directory of VRA members categorized by location, expertise and interest areas. The directory would act as a state wide networking tool for members who want to collaborate with other rehabilitation professionals, advocates and supporters for training, grant opportunities or career advancement.

***Please send your thoughts and ideas about these initiatives to [maggie.butler@yahoo.com](mailto:maggie.butler@yahoo.com)***

**Thank you,**

**Maggie K. Butler, MS, CRC**

**Communication/Membership Chair**

**\*\*\*NewNotes will be provided in an alternate format upon request.\*\*\***