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2010 ARPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

It is hard to believe the Annual Conference has already come and gone for this year. I would like to take a moment to recognize and thank all of the conference sponsors and advertisers this year. Please join ARPA in thanking these great companies for their continued support.

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DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR ARPA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

ARPA has sent out membership renewals to all members. These renewals went out via e-mail or regular mail in November to each Director. And reminder notices went out last week. If you are not sure if these have been renewed, please check with your Director or call the State Office at 334-279-9160. I am currently working on the 2010 Membership Directory and want to make sure everyone is included and that your information is correct and up-to-date. Please send these in ASAP to ensure your spot in the directory.



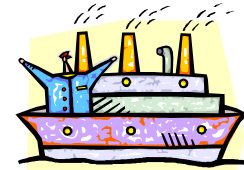
HOW TO GET THROUGH LEAN TIMES WORKSHOP PLANNED

ARPA will be hosting a workshop on March 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the State Office titled "How to Get Through Lean Times". Jim Bustin, the Assistant City Manager for the City of Auburn and Andrea Jackson, the Finance Director for the City of Auburn will be the featured speakers. The cost to attend this workshop is \$25 per person and .2 CEUs are pending. The registration form for this workshop is available on the ARPA website at www.arpaonline.org.



ALABAMA FIVE-O SET TO CRUISE TO COZUMEL IN NOVEMBER

The ARPA Alabama Five-O Committee (formerly the Aging Committee) has decided to take a cruise this fall out of Mobile on the new Carnival Elation ship. The cruise will depart on Thursday, November 11 (Veteran's Day) and will return to Mobile on Monday, November 15th. Information has already been sent out, but the cost for this cruise is \$395.46 per person for double occupancy for an interior stateroom or \$430.46 per person, double occupancy for an Ocean view stateroom.



Payment for this cruise has been divided up into three dates to help make this more affordable for everyone. The first deposit of \$75 per person is due by Friday, February 19th. The second payment of \$75 per person is due by June 14th and the final payment is due August 13th. If you are interested in this cruise or have a group that might be interested as well, but will not have the first payment ready by this Friday, please contact the State Office and any details can be worked out. ARPA wants to make sure that all those that are interested in attending have the opportunity.

ARPA TRANSITIONS CERTIFICATION FILES TO NRPA

ARPA has begun the process of transitioning all certification files to NRPA. This is a mandatory NRPA program, requiring that all states transition their program by June 2010. All existing certification dates will remain the same – either March 1 or September 1. Certificants will still have no less than 24 months to earn the 2.0 CEUs required for recertification. NRPA will send new certificates and letters of welcome/explanation to each certificant.

2010 STATE CALENDAR

Dates for events are always changing, but here are a few that have already been set for the 2010 calendar year through July. Please mark your calendar now and know that information for each event will be sent out with many more details.

March

- 10 – ARPA Board of Directors' Meeting at State Office 10:00 a.m.
- 12-13 – ARPA State Basketball Tournament, Gadsden, AL
- 16-19 – NRPA Legislative Forum, Washington D.C.

April

- 7 – Recreation Sports Committee Meeting at State Office 10:00 a.m.
- 13-14 – Creative Camp at Camp Skyline, Mentone, AL
- 21-22 – Alabama Five-O Spring Fling in Opelika, AL
- 30 – All rule changes due to ARPA for Recreation Sports Committee

May

- 5 – Recreational Sports Committee Meeting at State Office 10:00 a.m.
- 19 – Cultural Diversity Section (CDS) Meeting in Birmingham, AL 11:00 a.m.

June

- 16 – ARPA Board of Directors' Meeting at State Office 10:00 a.m.
- 25 – All Bids (to host 2011 State Tournaments) due to ARPA for Recreational Sports

July

- 16-18 – ARPA State Softball Tournament, Ozark, AL
- 29-31 – ARPA State Swimming and Diving Tournament, Valley, AL

