



## **VR REGULATORY ACTIVITIES TIMELINES AND RESOURCES**

VRA Canada has been researching and discussing regulation for nearly 20 years.

### **Early to mid-2000's**

VRA Canada had a national regulation committee to research regulatory options for the profession.

### **2001**

Dr. Susan Cran wrote an article for VRA Canada's Rehab Review news magazine – "To Be or Not To Be: The Issues of Professional Regulation". Rehab Review, fall 2001, Vol. XXII, Number 3

### **2002**

In June, at the VRA Canada national AGM in Ottawa, a brief update in the Executive Director's report to the membership referenced the fact that VRA Ontario and British Columbia (BC) Societies had a joint committee looking at regulatory options.

### **2008**

VRA Canada national board's past president provided regular updates to VRA Canada's board regarding the endeavours towards regulation. VRA Ontario had a regulation committee and MC Integrated was a consultant to the Society for this endeavour.

VRA Canada met with VRA Ontario's regulatory committee and MC Integrated to discuss regulatory endeavours.

VRA BC Society AGM 2008 – Treasurer's report mentioned the fact that the Society had monies set aside for possible future professional regulation.

## **2009**

VRA Canada's national board's past president continued to provide regular updates to VRA Canada's board regarding the endeavours towards regulation.

VRA Canada Rehab Matters (national newsmagazine) – Summer and Fall 2009 editions. In the Society News section, VRA Ontario provided an update on regulatory effort to date.

VRA BC Society 2009 AGM – Treasurer's report indicates funds have been designated for future regulation needs.

## **2010**

VRA Canada Rehab Matters – Spring and Summer 2010 editions. In the Society News section, VRA Ontario provided an update on regulatory efforts to date.

VRA Canada's Summer 2010 edition of their Voice newsletter was completely dedicated to the College. "The College Is Here". The newsletter covered topics including what is the College; its certifications; the application process; and Frequently Asked Questions.

VRA Canada's Rehab Matters – Fall 2010 edition. In the Society News section, VRA BC Society provided an update on their AGM including the fact that VRA Canada's national president had attended and provided an update on the College to the members.

In October, Joint CVRP – VRA presentation to WSIB in Ontario. VRA's national board was updated.

Document on the roles and responsibilities of VRA and CVRP was created. This document was eventually placed on both organisations' websites.

Update from VRA Ontario, published in VRA Canada's national newsletter, Voice, Winter 2010 providing update to VRA Canada members on VR regulatory endeavours including the fact that CVRP was now established and legally registered.

## **2011**

2010/2011 mandatory insurance initiative by VRA national in order to meet CVRP's E&O requirements for registrants.

VRA Canada National By-laws (amended May 11, 2011) – Article VII Board of Directors, Section 3 Composition states that “The Board will be composed of...e) A VRA Canada appointed Director for the College of Vocational Rehabilitation/Service Professionals who is also a Professional member in good standing.”

In June, CVRP hosted a Dinner for VRA Society Presidents at the VRA national conference in Regina. Discussion ensued about the two organisations working together to move the profession of VR forward.

In June, CVRP had a complimentary booth at VRA national conference in Regina.

VRA national sent out e-notices to its members reminding them of the CVRP grandfathering deadline.

Summer 2011 edition of VRA Canada’s Voice newsletter had a section dedicated to CVRP news update from the College president.

Discussion between VRA and CVRP to have a joint Summit. Each organisation appointed a lead for this endeavour.

In October, VRA BC Society president’s message to members (available to the public online) included some information regarding the College.

In November, VRA national appoints a VRA Liaison to the College. College accepts appointee.

End of the year/beginning of 2012, a meeting between VRA and CVRP was held to discuss issues such as: roles and responsibilities and the RRP. Three members of each organisation participated.

## **2012**

VRA-CVRP Summit held in Calgary, March 31 to April 1, 2012. Five board members of each organisation participated with a facilitator from Garmouth Consulting Inc. Recommendations were made and an action plan developed.

Joint Task Force was formed to move forward the process. Two board members from each organisation were assigned to the Joint Task Force.

At June 2012 AGM in Canmore, Alberta, VRA Liaison to CVRP position officially voted on the national board.

VRA Canada national website “News from your President – July 2012” indicated that:

“The Hon. Elinor Caplan facilitated a meeting of the VRA Canada and CVRP Boards with the view to fully understand the roles and responsibilities of each party and the foundations required in a strategic plan that would further this relationship and the professionalism of vocational rehabilitation.”

VRA BC Society’s president message to members (available to the public online) summarised the goals and outcomes achieved by the Society’s board over the past year. This included investigating the need for a regulatory body to ensure quality services within the rehabilitation profession. President’s message indicated that the Society was actively involved in communicating to their membership information on the College including sending out a survey to get membership input into what they wanted to see regarding the Society’s involvement/role with the College. (Note: This last information was also part of the Society’s 2011 and 2012 AGM’s President’s Reports).

November 2012, joint meeting of boards of directors with Elinor Caplan (consultant for VRA) and Elyse Sunshine (regulatory lawyer for CVRP) held in Brampton, Ontario. Goal was to review and agree upon memorandum of understanding of roles and responsibilities, processes, and intended outcomes for the joint initiative as it relates to regulation (self and/or governmental).

Late 2012/early 2013 a joint Journey Map Committee was established and a document with timelines to move the process forward was created. As well, a Joint Communication Plan Committee was established. Both these committees are mentioned in the VRA Canada’s Winter 2013 Voice newsletter available online.

### **2013**

June 2013, CVRP proposed another joint committee as little progress had been made to date with previous efforts. VRA agreed. A rep from each organisation was appointed with discussions to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> person. Over the first few months of the joint committee its composition was refined and now consists of two members from each organisation.

### **2014**

Joint Letter of Intent signed. Joint committee continues to meet.

### **2015**

Two-year action plan, Q&A document and shared budget presented by the President and Board Designated Representative at the National AGM in Ottawa.

## Sources from the resources outlined by the VRA Timeline

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Dr. Susan Cran's article

<http://www.crd.s.org/docs/faculty-resources/spcran/regulation2.pdf>

<http://www.crd.s.org/faculty/spcran/index.shtml>

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VRA Canada BC Society 2008 AGM

[http://www.vracanadabc.ca/media/3792/2008\\_AGM.pdf](http://www.vracanadabc.ca/media/3792/2008_AGM.pdf)

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VRA Canada National By-Laws, Amendment May 11, 2011

<http://vracanada.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/by-laws.pdf>

VRA Canada BC Society President's Message Online

<http://www.vracanadabc.ca/about-us/presidents-message/>

VRA Canada News from your President - July 2012

<http://vracanada.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/PresidentJul2012.pdf>

VRA Canada Voice Winter 2013 edition

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