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MEETING 2006: LAS VEGAS

*World-class museums, shopping, art galleries, dining,
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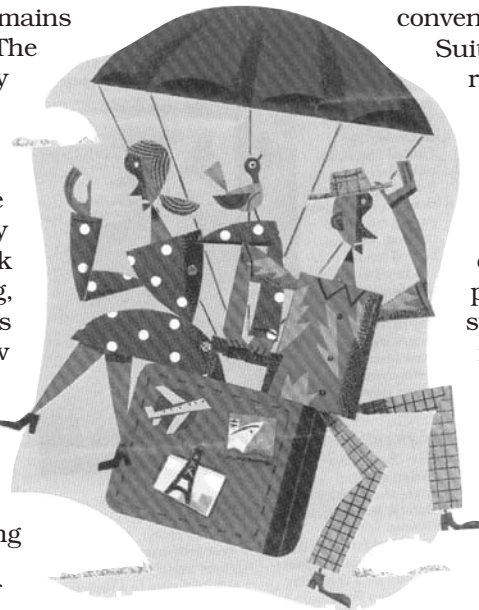
For the second time in our history, ABDA will hold its annual conference in Las Vegas **July 15-16, 2006**. World-class hotels, restaurants, shopping, entertainment... the city that has it all. Registrants will find the new **Las Vegas to be an accessible, colorful, transcending city**. It remains the fastest growing city in the U.S. The airport is state-of-the-art and easily accessible from anywhere in the U.S. and Canada. No matter what the hour, registrants will never be at a loss for something to see or do. The city offers a multitude of family oriented activities around the clock including sightseeing, spas, golfing, gaming, shopping, Broadway shows and stores of every stripe from New York, Paris, Rome and the Asia-Pacific. World-class art exhibits are available daily. It is not surprising that so many members requested a return to this one of a kind city.

For natural beauty, consider adding to your itinerary the world renowned Hoover Dam, Lake Meade, Valley of Fire and Red Rock Canyon. Anyone who has not visited Las Vegas recently will be awestruck with the large-scale development, innovation and expansion found there especially along The Strip (Las Vegas Boulevard). The new monorail system opened recently adding even

more color to the skyline. Just as Las Vegas continues to expand up and out, its range of appeal also continues to deepen on the entertainment front to suit all appetites.

Our hotel is situated close to The Strip and convenient to the airport. The Embassy Suites Hotel is an all suite hotel so registrants will have a refrigerator and kitchen with cooking appliance, and a separate bedroom area. A shuttle runs throughout the day to and from The Strip. Hotel guests receive a full breakfast including custom-made omelets. The hotel has a swimming pool and exercise facilities. The special conference rate will be \$125. It is best to make reservations as early as possible and simply ask for the meeting rate for the "American Board" Conference. We anticipate our block of rooms will go quickly, so early reservations are strongly recommended. **(See back page for hotel and registration details).**

Persons interested in being a presenter should fax a brief proposal to the ABDA Program Committee at (615) 327-9235, e-mail (americanbd@aol.com) or by mail. Decisions are made within 15 days. This conference is co-sponsored by the Mary Glidden Memorial Fund.



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DISABILITY HEADLINES

Product liability, medical malpractice and other tort trials concluded in U.S. Federal courts fell by nearly 80% from 1985 to 2003 according to the Department of Justice. The median or typical damage award was \$201,000 for plaintiffs who won in tort trials concluded in 2002 and 2003. Plaintiffs prevailed in 48% of the tort cases but only 30% in medical malpractice trials and 34% in product liability.



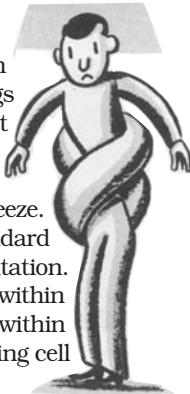
The USA ranks number 48 for **life expectancy** (77.43 years). Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Switzerland, Sweden, Australia and Iceland exceed 80 years. Canada is at 79.9.

(Source CIA World Factbook 2004)

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, American Society of Actuaries, the **average life expectancy** for Americans jumped during the past half century. For females life expectancy has moved from 71 to 80 and for males from 66 to 75. Many will exceed average life expectancy. Chances of a 65 year old male and female in good health reaching more advanced ages are as follows: for females to reach 88 – 50% and to reach 94 – 25%; for males to reach 85 – 50% and to reach 92 – 25%.

According to MetLife Mature Market Institute, the **least expensive cities to get nursing care** are as follows: Shreveport, LA \$96 a day; Little Rock, AR \$117; Kansas City, MO \$121; Birmingham, AL \$123; Jackson, MS \$124; Wichita, KS \$127; Dell Rapids, SD \$128; New Orleans, LA \$129; St. Louis, MO \$133; Charleston, SC \$136. The average national cost for long-term nursing care is \$181.24. New Orleans is the least expensive place to get a home health care aide. They cost an average of \$18.12 an hour.

Researchers at Purdue University have devised an unusual method for **healing spinal injuries** in dogs and enabling them to walk again, a development that raises hope the same technique might be adapted for human use. The key is polyethylene glycol (PEG), a liquid polymer similar to antifreeze. Paraplegic animals were used along with the standard treatment of steroids, surgery and physical rehabilitation. More than half the dogs in the PEG group walked within two weeks of treatment and 13 were able to walk within 8 weeks. The investigator stated PEG works by fusing cell membranes together.



Neuro-ophthalmologist investigator sees a mysterious increase in a serious condition: **optic nerve hypoplasia (ONH)**. Symptoms are visual impairment or total blindness with serious neurological conditions. The incidence is now in thousands up from fewer than 40 cases in the western world before the 1970s. Diagnosis is possible in infancy which improves the odds of treatment.

Salaried.com has calculated the **annual value of the work America's 5.4 million stay-at-home mothers do**: \$131,471. The typical work of a stay-at-home mom with two school age children under seven fulfill a variety of job descriptions including daycare center teacher, van driver, housekeeper, cook, CEO, nurse and general maintenance worker. And, it assumed a 100-hour workweek of six 15-hour days and one 10-hour day.

Some of the **best and worst jobs** according to CareerJournal.com, based on factors such as income, stress, physical demands, job security and work environment are as follows:

Best	Worst
accountant	construction worker
actuary	cowboy
bank officer	garbage collector
biologist	fisherman
financial planner	ironworker
parole officer	lumberjack
software engineer	roofer
statistician	seaman
web-site manager	welder

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the percentages of men and women ages 21-64 with **disabilities who are employed** are as follows: men-42%; women-34%.

Outsourcing and the growth of low-paying, service positions are likely to make it **tougher for disabled workers in the U.S. to find jobs**, despite advances in technology and more favorable attitudes among employers, experts say. According to a report by Cornell University, based on Census Bureau data, the employment rate for Americans age 21 to 64 with sensory, physical, mental or self-care disabilities fell to 38.3% in 2004, from 40.8% in 2001.

According to the 2002 Census Bureau Current Population Study on average nationwide, **high school graduates** can expect to earn about \$27,280 annually. Those with **associate's degrees** can expect an average of \$31,046 while those with a **bachelor's degree** can average \$51,194. Salaries can fluctuate depending on field and training.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics the percent of **workers paid at or below \$5.15 an hour by age group** in 2003 are as follows:

Age	Percentage	Age	Percentage
16-19	9.9%	45-49	1.3%
20-24	5.4%	50-54	1.2%
25-29	2.8%	55-59	1.0%
30-34	2.1%	60-64	1.5%
35-39	1.5%	65-69	3.0%
40-44	1.5%	70 and over	5.0%

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2004) the percentage of Americans who volunteer by age group are as follows:

16-24:	24.2%	45-54:	32.8%
25-34:	25.8%	55-64:	30.1%
35-44:	34.2%	65+ :	24.6%

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, **wages paid to hourly wage earners** in the U.S. are as follows: 21.9 million earned over \$15.00 per hour; 23.4 million earned \$10-\$14.99 per hour; 13.1 million earned \$8.00 to \$9.99, 12.1 million earned \$6.00 to \$7.99; 2.3 million earned \$5.00 to \$5.99 and 1.1 million earned less than \$5.00 per hour.

According to the Employment Policies Institute, a number of states have passed legislation for **super-minimum wages** as follows: Oregon \$7.25; Alaska \$7.15; Vermont \$7.00; Washington \$7.35; California and Rhode Island \$6.75; Connecticut \$7.10; Delaware, Minnesota, New Jersey and

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Florida \$6.15; Hawaii \$6.25; Illinois \$6.50; Maine \$6.35; Massachusetts \$6.75; New York \$6.00; and Wisconsin \$5.70.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the percentage of people ages 25 and older **unemployed**, according to education level was recently as follows: 7.5% for those with no high school diploma; 4.7% for those with a high school diploma only; and 2.4% for those with bachelor's degree or higher.

According to the Census Bureau, these **occupations are expected to gain the most employees** from now until 2012: registered nurses, post-secondary teachers, retail sales persons and customer service representatives.

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, studies show that patients who have **risky surgeries** – such as the removal of part or all of an organ because of cancer – fare better if they go to hospitals that perform many of these procedures every year. The mortality rates are as follows:

Surgery	Few Surgeries	Many Surgeries
Bladder	3.1%	.7%
Esophagus	23.1%	8.1%
Lung	17.0%	10.6%
Pancreas	17.6%	3.8%
Stomach	13.0%	8.7%

According to the 2004 National Consumer Study, the **top ailments** people had during that year are as follows: backache 22%; hypertension 18%; acid reflux 16%; high cholesterol 15%; overweight 13%.

Estimates from various sources indicate that more than 50 million people suffer from **pain** and it is the leading cause of disability in America, costing employers more than 60 billion dollars in lost productive time annually. Four sources for more specific information have websites as follows: American Pain Foundation www.painfoundation.org, American Chronic Pain Association www.theacpa.org, The National Pain Foundation www.painconnection.org, American Academy of Pain Medicine www.painmed.org.

According to the Modern Language Association, many colleges and universities now accept **American Sign Language** in fulfillment of foreign language requirements. Enrollment has increased accordingly. In 1990, only 1,602 college/university students were enrolled in such classes; 11,420 in 1998, but a huge increase occurred in 2002 with 60,781 students.

A recent publication, Inside Deaf Culture (Harvard University Press, 208 pages, \$22.95) by Padden and Humphries, may be of interest to those seeking to better understand the role of sign language and the history of the deaf culture in this country including a discussion of schools for the deaf as segregationist.

ABDA Announces Website

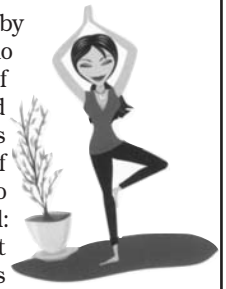
Members are strongly urged to log on to the ABDA Website at www.americandisability.org. Of particular interest may be the links to a wide range of government agencies, book order forms and libraries throughout North America at no cost. Please note, however, that correspondence is best done by e-mail to americanbd@aol.com and not through the website. We welcome feedback on this project.

NEWEST AFFILIATE: VerNova

Welcome to VerNova. VerNova, based in Williamsburg, Virginia provides a number of services and products including worldwide training programs in functional capacity evaluations. It has a close relationship with Virginia Commonwealth University, Medical College of Virginia. VerNova is linking its training programs to ABDA by having those who successfully pass the examination qualify as eligible for certification using the examination as their work sample. VerNova has been instrumental in graciously designing and overseeing the ABDA website. We look forward to a long and mutually productive partnership.

****Upgrading Certification****

Those practitioners currently board certified by ABDA as Disability Analyst and Fellows who have now completed at least nine years of professional experience in health care and rehabilitation may be eligible to apply for status as a Senior Disability Analyst and Diplomate. If you wish to receive information on how to apply, please fax, (615) 327-9235 or e-mail: americanbd@aol.com an expression of interest to Ms. Lela Boggs. For current ABDA members no examination will be required at this time.



CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTERS

Members interested in serving as faculty presenters for the next conference in *Las Vegas* (see Calendar on back page for dates), please submit a one page abstract or outline by mail or fax (615) 327-9235. Decisions are generally made within two weeks. Please indicate if any audiovisual equipment may be needed and the amount of time requested.

Those who have presented at two or more ABDA or ABMPP national conferences in any five year period are eligible for appointment to the American College of Disability Analysts (ACDA).

Presenters are encouraged to submit programs that invite audience participation. Case studies, applied research, polemical/ideological talks, innovative techniques, evaluation strategies, forensic experiences, customized software, economic issues, private practice insights, life care plans and other topics of interest to members are encouraged. Please submit to ABDA Program Committee, Park Plaza Medical Bldg., 345 24th Avenue North, Suite 200, Nashville, TN 37203-1520 or by fax:(615) 327-9235.

CHICAGO HOSTED SUPERB 2005 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

With every seat taken, the annual conference moved along at a rapid clip with a wide range of presenters from the US and Canada and a diverse array of timely, practical topics.

A special debt of gratitude is due to faculty presenters including some veterans and newcomers. **Barbara Kornblau, Colleen Paxton-Braun, Meira Yaer, Karen Gold, David Cross and Ronald Kuebler** led sessions on the first day. Faculty for the second day included **Vic Zuccarello, Jerrold Simon, Karen Gold, Stan Sharma, D.W. Richardson and Howard Caston**. Speakers were accessible and extremely generous in sharing their rich fund of knowledge and experience with attendees. The Tenth ABDA/ABMPP International Conference was generously co-sponsored by **The Drs. James and Jeannette Sasmor, ABDA Continuing Education Project**.

Both Governor Rod Blagojevich and Mayor Richard M. Daly issued written greetings adding to the warm reception provided to registrants. Feedback from the registrants was highly favorable, especially regarding the interactive nature of the meeting.



PASSAGES AND MILESTONES

ABDA is pleased to announce that **Maureen Shea** has volunteered to be the Membership Coordinator for Connecticut. Her address is 867 Pequot Avenue, New London, Connecticut, 06320-4243. We wish her every success in raising the visibility of ABDA in her region. We welcome other members to volunteer to serve as membership coordinators in their locale.

We are extremely pleased to announce that the **July 2007 meeting will be held in Atlanta.** It will be our first ever meeting in the state of Georgia. It will be co-sponsored by the Mary Glidden Memorial Fund. Once again we will be using an All Suite hotel.

The **2005-2006 ABDA Membership Directory** was published recently. It is the largest volume of its kind we have ever published. Everyone board certified by August 2005 is listed in that publication. The cost is \$150 (includes S&H) to members and is a great resource. It can be ordered by fax, mail or e-mail using Visa or MasterCard.



ABDA is pleased to announce that it is extending its ongoing collaboration with **Rutherford University** (formerly Senior University International). Rutherford University was the first distance learning university to offer both undergraduate and graduate degrees that designated a specific curriculum and degree track for students interested in Disability Studies. Persons interested in obtaining information about those programs of study may contact Rutherford University at 800 939-7822 or by fax (604) 244-9952 or mail at Rutherford University 200-2900 Simpson Road, Richmond BC, Canada V6X 2P9.

Congratulations to **David Samuels** who was recently appointed by the Governor of Connecticut to the state's Emergency Response Commission (ERC). Mr. Samuels is a member of our editorial board.

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