

## Larry Emerson Honored with 2012 Zawiski Award

### *Recognized for leadership to NRAA, NRAA GPO, and Health Care Administration*

On Thursday, October 11, during the NRAA Annual Conference in Savannah, NRAA President Sue Rottura presented The 2012 Mark Zawiski Award to Larry Emerson, CEO of Dialysis Centers of Lincoln, Nebraska. Larry has been a member of NRAA for eight years and currently serves on the Boards of NRAA and NRAA GPO. He served as NRAA President in 2010.

Larry has provided leadership on many NRAA programs, including the Membership Committee and Benchmarking/Data Committee. In Sue's presentation, she noted:

*"Larry has brought consistency to reorganizing NRAA membership at a time when serving the interests of the SDO and MDO - cooperating with the LDOs on major, mutually beneficial issues - was crucial to the industry. The work and input on creating a viable benchmarking tool, long desired by our association, were notable since this complex project needed and continues to need meticulous and constant attention to detail."*

Sue continued to discuss Larry's active involvement with NRAA HIE for CROWNWeb, GPO renewal efforts, NRAA Program Committee Chair, and his focus on advocacy with regulation and legislation. Larry was also recognized for his leadership in health care administration:

*"He has been involved with health care administration for more than 30 years. For the first 25, he was in leadership roles at five rural hospitals in Nebraska and Kansas. He is currently very involved with the Nebraska Kidney Association."*

In accepting this award, Larry commented, *"I've gotten more than I've ever gave."*

The NRAA Mark Zawiski Award is presented annually at the Annual Conference. The Award accepts nominations from NRAA members and is voted on by a panel consisting of past Zawiski Award recipients. The award is named after Mark Zawiski, a dialysis facility administrator in the Miami, Florida area, who worked his way through college as a dialysis tech and then advanced through the ranks of administration to become the Executive Director. Mark was the President of the Florida Renal Administrators Association for many years and served as Southeastern Regional Director and Treasurer of the National Renal Administrators Association. Upon Mark's death at a young age, NRAA created the Award to honor him and to recognize other outstanding leaders, mentors and volunteers who are all part of the ESRD community.

