



Massachusetts Advocates Standing Strong

Join us for

Our 10th Annual Anniversary Conference

***“A Celebration of Self-Advocacy:
Looking Forward by Looking Back”***

Keynote Speaker

ELIN HOWE

Commissioner of DMR



Saturday, November 3, 2007

8am to 4 pm (Registration 8 to 9)

Crowne Plaza Hotel

10 Lincoln Square

Worcester, MA 01608

508-791-1600



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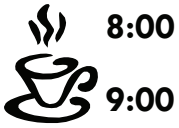
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8:00

Registration

9:00

Welcome and Explanation of the Day



9:10

Your Keynote Speaker---*Elin Howe, Newly appointed*

Commissioner of DMR. Elin has over 30 years experience in the developmental disabilities field. She is the former Commissioner of OMRDD in New York where she expanded the role of self-advocates and closed several institutions.

9:45

Break (15 minutes)



10:00

Regional Elections

Each region will elect new members to the Board of Directors.

11:15

Break

11:30 Workshop Sessions We are proud to offer these workshops with some of our partners

1. Chapter 171 Law-Why it is important to us—MASS Families Organizing for Change
2. Awareness and Action Project—Building Partnerships Initiative (BPI)
3. Self-Determination/Self-Direction—Advocacy, Education, Inclusion (AEI)
4. The Olmstead Case: What is it and the right to Fair Housing in the Community—Disability Law Center
5. Self Advocacy Leadership Series—MA Developmental Disabilities Council



12:30

Lunch (provided)

Introduction of Current Board members
 Introduction of Supporters
 Appreciation and Thank you
 A few words from...
 Recognition Awards
 Nancy Maynard Leadership Award
 Gunnar Dybwad Supporter Award
 Announcement of Newly Elected Board Members
 Raffle Winner \$2,500

1:45 **Break (15 minutes)**

2:00 **Party Time and many surprises !!!!!**

10 Conferences !!!!

Dance, Dance, Dance

Let them eat cake

Friends old and new

Sing along

Check out art

Win a prize !!

MASS ADVOCATES STANDING STRONG

*(a non-profit organization empowering self advocates through education
so we make choices that improve and enrich our lives)*

INDEPENDENCE RAFFLE

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GRAND PRIZE

\$2,500.00

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Drawing at the Annual Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel

Worcester MA

(for more information call 1-508-747-8111)

Drawing at 1:00 pm

You need not be present to win

\$25
per Ticket
*(this donation is
not tax deductible)*

VISA or Mastercard

Only 300
Tickets will
be sold!

Conference Registration Form
One Registration per form please

Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

Special Accomodations:

Sign Language Interpreter: _____

Special Diet: (specify) _____

Other: _____

Regular Meal ____ Vegetarian Meal ____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED

Self-Advocate (member of MASS) (\$25) \$ _____
(1 yr. Voting membership)

Self-Advocate (non-member of MASS) (\$30) \$ _____

Friend of M.A.S.S. (member) (\$35) \$ _____
(1 yr. Non-Voting membership)

Friend of M.A.S.S. (non-member) (\$40) \$ _____

I cannot make it. Here is my membership dues. \$ _____
(SA-\$5.00 Friend \$25)

Additional Contribution/Donation \$ _____
If you can, we thank you.

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Please mail completed form with check or money order made payable to M.A.S.S.
by October 20, 2007 to:**

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Driving Directions to Crowne Plaza in Worcester 508-791-1600



From Logan International Airport (Boston)

- # Take Route 90 west (Massachusetts Turnpike west) to exit 10 (Auburn)
- # After the tollbooth, bear left at the fork
- # Take Route 290 east and get off at exit 17
- # Take a left at the top of the ramp, at a set of traffic lights
- # At the second set of traffic lights, at the bottom of the hill, make a left onto Major Taylor Boulevard (formerly Worcester Center Boulevard)
- # The hotel is on the right

From Western MA

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