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PHIL PANGRAZIO AND NICK PERRY OF ABIL JOIN NATIONAL COUNCIL ON INDEPENDENT LIVING

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living (ABIL), Arizona's largest center for independent living serving people with disabilities, is pleased to announce that ABIL executive director Phil Pangrazio was elected treasurer of the National Council on Independent Living (NCIL). Additionally, Nick Perry, director of the Creative Family Assistance Alliance and ABIL board member, was appointed to the disabled veterans committee for NCIL.

Pangrazio earned a master's degree in health services administration and a bachelor's degree in business from Arizona State University. He is a founder and player of quadriplegic rugby in the state of Arizona and a member and former president of Speaking First Toastmasters of Tempe, Ariz. Pangrazio is a resident of Ahwatukee.

Perry is a resident of Prescott, Ariz.

The National Council on Independent Living is the longest-running national cross-disability, grassroots organization run by and for people with disabilities. Founded in 1982, NCIL represents thousands of organizations and individuals including: Centers for Independent Living (CILs), Statewide Independent Living Councils (SILCs),

individuals with disabilities, and other organizations that advocate for the human and civil rights of people with disabilities throughout the United States.

Arizona Bridge to Independent Living offers and promotes programs designed to empower people with disabilities to take personal responsibility so that they may achieve or continue independent lifestyles within the community. The independent living philosophy states that people with disabilities should have the same civil rights, options, and control over choices in their own lives as do people without disabilities. ABIL is located at 5025 E. Washington St. Ste. 200, Phoenix, AZ 85034, www.abil.org, 602-256-2245.