PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Larry Bowen

The year has begun. It is a busy time for the Board and the rest of the association. A very productive Board meeting was held in Louisville, Kentucky. Preparation is underway for the ADED Conference in Dallas. The Mid-West Chapter held another successful conference in Milwaukee, April 26-27. AOTA conference was held in April in Chicago.

The Board meeting in Louisville was exhilarating. The cost of the meeting was reduced as the location was centralized for most board members, allowing them to drive or take short commuter flights. Many topics were discussed with valuable input from the new members. New Chapter guidelines were developed and will be distributed to the chapters. Guidelines for the use of the ADED logo were developed to ensure the Logo is not used to imply endorsement for products. Show stopper insurance is being investigated to not only cover the main ADED conference, but to extend coverage to Chapter conferences. The need to expand to larger facilities for the main ADED conference was discussed and has the conference planner checking into use of convention center facilities for future events. Certification was a topic of conversation and explored what relationship this ADED board would have with the new Certification board (monies have been put aside to support the certification board and the certification process as the new Board will require funds each year until such point that it is self-supporting). A new Commercial award was developed to recognize contributions made by manufacturers and vendors to the disabled population and ADED. Sally Sullivan will work on liaisons, promoting improved working relationships with other relations organizations such as NMEDA and AKTA. Last, but not least, a new budget was passed in which we find ourselves in a somewhat better situation then we were in last year, but we will still have to continue to monitor finances.

I have to commend the Board members, especially the new members who pitched in and spent long gruelling hours working on committee activities into the evening preparing for the next day's meetings.
President's Message, continued
I would like to thank Kathie Regan for her organizational skills in setting up the hotel and the day trip to visit Churchill Downs, where the Kentucky Derby is held. Even though the meetings were long and somewhat tedious, we accomplished much and I was pleasantly surprised at the contribution made by the new members.

AOTA was held in Chicago and President-Elect Anne Hegberg represented AOTA at the conference. It was well attended. A great deal of interest was shown in our association and how to get involved. The Mid-West conference was held; congratulations to Mr. Scott Amour and his committee for another successful event. Monies made from the chapter conferences above expenses are returned to ADED.

The Certification Board met and have decided that rather than having to be re-examined, it would be more appropriate to have candidates work on collecting and documenting continuing education credits towards recertification. This will be starting this year, so plan on attending the conference in Dallas and start collecting those credits. This also means that the Board will be developing new long term strategies to develop workshops that are timely and appropriate for recertification. A committee is being formed to work on this process.

As you can see, the board and many other areas of ADED have been very active. I would like to see more members involved in your association, so run for a position or get your nomination forms in for President, Secretary, and also for special awards nominations to be presented at the conference. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the conference in Dallas this August.

L.A. Bowen, B.Sc., CDRS
ADED President

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Once again this year, the Certification examination will be administered in conjunction with ADED Conference. Application forms and information booklets are on their way to all ADED members. Anyone else who wishes to sit for the exam should contact Ric Cerna at (608) 884-8833 to request a copy.

Late in 1995 the membership voted to eliminate the Certification Chair as a member of the ADED Board. A Certification Board was then established. This was necessary to ensure that the ADED Board and the Certification Board were administratively separate. The newly formed Certification Board met for the first time in March of this year. Our tasks were many. One of the items that received priority consideration was the establishment of criteria for certification renewal. After much deliberation, a requirement for the accumulation of continuing education credits rather than retesting was decided. Many professional organizations now are requiring continuing education credits. This is one way of insuring that persons who have achieved certification, recognition, or licensure keep abreast of changes in the field.

A system similar to the one that was in place for renewal of professional recognition certificates was established. Basically, it will be necessary to acquire a total of 9 points over a 5 year period earned from a list of "permissable activities." A list of the activities and detailed information on how the process works will be mailed to those persons who have achieved Certification.

I have received many calls and letters from members concerning last year's certification test. Many had the same complaint; there were too many questions that required a medical background or too many that required a driver education background depending on the perspective of the person complaining. The content of the test was dictated by the results of the job analysis survey which was sent to every ADED member. The survey determined what the average Driver Rehabilitation Specialist thought were the duties of their day to day job responsibilities. They were also asked to rate how significant a particular task was to the practice of Driver Rehab Specialist. The results of that survey laid the ground rules for what areas would be included in the test as well as how many and how complex the questions should be about a particular task. (continued page 4)
Certification Update Continued

In five years, the job analysis will be repeated. The emphasis of the questions may change if the results of the survey show that there has been a significant change in job responsibilities for the Driver Rehab Specialist. If you have received Certification, I encourage you to frame and hang your certificate in place of your Occupational Therapy registration certificate, your driver education certificate or any other professional certificate you may have acquired.

I sincerely hope that by the time the job analysis is repeated, we will have stopped thinking of ourselves as either an OT or an DE person. I hope that when asked, you will respond by saying, "I am a driver rehabilitation specialist" and moreover, the person asking will instantly know just what it is that you do. We need to move away from thinking of ourselves in terms of two separate professions if we are ever going to gain the recognition that we deserve as a distinct professional with unique skills.

Carmella Strano
Director, Certification Board

ADED Represented at AOTA National Conference in Chicago

ADED was well represented at the American Occupational Therapy Association's annual conference. With thousands in attendance and approximately 1000 vendors represented, ADED had many opportunities to introduce the organization to those interested in driver rehabilitation. President-Elect Anne Hegberg stated that many visitors stopped by the booth, wanting specific information for their geographic area, which was provided through the membership binder and list. Thanks to Anne Hegberg, Christi Rom-Branch, and Trish Lake for taking the time to staff the ADED booth.

Older Driver Issues were the focus of a panel presentation that included driver rehab specialists Thomas Kalina, Linda Hunt, and Susan Lillie. John Eberhardt, National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, was the panel moderator and Erik Olsen, Human Factors Masters Candidate also presented. Current research and national planning for older driver issues were presented. The growth of ADED and the certification process was also a discussion point in terms of how the future needs of older and older disabled drivers could be met.
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American Kinesiotherapy Association

by Sally Sullivan, Finance

The ADED Board reviewed request from Roger Kelsch, RKT, CDRS, to form an alliance with the American Kinesiotherapy Association, Inc. (AKTA). The ADED Board voted work together on mutual endeavors such as coordination of pre/post conference workshops, regional seminar, and promotion of legislative activity and goals.

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NMEDA Plans An Outstanding Year
by Becky Plank, Executive Director

This is the best time of the year for NMEDA! We have a new Board of Directors, which means that we have new ideas, goals, and projects. A new slate of Directors was elected by the members at the Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas (see last issue).

The membership also voted to change the name of the Special membership category to Professional Member. A Membership Discount Package was announced to the members (including the Professional Members). The discount package includes:

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1) NMEDA Protection Plus Insurance Program
2) Quality Assurance Program
3) Travel Arrangements

NMEDA formed a Canadian Chapter, called NMEDA-Canada Chapter. This new chapter started up in a running mode. In a short two months, they have received a grant from the Canadian Government to build two test rigs and crash test the NMEDA full size Ford van. The NMEDA Canada Chapter has plans that include some exciting programs for the members in Canada. If you are in Canada and are not a member of NMEDA, contact Rick Mussellam, Membership Chairman at 604-491-0003. By your involvement in NMEDA, you will not be left out of these projects.

Plans have started for the 1997 conference. The program committee is planning the best conference ever. Our exhibits are increasing from 69 to 108 booths. The workshops are going to include more information on regulations and the social is to be the most exciting yet!! As the committee completes the details, we will share them with all of you.

Don't forget the Quality Assurance Program. Two states have a regulation that is written around QAP. To put it simply... If a vendor/dealer is not QAP, they do not do business with those states. Also, General Motors now identify our QAP members in their program list. ADED realizes that the future is through certification. NMEDA shares this view, too. We need to support each others certification programs with endorsement and support.

Last, but by far not least. The new Board of Directors held its first orientation meeting. This meeting consisted of two days of intensive hard work. It was held in Tampa, Florida at the National Headquarters. The Board met the staff and volunteers, learned what each ones duties were, had a "hands-on" with the day-to-day operations of NMEDA, and set the directions and goals of NMEDA for 1996.

As you can see, NMEDA has something going to effect ALL of its members. The best thing is that NMEDA and ADED members are working together and supporting both associations. With this type of togetherness, both associations are destined to have a great year!
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KEY NOTES

Don Mills will not be working at the WV Rehab Center as a result of a terminal illness. Timothy Jordan has been hired and will need all the help you can give him. Any correspondence for Don Mills, please forward to: 142 Marion Drive
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Resources for ADED Members

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Chapter News

by Anne Hegberg, President-Elect

**California**: Currently in the process of completing necessary requirements for chapter status.

**Georgia/South Carolina**: ADED is happy to announce the formation and acceptance of this new chapter. The chapter will hold its first official meeting May 3 to elect officers. Please direct any questions to Karen Monaco (706) 823-8786.

**Mid-Atlantic**: Deena Garrison-Jones reports the next chapter meeting 6/7/96 10:00-12:00. It will be held in conjunction with EKA/Division's open house. Topics include changes in the 1997 Ford van and how it will affect the wheelchair driver; and a comparison between the 1996 Chrysler Voyager and Ford Windstar. Attendees are welcome to attend the open house. Call Deena at (540) 332-7118 for details.

**Mid-West**: The Midwest chapter held their annual conference with an attendance of over 50. Highlights included presentations about liability, secondary controls, and emergency situations. Next year's conference will be held at Ohio State University with Dan Cox as host. Officers and the host committee welcome suggestions or volunteers for presentations. (Scott Armour - President)

**North East**: Elections were held for officers with the following results: President: Frank Cogliandro, Vice-President: Paul St. Pierre, and Secretary: Tom Egan. Congratulations to the new officers.

**South Central**: This chapter has not yet held a meeting. They are in search of an organizer who is willing to assist with nominations. Anyone interested in the success of this chapter, please contact Anne Hegberg (708) 462-4076 (President-elect in charge of chapters).

**Tennessee/Kentucky**: The chapter will hold its meeting, including election of officers, May 30 at 12:00 IN SMYRNA, TN. For further information contact Amanda Hamilton at (615) 322-0100.

**Mid-West Conf.**: Fred Doll instructs on "What's Behind the Wheel - The Unexpected".
In the Bluegrass state of Kentucky, the theme is horse. The Board visited a horsetrack (Churchill Downs), then they had to work like a horse, followed by eating like a horse (especially the Derby pie!). Then, as demonstrated by our president and president-elect, sometimes you just need to horse around...

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