

# News

November, 1984

## Announcing...

This is the first edition of the monthly supplement to the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities Newsletter (quarterly). With the increased membership in CTD and the need for member organizations and individuals to receive more timely notification of events and information, it is appropriate for CTD to expand and further develop our information network

The CTD News is being sent to all member organizations and individuals. Articles for publication should be sent to the CTD central office, P. O. Box 4709, Austin, Texas 78765, by the first of each month for that month's edition. We look forward to providing this additional "news" service and hope to hear from you with information for CTD to disseminate.



## Highlights:

### *Seventh Annual Delegate Assembly*

Approximately 150 individuals representing 47 voting organizations attended the Seventh Annual Delegate Assembly in Austin, Texas on October 12-14, 1984. The Delegate Assembly provided the opportunity for the membership and the Board of Directors to set the direction for the new year. A budget and program has been adopted which outlines many planned activities, events and involvement for the coming year.

The Board of Directors was elected, 43 resolutions were submitted, awards were presented and participants attended informative workshops. A full report of this year's Delegate Assembly will be published in the next quarterly Coalition of Texans with Disabilities Newsletter.





## CTD Board

The new election procedures at this year's delegate assembly provided us with the most even geographical and cross-disability representation in CTD's history. The following individuals will serve on the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities Board of Directors until next year's convention.

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## Jog for CTD

Don't miss the Second Annual CTD JOG-RAMA! The Jog-Rama will be held in various sites around the State and you can help CTD and your local consumer group raise funds. Check "Upcoming Events" in this newsletter for the dates that have been set and contact your local consumer group representative listed below.

Amarillo: Carli Scales, Marshall Mitchell, ADIA, 806/376-5111  
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## Upcoming Events

- November 6, 1984: DISABLED...ABLE TO VOTE - Hope you did, bet you did, sure you did!
- November 17, 1984: CTD JOG-RAMA, Amarillo  
San Antonio  
Seagoville
- November 18, 1984: CTD JOG-RAMA, Austin  
El Paso
- November 24, 1984: Deadline for submitting articles for January CTD Quarterly Newsletter
- November 28, 1984: United Way of Texas Legislative Forum, Austin
- December 4-6 1984: VISTA Pre-service Orientation, Austin
- December 7, 1984: "Expanding Attendant Care Options For Disabled Texans"-ILRU Conference, Houston, Texas
- December 9, 1984: CTD JOG-RAMA, Dallas
- January 5, 1984: CTD/TPVA/Southwest PVA Legislative Workshop  
Austin, Texas
- January 8, 1984: 69th Texas Legislative Session Begins

## CTD's Editor's Note:

The CTD News is edited and published monthly by the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, a state-wide cross disability consumer group. Any member who wishes to submit future articles for publication should send them to: CTD, P.O. Box 4709, Austin, Texas 78765. The deadline for submitting articles is the first of each month for that month's edition.





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TO: CTD Member Organization Board Members  
SUBJECT: 1. Resolutions - Delegate Assembly 1984  
2. Resolution Process  
FROM: Bill Johnson  
Resolution Committee Chairperson

- 1) Enclosed please find a copy of all the ammended resolutions passed at the 1984 Delegate Assembly. We have included only the "Therefore be it resolved" portion since that directs CTD to take action. You should have the copy of the complete resolutions that you received at the Delegate Assembly. I hope this is helpful.
- 2) The resolution process can be utilized by member organizations individuals during the year. If you submit a resolution during the year it will be considered by the Board of Directors at their next meeting. This gives member organizations a chance to have input into CTD throughout the year instead of just at the Convention (Delegate Assembly). I've enclosed a blank resolution form for your use. If you have any questions on the resolution form give me a call at (214) 358-1898.

DA-84-A-1

SUBMITTOR: Legislative Committee  
SUBJECT: Dept. of Human Resources

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD actively pursue a legislative mandate that directs TDHR to increase the range and funding of services for the non-elderly disabled.

DA-84-A-2

SUBMITTOR: Texas Paralyzed Veterans  
SUBJECT: Reimbursement for attendant care for state agency employees.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD considers the lack of legislative mandate that would allow state agencies to reimburse their disabled employees for attendant costs while traveling on work related trips as a violation of the rights of these individuals; further be it resolved that CTD pursue and promote legislation to remediate this inequity.

DA-84-A-3

SUBMITTOR: Amarillo Disabled Individuals in Action  
SUBJECT: Accessible Polling Places

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT The CTD write the Texas legislature and administration encouraging the introduction and passage of a bill in the 1985 legislative session requiring all polling places, both private and public, to be architecturally and communicationally barrier free.

DA-84-A-4

SUBMITTOR: West Texas Association for the Handicapped,  
El Paso  
SUBJECT: Ammendment of Texas State Architectural Barriers Law.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the State Architectural Barriers Law be amended to include two additional categories covering restaurants and hotels-motels.

DA-84-A-5

SUBMITTOR: West Texas Association for the Handicapped, El Paso  
SUBJECT: Amendment to Texas State Architectural Barriers Law

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Texas State Architectural Barriers Law be amended so that it applies to all subject buildings in all counties of the state, regardless of population.

DA-84-A-6

SUBMITTOR: West Texas Association for the Handicapped,  
El Paso  
SUBJECT: Adoption by State Legislature of standard state building code for Texas.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Texas State Legislature adopt a standard building code covering all areas of the state.

DA-84-A-8

SUBMITTOR: Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association of Texas (DBMAT)  
SUBJECT: Placement of higher functioning deaf-blind individuals in cross-disability independent living programs

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT DBMAT and CTD and its member organizations recommend to Texas Commission for the Deaf that TCD seek additional legislative mandates and funding for technical assistance to existing programs for the handicapped who are willing to include the higher functioning deaf-blind adult.

DA-84-B-1

SUBMITTOR: San Antonio Citizens Concerned About Handicapism  
SUBJECT: CTD Regional Forums

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CTD Board and Staff work with CTD member organizations to plan and hold at least five such forums throughout the state prior to the next CTD Delegates Assembly and a report on these be presented to the 1985 Delegate Assembly.

DA-84-B-2

SUBMITTOR: San Antonio Citizens Concerned About Handicapism  
SUBJECT: Minority Participation on CTD Board and Staff

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the CTD Officers, Board and Staff encourage all CTD member organizations to recruit and recommend qualified disabled individuals from minority groups for consideration as candidates to run for the Board and/or serve in a Staff position; further, be it resolved; that the 1985 CTD Nomination Committee make special efforts to identify and include on the proposed slate of candidates, qualified disabled individuals from minority groups.

DA-84-B-3

SUBMITTOR: Stephanie Thomas  
SUBJECT: Mentoring Program

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD pursue development of a mentoring program that would give member organizations, and CTD itself, a method by which to help development of new leadership.

DA-84-B-4

SUBMITTOR: American Council of the Blind of Texas  
SUBJECT: Free Mailing Privilege for the Blind and Other Handicapped Persons.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Coalition of Texans with Disabilities in meeting assembled this 14th day of October 1984 express concern about this situation and encourage all CTD member organizations to conform to the regulations. Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be published in the CTD newsletter and distributed to all members.

DA-84-B-5

SUBMITTOR: San Antonio Citizens Concerned About Handicapism  
SUBJECT: Formation of a CTD Advisory Committee of Business Leaders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD Board of Directors and Staff actively seek ways to obtain greater input from and promote interest among major private firms in the planning and implementation of CTD programs and activities.

Further, be it resolved that the President and Board of Directors of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, establish an advisory committee of business leaders interested in the special needs of disabled persons who are willing to work cooperatively with the disabled community in the removal of barriers and biases which prevent Texans with disabilities from sharing fully in the benefits available to the general population.

DA-84-B-6

SUBMITTOR: Central Office  
SUBJECT: Dr. Galloway - CTD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD send a letter to Dr. Galloway expressing our sincerest appreciation for the use of the TSD campus and that this Delegate Assembly give him a round of applause for his support of CTD and send Consumer Access Award to TSD.

DA-84-C-2

SUBMITTOR: VISTA Volunteer  
SUBJECT: Strengthening member and organizational unity by promoting awareness of VISTA projects

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD move their annual Delegate Assembly dates back at least one calendar month to coincide with the closing of the Federal fiscal year and the scheduled 3d quarter ACTION VISTA Inservice Training to enhance the probability of ACTION funding all CTD VISTA's to attend the CTD Delegate Assembly and therefore, accelerate awareness and strengthen the unity of members who ARE CTD.

DA-84-C-3

SUBMITTOR: VISTA Forum Representative, Dave DiElsi  
SUBJECT: On-Site project Supervisor Workshop

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the on-site project supervisors of the VISTA program shall attend a workshop to be held at the site of the CTD Delegate Assembly where they will get information on the VISTA/ACTION program and how it relates to their supervision of the VISTA volunteer.

DA-84-D-1

SUBMITTOR: American Council of the Blind of Texas  
SUBJECT: Independent Commission for the Blind in Texas

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD in meeting assembled this 14th day of October 1984 join with ACBT in advocating and supporting the retention and improvement of the Texas Commission for the Blind as a separate and independent agency.



DA-84-D-2

SUBMITTOR: Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association of Texas  
(DBMAT)  
SUBJECT: Reading of the Report to the Governor from the  
Committee for Disabled Persons, Subcommittee on  
Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Issues

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the member organiza-  
tions of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
communicate with the Governor either by telephone or  
in writing, their support of the Subcommittee's  
efforts to show the needed service delivery for  
deaf-blind persons within the State of Texas.

DA-84-D-5

SUBMITTOR: ARCIL, member organization  
SUBJECT: Support for the recent efforts of the PUC to limit  
consumers' rate hikes

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD actively support  
the efforts of consumer groups and the PUC to control  
and limit rate hikes or policies that would adversely  
affect poverty impaired individuals with disabilities.

DA-84-D-6

SUBMITTOR: Amarillo Disabled Individuals in Action  
SUBJECT: National Health Insurance

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD write the Federal  
legislature and administration encouraging the  
introduction and passage of a bill by the Federal  
legislature which would establish National Health  
Insurance.

DA-84-D-7

SUBMITTOR: Jim Parker  
SUBJECT: Dual Primaries in Texas

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD oppose continuation  
of the 'dual primary' through whatever steps necessary  
including filing suit in Federal District Court, if  
necessary, to stop the discriminatory practice.

DA-84-D-8

SUBMITTOR: Jim Parker  
SUBJECT: Voting Access

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD take whatever steps  
necessary, i.e., filing suite in Federal District  
Court, if necessary, to halt the discriminatory  
practice immediately.

DA-84-D-9

SUBMITTOR: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Association  
SUBJECT: Client Assistance Program

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD convey by letter to the CAP Advisory Committee, Advocacy Inc., and the Governor's office its desire that the CAP program have the following components:

- 1) regional focus
- 2) utilization of the independent living center network
- 3) employment of disabled persons for CAP positions and,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD work with Advocacy to assure the success of the program.

DA-84-D-10

SUBMITTOR: Amarillo Disabled Individuals in Action  
SUBJECT: Accessible Transportation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD strongly encourage the American Transportation Association to do the following:

- 1) go on record calling for 100% accessibility by all public transit systems
- 2) serve notice on all bus manufacturers that its members will buy only wheelchair accessible buses, and
- 3) urge the federal government to reinstate the 504 regulations mandating that all public transit system buses be accessible.

DA-84-D-11

SUBMITTOR: Jim Parker  
SUBJECT: Public Transportation

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD support the purchase of and building of only 100 percent accessible mass transportation vehicles and that CTD further take whatever measures deemed necessary to halt any purchase by any public entity using tax dollars of inaccessible vehicles, and that the President of CTD be directed to relay such to the Secretary of Department of Transportation, Governor of Texas and necessary agencies immediately.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CTD member organizations, in all Texas cities with Public Transportation Systems, i.e., buses, light rail, etc., urge that transit systems in Texas withdraw from APTA in support of the rights of all citizens, abled and disabled, to utilize all public financed transportation.

DA-84-D-13

SUBMITTOR: Texas Association for the Deaf  
SUBJECT: TCD

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD Delegate Assembly support the TCD and to advocate for it to continue as an independent state agent serving deaf people, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CTD send letters to the TCD Executive Director, Commissioner of TCD, the Governor, Texas Legislature, Sunset Advisory Commission and staff stating CTD's support of the Commission and its desire for it to remain an independent state agency.

DA-84-D-14

SUBMITTOR: Texas Paralyzed Veterans Assn. (TPVA)  
SUBJECT: Involvement of Disabled people in the political process

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities endorse the amendment of the Democratic Party of Texas

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities continue their efforts to include disabled people in the political process in a bi-partisan way

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Jim Kitchens be supported and endorsed by CTD in further discussions on changing the party rules that would include more handicapped and disabled persons participation in the political process.

DA-84-D-15

SUBMITTOR: CTD Central Office  
SUBJECT: Governors Committee for Disabled Persons

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD endorse the continued existence of GCDP as a separate entity and to work cooperatively with GCDP to promote our common goals and objectives

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this be conveyed to GCDP by letter from the CTD President

DA-84-F-1

SUBMITTOR: Deaf-Blind Multihandicapped Association of Texas (DBMAT)  
SUBJECT: Increase funding for continuation of the development of independent living programs for deaf-blind multihandicapped in rural, urban, and suburban communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT DBMAT and CTD recommend the continuation of the development and implementation of the small group home and apartment living within urban, rural, and suburban communities for individuals with deafness, blindness, and multihandicaps.

DA-84-F-2

SUBMITTOR: Bob Kafka  
SUBJECT: The extended rehabilitation program of TRC expanded to include independent living skills training

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD petition the Consumer Consultation Commission of TRC to review the current ERS program and that to state that CTD believes the present focus of the ERS (sheltered workshop program) model needs to be expanded to include independent living;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that CTD, by letter, makes this position known to the Commissioner and Board of TRC.

DA-84-F-4

SUBMITTOR: Stephanie Thomas  
SUBJECT: Monthly Bulletin and other information resources

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a monthly bulletin be sent out, as a supplement to the CTD newsletter, with more timely notification of events and information;

FURTHER a series of resource papers be developed on topics including, but not limited to housing, 504, 94-142, transportation, attendant care, access to buildings and to communications; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CTD's Central Office send out legislative alerts on an as needed basis.

DA-84-F-5

SUBMITTOR: Southwest Wheelchair Athletic Association  
SUBJECT: Randy Snow - XXIII Olympics

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD recognize by a round of applause the accomplishments of all US disabled athletes who have participated in athletic competition, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD by letter contact the USOC and IOC complimenting them for the inclusion of disabled athletes in the Los Angeles Olympics and that they be continued in 1988 and all future olympics, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT CTD congratulate Randy Snow, a native Texan, for his silver medal at the Los Angeles Olympics and his illustration of the physical capabilities of disabled people.

DA-84-G-1

SUBMITTOR: San Antonio Citizens Concerned About Handicapism  
SUBJECT: Presenting and Naming the CTD Meritorious Award

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the first CTD annual Meritorious Award be presented by unanimous assent of the CTD Delegate Assembly to: Justin W. Dart, Jr.;

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the President and Board be directed to seek permission from Justin Dart that all future CTD Meritorious Awards be called "The Justin W. Dart Meritorious Award."

DA-84-G-2

SUBMITTOR: Texas Association of the Deaf  
SUBJECT: Texas School for the Deaf

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Delegates to the Delegate Assembly give their full support to the Texas School for the Deaf as a successful educational system,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED send a letter to the Governor, members of the legislature, Board of Education of TEA, Board of TSD and to Dr. Galloway ED of TSD stating CTD's support of TSD

DA-84-G-3

SUBMITTOR: Stephanie Thomas  
SUBJECT: "Disabled and Able to Vote"

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT in future use this slogan "Disabled But Able to Vote" be changed to "Disabled and Able to Vote."

DA-84-G-4

SUBMITTOR: Texas Paralyzed Veterans of America  
SUBJECT: Leadership Development as a theme for the 1985 Delegate Assembly

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the theme for the 1985 CTD Delegate Assembly will be Leadership Development.

DA-84-G-5

SUBMITTOR: Bill Johnson  
SUBJECT: Peaceful Resolution of Central American Foreign Policy Issues

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT CTD go on record as strongly advocating that the Reagan Administration pursue all possible negotiating and peace options prior to resorting to support of armed conflict or actual US invasion of Central America.

DA-84-G-6

SUBMITTOR: Dennis Dildy  
SUBJECT: Libby Doggett Appearance at Delegate Assembly

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CTD go on record officially appreciating the appearance of Senator Lloyd Doggett's campaign team through his wife's Libby Doggett appearance in an effort to educate CTD on current political issues affecting disabled people

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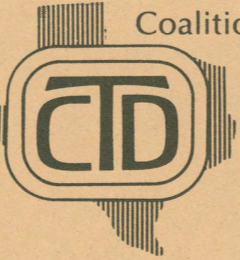
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