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## The VEWAA Journal is Alive and Well and available for FREE!

The VEWAA Journal took on a new look and direction last year. The 2010 Spring issue featured a special topic, "Vocational Evaluation and Addictions: Emerging Evidence and Practice" with guest editor Joe Keferl, and the long awaited publication of "Workplace Stress Management: Theory and Recommendations" by Joanna Noonan and Shannon L. Wagner. Michael Frain guest edited the 2011 Spring issue with a special topic, "Veterans, Vocational Evaluation, and Work Adjustment". The VEWAA board invites you to view them both on the VEWAA site at [http://www.vewaa.com/resources/Publications/publications\\_journal.htm](http://www.vewaa.com/resources/Publications/publications_journal.htm) where they are available for free download.

Please visit the VEWAA Journal resources page on the NCRTM website where we are building an archive of all past VEWAA Journals, all available for free download at <https://ncrtm.org/moodle/course/view.php?id=99>. All VEWAA Journal are available in print form for a fee. Call Jennifer at the NCRTM for details at (435) 797-3416.

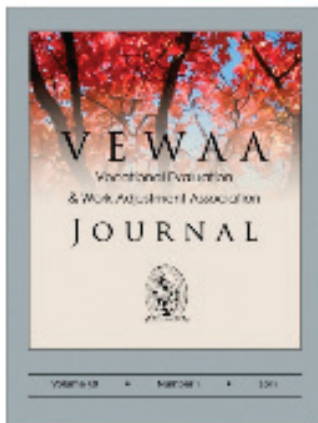
## NCVEWAA Conference Highlights

The North Carolina Chapter of VEWAA held its biannual conference (commonly known as the Beach Conference) at the historic Clamdigger Inn in Pine Knoll Shores, NC. This group consistently provides an exceptional opportunity for training, networking, and reconnecting with friends across the state. This meeting provided several in-



formative presentations, including the current status of disability employment discrimination provided by ADA guru, Dr. Brian McMahon of Virginia Commonwealth University; the utilization of resiliency assessment within vocational evaluation by Drs. Michael Hartley and Steve Sligar of East Carolina University; the development of high tech work sampling by Mr. John Banks of SimWork Systems; the "ins and outs" of prosthetics by Mr. Shane Coltrain of Orthotics and Prosthetics East; multicultural ethics from a Korean perspective by Mr. Min Kim, a doctoral student at East Carolina University; the role of spirituality in counseling by Ms. Stephanie Morell, a graduate student at East Carolina University; and the development and implementation of the Professional Vocational Evaluator (PVE) credential by Dr. Chad Betters of Winston-Salem State University. Other highlights of the conference included a significant increase in the number of rehabilitation counseling and vocational evaluation students from nearby universities, the presence of representatives from both the national VEWAA Board, as well as VECAP Board, and a roast for Dr. Sheldon Downes, a major draw to the conference for many East Carolina University rehab alum. The roast, orchestrated by fellow ECU rehab founding professor Dr. Paul Alston, produced many laughs, tears, and memories for those in attendance.

NCVEWAA coordinates two conferences a year (April and October), and they have traditionally been held at the Clamdigger Inn. Information pertaining to the Fall conference will be provided as it becomes available.



## VEWAA Journal Call For Papers

Do you have a great idea for a manuscript, but lack the experience in drafting a paper for potential publication? Do you think you could contribute to the vocational evaluation and work adjustment body of knowledge, but just do not know to get started?

The VEWAA Journal is calling out for all interested parties that may wish to participate in the process of scholarly writing and publication. The VEWAA Editorial Board is specifically interested in working with those who are currently practicing in vocational evaluation and work adjustment, with the focus of potential publications addressing current clinical issues in the field. Some topic areas of interest include current tools/instruments that are being utilized, different methodologies that are being implemented, and specific considerations when working with select populations.

If you believe that you could contribute to a potential publication, please contact Dr. Michael Millington, VEWAA Journal Editor, at [michael.millington@usu.edu](mailto:michael.millington@usu.edu) to discuss your ideas. We have several individuals with significant experience in scholarly writing that are eager to work with you in this process.

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## The PVE Is Now Available

A culmination of approximately two years of work has resulted in the successful attainment of the goal – the PVE is now available! Launched on April 3rd, the Professional Vocational Evaluator (PVE) credential is attainable via an online application at the Registry of Professional Vocational Evaluators (RPVE) website, [www.pvregistry.org](http://www.pvregistry.org). This credential will serve to compliment the CVE credential, especially for those parties who are unable to acquire the CVE since the closure of CCWAVES in October 2008. Given that the credential has five categories for eligibility, there are several avenues for interested parties to seek the acquisition of the PVE credential.

A well-deserved congratulations and thank you goes out to the VEWAA Board, the VECAP Board, and Stout vocational Rehabilitation Institute, as all three entities volunteered significant time and energy to this process. It is important to share that both VEWAA and VECAP equally contributed financial resources to the start-up costs for this credential, which exemplified the collegiality between both parties during this project. Lastly, it is also necessary to recognize Dr. John Lui for all of the hard work he conducted, as the PVE would not be operational at this time without his effort.

For all information, including eligibility, continuing education requirements, and application and maintenance costs, please check out the RPVE website. You may also contact the RPVE directly via phone at (715) 308-0907, or via email at [pvregistry@gmail.com](mailto:pvregistry@gmail.com).



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## Calling all VEWAA State Chapters!!

One of the top priorities of the current VEWAA Board of Directors is to identify, support and further develop existing state chapters and to participate in the launching and/or strengthening of any new or fledgling chapters. We know there are active chapters ~ North Carolina VEWAA offers quality conferences semi-annually. Minnesota VEWAA, a newly reorganized chapter, offered pre-conference training in partnership with JPD at the 2010 MRA Conference.

We know there are more VEWAA chapters that are either active or wish they could be. What we don't know is who you are and how to reach you. The National VEWAA board wants to list on the VEWAA website state-by-state chapters and their executive boards so that vocational evaluation and work adjustment professionals needing current information, contacts or any other resources, will be able to find it!

**We need you!** Anyone presently or formerly involved with a state chapter who can help provide current contact information to create a directory of existing chapters please contact Debbie Perry, President-elect and State Chapter Committee Chair, at [debbie.perry@goodwillky.org](mailto:debbie.perry@goodwillky.org) or 859-497-4203. Likewise, if anyone is interested in reorganizing chapters that may have become less active in recent years due to various factors, please contact us and we will work with you to make it so!

We expect that the launching of the Registry of Professional Vocational Evaluators and the availability of the new PVE credential will remove some of the uncertainty we've all felt since the dissolution of CCWAVES. Now is an excellent time for State VEWAA Chapters to re-energize and to draw in those many graduates who've been waiting for just such an opportunity.

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Dear Editor,

As your membership is well aware, the credentialing body, the Commission on Certification on Work Adjustment and Vocational Evaluation (CCWAVES), that provided vocational evaluators to obtain the credential of Certified Vocational Evaluator (CVE) was suspended in September 2008. Since then, the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) has taken over the maintenance and renewal of current CVEs. New entrants into this field, especially recent graduates from various higher educational programs have not been able to obtain their professional credential. To address this gap, in May 2009, representatives from the Vocational Evaluation and Career Assessment Professionals (VECAP) and Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment Association (VEWAA) organizations have been meeting as an appointed ad-hoc Task Force to explore options for an alternate credential. This task force is composed of nine (9) members.

The result of this task force's efforts, including a national market analysis, is a new credential named Professional Vocational Evaluator (PVE), administered by the Registry of Professional Vocational Evaluators (RPVE). While the philosophy of RPVE is one of inclusiveness, the intent is to aid in the promotion and quality of the vocational evaluation profession. The purpose of the Registry is to provide a credential for vocational evaluators who have demonstrated attainment of acceptable standards of education, experience, and knowledge, based on the relevant knowledge and skill domains identified from the most recent practice analysis. Professional Vocational Evaluators (PVE) will, therefore, contribute to the promotion of informed choice in the career development process, vocational rehabilitation planning, employment outcomes and/or workplace productivity by providing vocational evaluation services to guide individuals with employment or career barriers.

We are delighted to inform the members of VECAP, that RPVE, a non-profit organization, has been launched, effective April 1, 2011. Application Form, Application Guide, and Guidelines for Professional Conduct can be found in the website: [www.pveregistry.org](http://www.pveregistry.org). In line with the RPVE Bylaws, a Board is fully functional as are its list of committees to include: Executive, Eligibility Compliance and Registration Renewal, Appeals, Professional Conduct, Standards, Public Relations and Communications, Nominations, and Finance.

Please feel free to check out the RPVE website at [www.pveregistry.org](http://www.pveregistry.org) and more importantly, please spread the word around to other practitioners providing vocational evaluation services.

Sincerely,

John W. Lui, Ph.D., MBA, CRC  
President and Executive Director

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

VEWAA will be hosting a pre-conference  
on Thursday, October 13, 2011  
in Salt Lake City, Utah

Learn about the updates to the  
Dictionary of Occupational Titles as well as  
Occupational Trends and Labor Statistics

**This training is not to be missed!**