



**Approved by BOD - Minutes of the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention**  
Denver, CO  
September 19, 2011

<b>Call to Order</b>	The business meeting of the 60th Annual Convention of The Arc was called to order by President Mohan Mehra in the Plaza Ballroom of the Sheraton Downtown Center, located in the Denver, CO, September 19 at 9:05 AM.
<b>Welcome</b>	President Mohan Mehra welcomed the visitors and guests to the Business portion of the Convention and introduced the members at the head table which included the officers and Peter Berns.
<b>Review of Keypad Voting Procedures</b>	President Mehra introduced George Mervosh, III, PRP, of Pittsburgh, PA, the Parliamentarian for the meeting. Mr. Mervosh conducted an interactive orientation to the electronic voting procedures that were going to be followed during the meeting.
<b>Credentials Report</b>	<p>Secretary Michael Mack reported that delegates from 33 states and the District of Columbia representing 2249 out of 3622 potential votes had registered at the convention. The assembly approved the report of the Credentials Committee. Moved and seconded to adopt the credentials report.</p> <p>1985 in favor, 0 opposed.</p>
<b>Establishment of Quorum</b>	Secretary, Michael Mack declared that a quorum was present.
<b>Consent Agenda</b>	The <i>Standing Rules</i> , <i>Meeting Agenda</i> , and <i>Minutes of the 2010 Meeting</i> were approved as presented. Any objections to three items? None. The items are adopted.
<b>Appointments</b>	President Mehra announced that Michael Mack was appointed as timekeeper.
<b>President's Report</b>	President Mehra presented the President's report. <u>Re-energizing Advocacy</u> . He mentioned President Kennedy's address to The Arc, in 1963, and ran a tape of the address. In 1961, President Kennedy established the "President's Panel on Mental Retardation" and he urged the U.S. Congress to do more to aid persons with disabilities. With the next 10 years representing "a new frontier," membership in The Arc more than doubled, and strong advocacy became a hallmark of the organization. The U.S. Congress passed 116 pieces of legislation during this time related to persons with disabilities, and everyone was poised for a new era of growth. However, today's low economic growth and budget deficits are making it difficult to obtain funding for needed services. The Arc's new branding creates an opportunity for more recognition for the organization, and The Arc will change public attitudes through its work on issues such as housing and education. What can be expected in the next 10 years? In three responses to this question (a tape was played), the answer was that people are waiting for services,

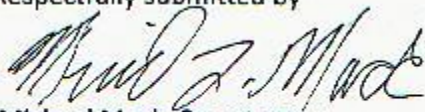
	there's not enough money, and unemployment is high. What does The Arc need to do? 1) Increase public awareness of The Arc; 2) Re-energize families to protect Medicaid, by encouraging them to meet with their Members of Congress, including having them visit their constituents' local chapter; 3) Use social media to engage other families and friends, and 4) Reach out for more information from The Arc's web site.
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Gary Horner presented in Treasurer Ron Brown's absence. The organization is in sound financial condition. Again, The Arc received a clean audit. Highlights: Operating revenue, \$6.5 million, is up from the prior year; Total operating expense came to \$6.3 million - 84 percent was spent on program activities and eight percent on fund raising. In 2010, the committee took on the task of selecting a management company for investment advice.
<b>Chief Executive Officer's Report</b>	Chief Executive Officer, Peter V. Berns discussed key findings in <i>The FINDS Survey</i> . In June, The Arc released two reports. First, <i>Still in the Shadows with Their Future Uncertain</i> is an Executive Summary and a call to action. The second piece is the technical report that contains data analysis by Charley Lakin's team. He encouraged all to read the report because of the important information and insights that are found in FINDS, which is based on President Kennedy's theme for a "Call to Action" 50 years ago. While there has been progress since the 1950s, there is still a great need in the areas of education, employment, and supports. Families are struggling on a daily basis with poverty or no income at all. A majority reported that their sons and daughters were dependent on Medicaid for their medical needs. Families are under considerable strain, with 75 percent or more reporting a problem finding respite and community services. The wait for services is averaging 5.3 years. Challenges: How to use scarce resources that exist, and how to support those who can't get government funded services? The Arc is addressing these challenges via chapters who work on behalf of persons with disabilities. In addition, deficit reduction work that is being done by the U.S. Congress will have long term consequences. The Arc needs to make sure that families are not overlooked. Also, there is a need to move from inclusion to real acceptance. Finally, there is a need to invite employers to become part of the solution.
<b>NCE Report</b>	Barry Meyer, President of the National Council of Executives of The Arc (NCE) presented his report. He gave a brief description of NCE. He next discussed the recent bylaws change that will make for better NCE representation on The Arc's national board. He also discussed NCE's accomplishments: In January, NCE put in place a new strategic planning process around committees; The chapter excellence work group, led by Ric Sweirat, has been looking at how it relates to NCE training committees –reworking the local executives and the state directors' handbook; Working with summer leadership to determine how best to serve local chapters; Added listening sessions on residential options and a plenary session around employment to the August Summer Leadership Training; The Membership Committee increased membership in spite of the economy; and The Technology Committee is working on more webinars and the handbooks. Barry then thanked the

	volunteer leadership.
<b>Position Statement Committee Report</b>	Michael Mack and Elise McMillan, Co-Chairs, Policy and Positions Committee presented the position statements.
<b>Position Statements</b>	<p>Without objection, the following three (3) Position Statements were approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Individual Supports</li> <li>• Self-Determination</li> </ul> <p>Without objection, the following three (3) Position Statements were continued until 2012:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employment</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Physician-Assisted Suicide</li> </ul> <p>Without objection, the following two (2) Position Statements were continued until 2013:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct Support Professionals</li> <li>• Transportation</li> </ul> <p><b>The Position Statement on Education was adopted by a vote of 2040 in favor and 68 opposed. MOTION to adopt was put forth by Elise McMillan. The statement was adopted.</b></p> <p><b>The Position Statement on Individual Supports was adopted by a vote of 2136 in favor and 0 opposed. MOTION to adopt was put forth by Michael Mack. The Statement was Adopted unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>Self-determination statement was adopted by a vote of 1806 in favor and 8 opposed. MOTION to adopt was put forward by Elise McMillan. The Statement was adopted.</b></p> <p>Concludes three adopted statements.</p> <p><b>The Position Statement on Employment's deadline extension was adopted by a vote of 1790 in favor and 10 opposed. Extended for one year.</b></p> <p><b>The Position Statement on Housing's deadline extension was adopted by a vote of 1787 in favor and 0 opposed. Extended for one year.</b></p> <p><b>The Position Statement on Physician-Assisted Suicide's deadline extension was adopted by a vote of 1772 in favor and 42 opposed. Extended for one year.</b></p>

	<p>Two year extensions were approved for -</p> <p><b>The Position Statement on Direct Support Professionals' deadline extension was adopted by a vote of 2167 in favor and 0 opposed.</b></p> <p><b>The Position Statement on Transportation's deadline extension was adopted by a vote of 2167 in favor and 0 opposed.</b></p>
<b>Input Session</b>	<p>The delegate body provided comments on the position statements which will undergo revisions for adoption in 2012, as well as other matters of concern. President Mehra opened the floor for comments.</p> <p>President Mehra thanked everyone for their input.</p>
<b>Committee on the Future of The Arc Report</b>	<p>Nancy Webster, Chair, of the committee, talked about the work the committee has been doing and called out each committee member's name and thanked them. She explained that the focus in 2011 has been governing and structure, asking the question: What needs to be created? The committee has been reviewing the successive additions via a spread sheet. Also, held Webinars for the field and received suggestions that were included in the spread sheet. Three issues were identified: 1) What does membership mean? 2) What does it mean to be a chapter? 3) What does it mean for governance? The committee will share their recommendations, and Nancy encouraged all to respond.</p>
<b>New Business</b>	None
<b>Announcements</b>	President Mehra thanked the co-chairs and convention planning for a successful convention.
<b>Adjourn</b>	President Mehra adjourned the 60th Annual Convention Business Session sine die at 11:21 am.

**Approved:**

Respectfully submitted by



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Date