BIA-MA's Arlene Korab receives Woman of the Year award

WESTBORO — Arlene Korab, executive director of the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, has been selected as Woman of the Year by the National Association of Professional Women. NAPW is the most rapidly growing and recognized association for professional women in the United States.

“It is timely and appropriate that Arlene should honored,” said Kenneth Kolpan, Esq., president of BIA-MA's board of directors. “This year Arlene celebrates 20 years as executive director. She’s an outstanding leader and has accomplished many milestones for the statewide nonprofit that serves survivors of brain injury, families and professionals in the field.”

Under Korab’s direction, BIA-MA has become a national leader in assuring that people with brain injuries and their families have adequate funding for services and support. She has been also honored by the Brain Injury Association
of America and the Civil Justice Foundation for her successful advocacy, and she received a Leadership Award from Riverside Community Care Inc. In 2011 she was featured as an “Exceptional Woman” by a top-rated Boston radio station.

The Westboro resident has served on the Governor’s Olmstead Working Group, the Brain Injury Advisory Board, the Northeast Veterans TBI Consortium Whittier Hospital Community Advisory Board, Patient-Family Advisory Council at UMass Memorial Medical Centers, and the New England Regional Consortium. This past year she helped organize the Acquired and Traumatic Brain Injury Commission, a special commission to investigate and study rehabilitative, residential, and integrated community-based support service for persons with brain injury.

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts, a private, nonprofit organization, provides support to brain injury survivors and their families, offers programs to prevent brain injuries, and educates the public on the risks and impact of brain injury. The association advocates for legislation to prevent brain injuries, including seatbelt and helmet laws.