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On October 16, 2012, The Louisiana Supreme Court handed down a decision in the case of Ellis Hargrave vs. State of Louisiana which addressed the issue of attorney's requiring "contracts" prior to allowing the vocational rehabilitation process to begin. The Louisiana Supreme Court ruled that the Office of Workers' Compensation hearing officer erred in requiring the vocational rehabilitation counselor to comply with the so-called "Crain Brothers" conditions, drafted by claimant's counsel, before the counselor could commence or continue to provide vocational rehabilitation services to the claimant. This is a significant decision by the Louisiana Supreme Court and addresses the issue of attorneys who require vocational rehabilitation professionals to sign a contract prior to beginning services.

Mark your calendar for the 2013 LARP Annual Conference February 28 – March 1, 2013. The Conference will be held at the East Jefferson Hospital Conference Center located at 4200 Houma Boulevard in Metairie. The program is entitled, "Rehab: Are you covered?" We will have a great lineup of speakers over the two day program. More information will follow along with a Conference Brochure and a full agenda of speakers and topics. For more information, contact Brienne Frey at (504) 466-5868.

The LARP Board of Directors is always looking for people to serve on the Board. Your organization is "the" trade and professional association for vocational rehabilitation professionals in Louisiana. Your organization works everyday to provide quality continuing education and to represent the interests of the profession in the legislative and regulatory process. We need more people to be involved. Leadership in LARP is significant contribution to your profession and makes a huge difference. Consider serving today. You can express your interest by sending and email to larpboard@gmail.com for more information.

Fall Message From Your President, Dot Moffett-Douglas

Greetings for the beginning of fall or as we say up in Northern Louisiana the Indian Summer. If you travel up this way you will see an excellent display of leaves of yellow, red and purple. It's just a nice time of year for vocational rehabilitation road trips.

Welcome to our new members: Katherine Porter, Mary Courville and Brenda Hager.

The LARP Conference Committee is planning the Annual Spring Conference to be held again at East Jefferson Hospital in Metairie on February 28-March 1, 2013. The theme will be "Rehab: Are you Covered?" Be sure to attend and find out if you are.

Elizabeth Martinez and Ian Hegwood of the LARP Educational Liaison Committee will host a Litigation and Rehab Counseling Conference on 11/27/12 at LSUNO.

Some developments at the National IARP level include a new IARP flyer with benefits of membership and LARP benefits to be listed on the back. If you would like to get a few copies to use in membership promotion just contact me. LARP has a new email address to make contacts easier: larboard@gmail.com

The time for LARP Board nominations will begin around the first of the year. Be looking for your nomination letter and decide your nominations for the coming year.

Dot Moffett-Douglas
President
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Membership Report:

We currently have 80 members.

CEU Coordinator Position Available

The position of CEC Coordinator is open to any volunteer from general membership. The job is now much more simplified than in the past and Cindy Harris, the current CEU Coordinator, will train her replacement. Those who are interested should contact me prior to the next Board Meeting on 01/11/13.

LARP Donations

If you would like to make a donation to LARP, please send a check made payable to LARP and mail to:

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More Information Coming Soon!

*If anyone is interested in serving on the LARP Board of Directors
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The benefits of membership include:

- * Networking
- * Continuing Education Opportunities
- * 2 Conferences-Annual in the Spring and Legislative in the Summer
 - * Discount conference registration
- * Lobbyist full time to monitor legislation pertaining to our profession