

February 16, 2023

3:30-4:30pm

Jamie Chandler | SVU; Joan Ehrlich | NVRC; Jason Heron | VT; Lori Kressin | UVA; Martin Kurylowski | DARS; Stacy McBain | LCPS; Korey Singleton | GMU | Chair Elect; ; Barbara Zunder | UVA | Chair

Not Present: Nicole Stephens | BRCC; Mark Nichols | VT | Past Chair

Primary Agenda Items:

1. The unfortunate demise of HB 2207 - unfortunately the bill, sponsored by Del. Kathy Tran, did not pass the House Vote (lost by 3 votes down party lines). Discussed ways in which we could re-initiate this effort for the next legislative session. We need to work with various groups, such as procurement, superintendents, and municipalities as well as NFB, VIA, School for the Deaf and Blind. Engagement with membership of both VHEAP and AHEAD.
2. Table at ACCS - LK spoke to Hope Adams, and we can have a table in the break out area. Six presentations from VHEAP this year. Sign up sheet for a SIG related to Accessibility? LK and KS are willing to throw in some funding for tabledrap and chotchkies.
3. VHEAP Unconference: UVA Newcomb Ballroom is unavailable until May 26th. That said, everything is available (all breakout rooms, etc.). Only catch: the hours must be 10am - 4pm. Thoughts on that date? Barb will cancel the ballroom; see about SHW rooms and hosting it here. GMU is also willing to host; KS will look into options.
4. VHEAP Smartgoal: By December 2023, all working groups/initiatives have at least one non-Board VHEAP members, with the goal of 50% of the working group comprised as non-Board VHEAP members. Ideas: put initiatives out to membership to involve them in what initiatives we are working on, and also to give them opportunities to participate. Publishing agenda and minutes on our website may be important in this effort as well. AHEAD has nice program of Coffee & Conversations, which will be different than we do which is more programmatic.
5. Brown Bag lunch workshop ideas
 - a. Perhaps something mentioned by KS re: Coffee & Conversations.
 - b. Focus group idea: Bring in youth transitioning (to HE or out of K-12). Good to target both students and their parents in this initiative.
 - c. Groups designed to assist folks with disabilities
 - d. Draw upon presentations from ACCS to give to membership:
<https://accsva2023.sched.com/overview/type/Accessibility>
 - e. Captioning Project - LK, KS, MN. (Address VCCS people - can they utilize these vendors?)
 - f. Remote Participation Requests
 - g. What else do you want to hear about? Bring a vendor back? Session on Ally? We can do all sorts of things.
6. Website: LK will update Unconference "Look for Summer 2023!"