

VHEAP FY24 Meeting Notes

June 15, 2023

Present: Jamie Chandler | SVU; Brittany Dioszeghy | JMU; Sarahbeth Dreis | SCHEV; Joan Ehrlich | NVRC; Jason Heron | VT; Mollie Kropp | FCPS; Mark Nichols | VT | *Past Chair*; Korey Singleton | GMU (*Chair Elect*); Pearl Xie | VT

Not Present: Stacy McBain | LCPS; Nicole Stephens | BRCC; Barbara Zunder | UVA (*Chair*)

Primary Agenda Items

- FY24 BOD changes (*starting July 1, 2023*)
 - Welcome New Members – Brittany, Mollie, Pearl, and Sarahbeth
 - Leadership changes
 - Korey & Jason – transitioning to Chair and Chair-Elect, respectively. Barbara moves to Past Chair. Mark is moving into the Ex-Officio role.
 - Defining *Ex-Officio* role?
 - Mark – Will remain engaged as needed, attending regular meetings, supporting subcommittees, etc.
 - Lori – Will transition off BOD.
- UnConference Recap
 - Quick Thoughts
 - Korey – More diverse representation than in previous years.
 - Sarahbeth – Enjoyed format.
 - Mollie – mirrored EdCamp model, liked the collaborations and discussions.
 - Pearl – Liked the crowdsourcing of ideas, suggested sending an informal follow-up/summary and future vision from discussions to membership.
 - **Revisit:** Korey will collaborate with Pearl on review of discussions from UnConference. Korey will craft an email to membership revisiting some of the common themes and takeaways from the event, proposed next steps, etc.
 - [VHEAP UnConference Feedback](#)
 - 26 total responses
 - Overwhelmingly positive reviews of format, venue, food, etc.
 - Sustainability question: 77% likely to continue attending even if there is a small fee; 23% somewhat likely.
 - Korey – Echoed Lori’s suggestions for having VHEAP mirror ACCS (i.e., vendor-supported conference)
 - Mark – Mentioned NLCVA (Network Learning Collaborative of VA)’s willingness to sponsor prior VHEAP events/activities. NLCVA is focused on networking, collaboration, and professional development.
 - **Revisit:** Mark with reach out to Lujean Baab, VT, regarding potential VHEAP sponsorship.
 - Next Steps
 - Mark – Should have mentioned to those receiving free webinars the possibility of earning continuing education credits through IAAP; VHEAP should consider creating a Certificate of Attendance for those needing education hours/credits.

- Mark – NC Higher Education Digital Collaborative Conference was today; NCHEDC sessions are virtual (available on YouTube post-conference); They extended participation to EDUCAUSE and VHEAP; although their organization is focused exclusively on higher education, they are intrigued by VHEAP’s efforts to connect a more diverse group of accessibility professionals. Mark has been in discussions with Eudora (NCHEDC) about potentially combining our efforts around a larger event (e.g., virtual, in-person):
 - **Revisit:** Mark will follow up with Eudora to build on this idea.
- Sarahbeth discussed the Virginia College Access Network Conference and the GEAR-UP Implementation Plan; She mentioned that VCAN makes funding available for professional development; there are also potential sponsorship opportunities through VCAN; More info, visit <https://www.virginiacan.org/conference> (Founders Inn, Virginia Beach, Nov. 30-Dec 1)
- Korey asked how often should the *UnConference* be offered? When?
 - Jason – thought timing closer to summer was great.
 - Mollie agreed; mentioned that K-12 testing windows are over in early June, but equipment collection at end of year is something to consider.
 - Joan mentioned that end-of-year equipment collection was one of factors impacting Staci’s ability to attend.
- Looking ahead to FY24
 - VHEAP Smart Goal
 - Korey asked for input on new VHEAP Smart Goal
 - Currently, *Captioning* Committee is comprised mostly of non-BOD members; *Governance* Committee is 25% non-BOD; SCHEV is approximately 33% non-BOD.
 - BOD Committee Opportunities
 - Korey asked BOD if they had any thoughts/opinions on things they would like to tackle in this session.
 - Brittany, Mollie, and Pearl asked to defer until August Meeting.
 - Jason – Mentioned that committees and members should be listed on the VHEAP website; also suggested we reach out to membership regarding interest.
 - Pearl – Suggested we revisit UnConference discussion notes for details on what we are doing well, what needs to be improved, where there are gaps, etc. (i.e., SWOT analysis).
 - Sarahbeth – Suggested a need to reach out to more individuals in K-12, possibly form a K-12 subcommittee;
 - Pearl mentioned a need to educate parents/students about transitioning from K-12 to higher ed.
 - Mark shared that Matt Newton (TTAC) led our Transition Town Hall last fall, but there was no follow-up beyond that effort.
 - Sarahbeth shared Brittany Everett as a potential partner (liaison between SCHEV & VDOE) on any K-12 efforts.
 - Joan suggested VHEAP work with Emily Salmon to have a representative speak at one of her advisory meetings.
 - **Revisit:**

- Korey will collaborate with Pearl on review of discussions from *UnConference*. We can use this effort to identify potential partners from the membership.
 - **Long Term:** This could lead to development of a K-12 Committee? K-12-related Transition Training? Another K-12-Related Town Hall?
 - FY24 Trainings/Events
 - Tabling this discussion until August 17th meeting
- Upcoming Meetings
 - 8/10 – Meeting with VITA Website Modernization Team, 1:00pm-2:00pm
 - 8/17 – Next VHEAP BOD meeting, 3:30pm-4:30pm