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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution I

WHEREAS, the PRWAD has experienced a growth in membership and in influence, and has started to make known in greater detail needs of the deaf professional workers in the supportive disciplines;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PRWAD seek closer liaison with such organizations as the National Rehabilitation Association in order to make better known the existence of the professional serving the hearing handicapped.

Resolution II

WHEREAS, many professional individuals in the field of hearing handicaps, such as audiologists and speech pathologists, receive support in their training from stipends and grants provided by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare,

WHEREAS, many of these individuals are not well-oriented to the problems of deafness, particularly the necessary skills in communication;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PRWAD in conference assembled urges the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to stipulate that such persons have included in their training appropriate experience and the development of proper skills, including all methods and techniques of communication, as may be needed to enable them to communicate effectively with all hearing-impaired persons.

Resolution III

WHEREAS, the PRWAD, as an organization, is increasing in membership and thereby involving persons from an increasing number of disciplines, and also the trainees in these disciplines;

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THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PRWAD establish a Placement Service, possibly using a computer for listings of positions and applicants, and to facilitate this service seek funds for support of both administrative and material costs.

Resolution IV

WHEREAS, the Committee on Education and Labor of the House of Representatives has carefully considered and reacted favorably to the needs of deaf people as manifested in H.R. 8395, which is now before the Senate Committee on Labor and Welfare, Subcommittee on the Handicapped Worker;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PRWAD in conference assembled in Washington, D.C., on April 11, 1972, does express its deep appreciation to Congressman Carl Perkins, Chairman, and to Congressman John Brademas, Chairman of the Subcommittee, and to their colleagues.

(Telegrams sent to Congressman Perkins and Congressman Brademas on 4-11-72)

Resolution V

WHEREAS, H.R. 8395, the Vocational Rehabilitation Amendments of 1972, is now before the Subcommittee on the Handicapped, chaired by Senator Jennings Randolph and the Senate Committee on Labor and Welfare, chaired by Senator Harrison A. Williams,

WHEREAS, H.R. 8395 contains provisions for resources and services that are essential for the achievement of social and economic independence by thousands of severely handicapped deaf individuals;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the members of the PRWAD, in conference assembled in Washington, D.C., on April 11, 1972, do greatly urge Senator Randolph and Senator Williams to secure early favorable action on H.R. 8395 by the Senate of the United States so that rehabilitation services so urgently needed by severely handicapped deaf people will be available sooner.

(Telegram to cover this Resolution sent to Senators Randolph and Williams on 4-11-72)

Resolution VI

WHEREAS, the establishment, development, and utilization of interpreter services for deaf people is gravely needed throughout the nation to assure the rights, benefits, and the responsibilities of citizenship;

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THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PRWAD assist the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf in developing state and local organizations of individuals who are adequately qualified to provide interpreting services to all kinds of deaf persons in all kinds of situations;

FURTHER, be it resolved that the PRWAD make an extensive effort to inform public and governmental organizations of this need and seek to secure funding resources in public programs to secure interpreting services.

Resolution VII

WHEREAS, the growth of the PRWAD has well demonstrated recognition and acceptance by the national community of an organization that cuts across disciplinary lines as does the PRWAD,

WHEREAS, a need exists to provide encouragement of and a mechanism for establishing state and local level rehabilitation minded groups for deaf youth and adults;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PRWAD Board of Directors shall develop and distribute model by-laws under which state and local groups may organize branches or affiliates of the PRWAD.

Resolution VIII

WHEREAS, the PRWAD is appreciative of the training facilities sponsored by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for the improvement of counseling skills in the area of deafness, there is a felt need for added programs to provide for updating of skills and refresher courses;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PRWAD urge the Department to investigate the possibility of expanding current programs and perhaps establishing new ones.

Resolution IX

WHEREAS, Gallaudet College and members of its staff and student body have contributed to a considerable portion of the conference program;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the conference extend its thanks and appreciation.

Resolution X

WHEREAS, the PRWAD notes with appreciation the increasing number of facilities seeking to serve the deaf at all levels of training, and urges that

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such growth be continued. It also notes that criteria for such facilities are lacking;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PRWAD Board be urged to establish committees to examine the possibility of formulating such criteria as a guide to agencies seeking to purchase such services, and

FURTHER, be it resolved that the PRWAD Board seek funds for the carrying out of these committee responsibilities.

Resolution XI

WHEREAS, members of the PRWAD note with appreciation the development of program and personnel guidelines and standards in some of the professional groups that serve the deaf, such as the standards of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf,

WHEREAS, they note the need for such guidelines in other professions;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the PRWAD endorse and support formulation of such standards in the various disciplines as they pertain to persons serving the deaf, and seek to assist or serve in any instance where this is possible;

FURTHER, be it resolved that the PRWAD urge these standards be utilized as criteria by rehabilitation agencies when purchasing services or employing such professional workers.