

## New Website



Most organizations have long since launched a website or two. However, simply having a website is not enough – it needs to be good, if not **great**. Think of it as our most valuable communication vehicle with our members and the general public. The greatest thing about the Web is that it is accessible to an enormous number of people from almost any location in the world.

With these facts in mind, the Board has decided to re-assign the design, copy and completion of our website to MC Integrated. *“We feel they have an excellent understanding of our needs but more importantly they understand the personality that is VRA Ontario.”* stated Evie Cowitz. The site should be completed in its entirety by mid April.

## Death of Rehab Pioneer

It is with much sadness we note the passing of Dr. Hy Day, Professor Emeritus at York University and a senior and longstanding member of OPA, as well as a Past- President and mentor to countless students.

## Our Members on the Radio

Steve Ogden, a principal of Arc Health Management, and a long-time member of VRA Ontario, recently was on AM 640's Ask the Experts, as the guest of Alf Kwinter, a leading Toronto Personal Injury lawyer.

Steve was asked to provide Expert information about the role of the Rehab Professional in the facilitation of Disability Management, and the vital importance of the Life Care Planner in dealing with severe or catastrophic injuries.



## Conference Planning For 2009

The conference planning for 2009 is well underway. We are busy developing an exciting program that should provide not only interesting and informative information, but will also provide an opportunity for VRA Ontario to demonstrate its leadership role in Vocational Rehabilitation in the province of Ontario.

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## Board of Directors Welcome New Members

The Board was very pleased to welcome Danette Anthony and Wanda York who attended our board meeting on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> 2009. It was a pleasure to have a new and fresh point of view and input. As your Board, we are committed to open communication and sharing of information with members. We look forward to hearing from you.

*If you have some extra time please consider participating on one of our committees.*

## On the Road to Regulation

There has been a significant amount of progress with regard to our journey towards regulation. The Regulation Committee and MC Integrated have had several meetings with key players in government, education and vocational rehabilitation providers. Our progress is positive and extremely satisfying. News regarding The Ontario College of Vocational Rehabilitation Professionals is forthcoming...

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