October 20th, 2022

3:30-4:30pm

Attendees: Jamie Chandler | SVU; Jason Heron | VT; Lori Kressin | UVA; Martin Kurylowski | DARS; Korey Singleton | GMU | Chair Elect; Barbara Zunder | UVA | Chair

Not Present: Joan Ehrlich | NVRC; Stacy McBain | LCPS; Mark Nichols | VT | Past Chair; Nicole Stephens | BRCC;

Primary Agenda Items:
1. Debrief from two events: Google and Eve Hill.
   a. Eve Hill: Great speaker, lays out legal landscape in an easy manner. Gave us great information on accessibility/higher ed. Attendance wasn't as high as we would have liked. Unfortunately streaming it was not a viable option.
   b. Google event was great - kudos to Mark on putting it together.
2. Status of Digital Accessibility Report - Met with Del. Tran on the 9th of this month to have a discussion about the findings (30-40 respondants; 4 to 5 focus groups). It is a report of "have and have-nots" when it comes to digital accessibility, and addressing issues as well as proactive measures. They were glad to hear it, and now working on approach/next steps to bring various parties together. Setting WCAG and 508 as the baseline. Also putting in there recommendations coming right out of resolution agreements (policies, procedures, staffing, etc.). One recommendation is for each entity to identify a digital accessibility coordinator, using Title IX Coordinators as a model. Information Technology Access Act would ultimately be the baseline; and then we could build from that; and bring K-12 back into that. Tran's team is using NFB as the lobbyist. We have a follow up meeting scheduled with them tomorrow (10/21/22).
3. JCOTS meeting: Joint Committee on Technology and Science (VA Senate and House Committee). Del. Hayes, who chairs this committee, invited some folks to have a conversation with their staffers, along with a few others. Korey discussed the report and some of the recommendations, as well as the fact that we were working with Tran and her team through IT Access Act. It is obvious that they are in the beginning of this process. The Apple rep was much more interested in the hardware/device rather than digital accessibility solutions.
4. October 21st: Physical accessibility brown bag lunch with Joseph Cooley (VT ADA Architect) - Will be recorded unless otherwise notified.
5. TTAC event
6. Planning for March 2023 Unconference (plus awards!) - March 3, 2023 is tentative date. LK and BZ have a meeting with W&M to see if we can use their conference reservation services. LK suggests that we work with membership to come up with awards; recognize work being done by our colleagues, etc. Stacy and Jamie can take point. LK needs three weeks lead time to order aware/get it in. 2020 Unconference Schedule:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/11I5OosmdSmWUG7zE7Yk88NSwQEWikUFLCcO L7BtMFo0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11I5OosmdSmWUG7zE7Yk88NSwQEWikUFLCcOL7BtMFo0/edit?usp=sharing)

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8. Documentation Discussion - Joan & Martin - Tabled.
9. Photos for VHEAP website - please send! Thanks!
10. ACCS Conference - possible joint presentation - March 15-17, 2023, Portsmouth. This is a conference for IT folks in the schools; regional conference for VA area. VHEAP had four slots last year to have an "accessibility" track; we have been given the same option this year. Joan had suggested UDL, and Mark agreed to work with her on that for a panel. LK can discuss captioning project (five vendors). We would need two more sessions! Rooms should be booked soon. Accsva.org is buggy? We could do a session on "what are we required to do with digital accessibility" and maybe hearing loops. IAAP another possibility. Recycling some things, like procurement and accessible documents also a possiblity. Session lengths are 60 minutes; plan on 50 minutes plus time for Q&A. Proposals are due November 28th.